

Dear Friends in Christ,

This being the first weekend of November, the Month of All Souls, you will notice at every mass celebrated this month, the offertory envelopes many of you returned with names of loved loves who have died are placed on the Altar. As we celebrated their lives, we now cherish their memories and pray that one day we will indeed be reunited with all our loved ones in eternal life.

Today we celebrate our monthly Family Mass at the 9:30 am mass. Afterwards our monthly Hospitality occurs in the gym, please join us after mass for some coffee, tea, juice and some rolls!

I would like to bring back to our parish the program called Box Tops for Education. It is a program started by General Mills. I am sure we all use some if not most of their products. Box Tops can be taken off boxes of; Big G cereals, such as Cheerios™, Total™ and Lucky Charms™. Also, non-food brands such as; Ziploc®, Hefty®, Kleenex® and Scott® products, too. As the program expanded, school earnings increased. Today, America's schools have earned over \$719

million, and you can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the grocery store.

In the vestibule of the church you will see white boxes ready to accept donations of box tops. Any donated box tops received will go to benefit The Catholic School Region of Rockland County, most immediately to us, our regional elementary school located on the property of Saint Gregory Barbarigo.

I do want to thank so many of you who either last weekend after each mass, or over the week by calling me at the rectory, shared your support and understanding in response of my presentation of Sharing our Gifts - a Parish Campaign. I am sure by our continuing generosity and possibly increasing our weekly offering, by sharing our gifts, Immaculate Conception will continue to grow not only in spiritual strength but also become more financially secure.

May our Patroness, Mary guide each of us through this campaign. God bless all of you!

- Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris

**OFFICE OF
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**CONFIRMATION MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH**

7:45 P.M.

There will be a meeting on November 15, 2016 for all parents of Confirmation Candidates at 7:45 in the school gym. **All parents and guardians must attend. All Confirmation paperwork will be handed out at this time.**

**MASS ATTENDANCE
CARDS**

A reminder for parents and guardians of our First Communion and Confirmation candidates:

Please remember to use your Mass attendance cards weekly. When attending Mass at Immaculate Conception, you may turn in your card to the priest or deacon after Mass. **Do not** return it to an usher or place in the collection basket. Make sure your child's name and grade are on it. When attending Mass elsewhere, you may ask the priest or deacon to sign their parish bulletin and then add your child's name and grade before turning it in at your child's next class.

**2017 MASS BOOK HAS OPENED
FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH
APRIL, MAY & JUNE**

The office will be taking mass intentions from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The weekday mass offering is \$15.00 and Saturday evening and Sunday Masses are \$20.

**OUR ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE
NEXT SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 13TH**

Our Annual Parish Blood Drive will be held on **Sunday, November 13th** in the auditorium of the Parish Center from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The blood supply is low and the demand is great, especially during the holiday time. Please set this date aside and plan on donating blood, the gift of life, that day. Please bring photo ID and your Social Security number. If there is anyone who would like to volunteer to help that day, please call Joyce Castronovo at (914) 645-1411. Thank you.

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY
THIS SUNDAY**

Hospitality Sunday will be held **THIS Sunday, November 6th, after the 9:30 Mass.** Please stop by and join us for refreshments in our School Auditorium.

**THANK YOU
FROM THE MEN'S CLUB**

Thank You from the Men's Club. The Men's Club would like to thank everyone who attended our Roast Beef Dinner. It was one of the biggest we have had. Almost 200 dinners were served. We hope everyone enjoyed the dinner as we enjoyed putting it on. Also, thank you to all of our members and the Boy Scouts for all the hard work.

Christmas Choir

If you are interested in singing for the Christmas season, please join us at choir rehearsal on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM in the church, beginning on Thursday, November 10th. Newcomers or experienced singers are welcome. Let's make our church music for the holidays very special and raise our voices in song.

**FOOD PANTRY
NEWS**

Thank you so much to all of our parishioners who contributed sweet potatoes, corn muffin mixes and turkey gravy for our Thanksgiving baskets. We collected over 100 of each item.

For the month of November, we will be collecting turkeys, turkey breasts or roasting chickens. Your donation may be left at the food pantry any Friday from 3:00 – 5:30 or any week day at the rectory between 9:00 and 5:00. We are very grateful for your generosity.

**THANKSGIVING MORNING MASS
NOVEMBER 24TH 9:00 a.m.**

Parish Mass of Thanksgiving (the only Mass that day), with music that will help us to place ourselves into the presence of God on this national day of Thanksgiving. Perhaps it is appropriate as we are going through an economic crisis to remind us of all we do have, that we should give thanks for even in the midst of the crisis that so many of us and our families are facing. We do encourage you to be with us that day. We would like to continue the tradition we started a couple of years ago **of bringing an item of food from your own dinner table to be blessed at the Mass.** We will join together as God's family in church and then have the item blessed and then go to our own family's celebration. We will mention this again in the coming weeks. There is a beautiful blessing in the "Book of Blessing's that we use in our ceremony.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who are ill at home, in the hospital and in nursing homes, especially: Lynn Westbrook, Rita Quirk, Ed & Ann Hanus, Sam Pace, Gladys Margosian, Margaret McElroy, William & Geraldine Neary, Judy Stroup, Billy Keenan, Danielle Sack, Attracta Parks Pryor, James Molloy, Gerald Kilduff,.

Our recently deceased:.

We will announce at the Mass on Sunday for a period of one month the intentions of those who are sick and then we will print them for one month. After that we ask that you will please contact us to make sure that they are placed on the list again for another cycle. It is the only way we know if someone has recovered. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

8:30 Matthew McCune (req. by The Gemelli Family)
5:30 **Vigil** Brandon Gutierrez
(req. by Gretchen Pollack)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

7:30 *Intention Available*
9:30 Dominick & Dorothy Donato (req. by family)
11:30 *For the People of the Parish*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

7:30 *Intention Available*
8:30 Joseph & Winifred Connors (req. by family)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

8:30 The Colleluori Family (req. by family)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

7:30 *Intention Available*
8:30 Kathleen Sweeney (req. by family)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

8:30 Casey Barrett (req. by Marge Rogers)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

7:30 *Intention Available*
8:30 Thankful for Troops & Vets
(req. by A Grateful American)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

8:30 Virginia Schindele (req. by family)

5:30 **Vigil** For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

7:30 The Trimble Family (req. by family)
9:30 Dorothy Donato (req. by family)
11:30 Victor Daly (req. by family)

FATIMA 2017

Next year marks the 100-year anniversary of the Marian apparitions at Fatima, Portugal. Fr. John F. X. Palatucci, parochial vicar of St. Aedan's Church in Pearl River, will be leading a pilgrimage to this great shrine June 26-July 6, 2017. The pilgrimage also includes the Eucharistic miracle site at Santarem, Portugal, and a Catholic journey through Spain to visit the cathedral of Santiago de Compostella, and Avila, the home of St. Teresa. The trip will conclude with a two-night stay in Madrid which includes a free afternoon to explore the city on your own. If you are interested in going on this fantastic journey honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary and other Catholic saints please visit www.catholicheritagetours.com/fjp or contact Fr. Palatucci directly at [\(845\) 735-7405](tel:8457357405) or johnfrancisx10@gmail.com.

BAPTISM CLASS

The dates for the next Baptism Classes are: **November 28th and January 30th**. The Baptism dates are ordinarily the first and third Sunday of the Month.

BAPTISM

The date for our next Baptism is November 20th. We would ask you to please contact the rectory at (786-2742) before the date to make an appointment. We ask you to please attend the class a month prior to your child's Baptism in order to facilitate record keeping; and also to have, by the time the class is given, your child's Birth Certificate and Sponsor Certificates from the Parishes where the Sponsors themselves worship at the present time. We thank you for your help and cooperation and pray for the newborn children who will be Baptized in our Parish in these coming months.

NEWS OF INTEREST

Pro Life Mass – celebrated every 1st Monday night of the month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 128 Parrott Road in West Nyack. The next Pro Life Mass will be on Monday, November 7th.

Adoption - Baby girls and boys in China need homes. Infants and toddlers available. For information call Barbara Salvesen at 623-5277.

BIBLE

Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth

Join us at Saint Gregory's to better understand God's Word in the Bible. The Bible can be described as a collection of love letters from God giving us the information we need to achieve eternal salvation and union with God's Love. Saint Gregory's scripture study group wants you to join them to participate in a new study titled "the Word of God at Vatican II. Discover how Vatican II helped to move the Bible into the heart of parish faith formation and continues to direct our efforts in liturgy, education and spirituality. We start this program on November 10, Thursday afternoon at 3 with a second repeat session at 7PM and each will be finished in about 90 minutes. Each session is independent of the others, so even if you miss a week or two you can participate and learn a great deal. To learn more about this program please call Deacon John Kelly or Lucy Kelly at 845 947-2095.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Daniel Coughlin & Lisa Castellano (III)

YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Collection October 30, 2016 was: \$7,543
Collection November 1, 2015 was: \$7,755

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