

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical year in which the church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King. This Feast of Christ the King expresses the all-embracing authority of Christ as King and Lord of the Universe. This feast helps us to look towards our future and our ultimate future is when Jesus will return in glory for the final judgment each of us will one day receive. This Solemnity is a newer feast in the Catholic Church. The feast of Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 and is observed on the Last Sunday of the liturgical year as it helps us to meditate on Christ the King and Lord and also on the Second and Final Coming of Christ, which we will meditate on next month in the Season of Advent.

With the end of any year, it is common for us to look back on the last twelve months of our lives and see that each of us have

grown by way of faith. Today is the final day of this Jubilee Year of Mercy. This Year of Mercy began just over a year ago on December 8, 2015. I pray that all of us have received by way of grace and mercy a deepening of faith and strengthening of our discipleship with Christ. Early today in Rome, in Vatican City, His Holiness Pope Francis celebrated a beautiful ceremony which included the closing of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica. With that event, the Holy Year of Mercy has come to an end.

That the Year of Mercy ends today does not mean that there is no more mercy to be had. Only the opposite is true...

**HIS MERCY IS WITHOUT END!**

- Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris

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

Come join us on Thanksgiving Day for a Parish Mass of Thanksgiving at 9:00 am (the only Mass that day). There will be music that will help us to place ourselves into the presence of God on this national day of Thanksgiving. We would like to continue the tradition we started a few 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.

**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.

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**THANK YOU**

On behalf of the New York Blood Center, Fr. DeGaris and Boy Scout Troop 61, we would like to thank everyone who supported our blood drive last weekend and helped make it a success. As we enter the holiday season, blood tends to be in high demand. Whether you came to donate, actually rolled up your sleeve, worked behind the scenes, spread the word or worked the actual drive, we came together as a community, and we were able to collect **33 units of blood.** Be very proud, for a single unit can save many lives. "Thank You" for your continued generosity and support! Special thanks goes to Margie Celenza and Boy Scout Troop 61 for their hard work, dedication and support!

**Joyce Castronovo/Community Service Coordinator**  
**for BSA Troop 61).**

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN**  
**FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**  
**SECOND COLLECTION**  
**NOVEMBER 20TH**

This week's Second Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty throughout America by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With a tradition of improving education, housing, and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Defend human dignity. Take poverty off the map. **Please be generous in this week's second collection.**

**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 10<sup>th</sup>. Newcomers or experienced singers are welcome. Let's make our church music for the holidays very special and raise our voices in song.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING**  
**DECEMBER 11TH**

It's time for our annual Christmas caroling. Come bring some joy to our church friends who are home bound this Christmas. We will meet outside the church **at 2pm on December 11th** and car pool to different houses. Please consider joining us as we bring joy to our church family and share the real meaning of Christmas. If you know of someone who could use a little cheering up or have any questions please contact Mandy at 845-642-2985.

**FOOD PANTRY NEWS**

For the month of November, the food pantry will be collecting turkeys, turkey breasts and roasting chickens. Your donation can be dropped off at the food pantry on Friday afternoons between 2:30 and 5:30 or at the Rectory any weekday between 9:00 and 5:00. Thank you for your continued support. The food pantry will distribute Thanksgiving baskets on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> to all of our clients who have requested us to reserve a basket for them. We will be closed on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, the day after Thanksgiving. **We are very grateful for your generosity.**

*The flowers this week are  
In Loving Memory of  
Richard Mazzaferro  
donated by The Family  
And  
In Loving Memory of  
Lucia Corvasce  
donated by The Family*

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**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**All those who are ill at home, in the hospital and in nursing homes, especially:** Michael Costello, Lynn Westbrook, Michael Orapello, Rita Quirk, Ed & Ann Hanus, William & Geraldine Neary, Judy Stroup, Billy Keenan, 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 19TH**

8:30 Louis Pezzola (req. by Melissa & Trevor Young)  
5:30 **Vigil** Rose & Josef Hagan  
(req. by the Lewis Family)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH**

7:30 *For the People of the Parish*  
9:30 Dec'd Members of the I.C. Men's Club  
(req. by the Men's Club)  
11:30 Richard Mazzaferro (req. by family)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST**

7:30 John McDermott (req. by family)  
8:30 Lucia Cosimo (req. by family)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND**

8:30 Mary Keenan (req. by family)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD**

7:30 James Faherty III (req. by family)  
8:30 Marion Mazzitelli (req. by DiGasbarro Family)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH**

9:00 Mass of Thanksgiving

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH**

8:30 Felix Laquidara (req. by The Gorniak Family)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH**

8:30 Mary A. Costello (req. by family)  
5:30 **Vigil** Margaret Zajac (req. by family)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH**

7:30 Colleen Brosnan  
(req. by The Rodriguez Family)  
9:30 For the People of the Parish  
11:30 Ugo Louise & Mary Antonini (req. by family)

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

You will notice in your envelope sets that you receive for Advent and the Christmas season that there is an envelope marked Christmas Flowers, we do depend on your generosity to help us decorate the church in a beautiful way. **You may drop them in any collection between now and Christmas.**

**MIDNIGHT RUN**

Our next run is scheduled for the Saturday after Thanksgiving. It is a night run. We will gather at the parish center to prepare for the run on Friday evening November 25 at 7 PM. For the run, we will plan to meet at the Church parking lot at 8:45 PM on Saturday evening, November 26, planning to depart for the city around 9 PM. We should return to Stony Point around 1 AM Sunday morning. Donations of sack lunches and socks would be greatly appreciated.

The generosity of the community has shown itself in so many ways, resulting in a large accumulation of items which the Girl Scouts will move to the parish center. Please remember, that toys and children's items should please be taken to a local thrift shop, perhaps at the Church on Main Street, and women's clothes to a deposit box, perhaps at the Church "with the purple doors" on West Main Street. For our run, there is a special need for backpacks and men's coats and boots.

Thank you for your support of this ministry. For any information about the run, please contact Deacon John or Jessica Sadowski 786-5759.

**IMC is looking into starting a new program for the Parish,**

**The Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program.**

A statue of the Virgin Mary would be brought to the sick and shut-in's of the parish and remain in their home for one week. This is a wonderful way to reach out to the sick and shut-in's who are alone and those with family and friends to gather in prayer and companionship. If anyone is interested or knows someone who would like to have the statue please contact Mary Ann Winheim 845-270-7648 or Kathy Messina 845-354-1106

**Boy Scouts Host Community STEM Fair**

The Rockland District, Hudson Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America will be hosting a STEM Fair ("Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics" Fair) on Saturday December 3, 2016, 9:00am to 2:00pm at Kirkbride Hall, 6 Patriot Hills Ln, Stony Point, New York.

The event is open to everyone and will be free. The goal is to introduce or reinforce the excitement of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics to all school age children. The fair will include a display of science projects (do you have a project to display? See the website below); a robotic competition, presentations, displays, prizes, refreshments and fun! For more details and to register to attend and participate, visit: [www.hudsonvalleyscouting.org/districts/rockland-district](http://www.hudsonvalleyscouting.org/districts/rockland-district) or email: [stem@troop2061.com](mailto:stem@troop2061.com)

**Free Concert for Life**

Dec. 3 at 1:30 pm at the Marian Shrine Chapel in Stony Point. A collection will be taken for Good Counsel Homes for homeless mothers and babies. This year's honoree is Jeanmarie Grahn, co-founder of the Rockland Right to Life Committee. Performers include the St. Joseph's HS Musical Theater Workshop, 'No Boundaries' from St. Peter's in Haverstraw, mezzo-soprano Monica Peterson St. John, and more. For more information or to take an ad in the Concert journal, call 845-492-6709.

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**NEWS OF INTEREST**

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**CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW:** On Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, Saint Joseph Regional H. S., Montvale, NJ will be hosting its annual Christmas Craft Show from 10 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., showcasing the talents of over 125 juried crafts people and fine artists. Admission is \$2.00. Children and senior citizens (65+) are free. **NO STROLLERS PERMITTED.**  
[www.saintjosephregional.org](http://www.saintjosephregional.org)

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**Collection November 13, 2016 was: \$7,317**  
**Collection November 15, 2015 was: \$7,699**

*Please remember Immaculate Conception Church  
in your will.*