

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our first weekend of Spring! It is no longer dark after our 5:30 Vigil Mass. Warm temperatures are beginning to be felt and enjoyed. All of this leading up to the joy of celebrating Easter.

First we need to celebrate Holy Week. We are looking forward to Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and the glorious Easter Vigil leading us to Easter Sunday. Also on Tuesday or Holy Thursday morning each year, a beautiful celebration takes place in every cathedral of each diocese, *The Mass of Chrism*. This sacred celebration is a tradition which goes all the way back to the 5th century of our church. This, once a year, celebration manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop. This is an opportunity to celebrate Holy Mass with our Cardinal Archbishop Timothy Dolan, his brother bishops and hundreds of our priests and deacons in our beautifully restored Cathedral of Saint Patrick.

On Holy Tuesday, April 11th this mass will be celebrated in Cathedral of Saint Patrick. Cardinal Dolan will bless three sacred oils, the *Oil of Catechumens*, the *Oil of the Sick* and Holy *Chrism*. These oils will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the entire Archdiocese during the upcoming year.

The faithful of our Rockland Parishes are urged to make their attendance at this very beautiful as well as unique mass of Chrism a special part of their preparation for Easter.

For your convenience, the Rockland Deanery is sponsoring a comfortable coach bus which will be departing from the, centrally located, St. Francis of Assisi parking lot, Parrott Road, West Nyack, at 1 PM on Tuesday. The 4:00 PM mass traditionally ends by around 5:15 PM and everyone will immediately re-board the bus for the ride home. As in the past, a special block of seats has been reserved for our Rockland County bus contingent.

Those who are interested in attending the Chrism Mass or would like further information are asked to contact the Deanery Office (St. Aedan's) at 845-735-7405. You may confirm your seat reservation (first come - first served) by mailing or else dropping off your (non-refundable) \$20 check (same as previous years) made payable to Saint Aedan Church.

As we continue to unite with Christ this Lent through our journey with him in the desert, may we anticipate with great joy the Glory of Easter.

- Rev. Herbert T. DeGaris



As of Friday, March 10th, our parish has pledged \$19,055.00. This amount comes from 91 individual gifts. This puts us at 36% of our goal of \$54,000.00.

Our Family Catechesis Program was wonderful this past Thursday evening! We are only sorry that the Blizzard of 2017 kept the Tuesday program from participating. Many thanks to Fr. DeGaris and Deacon Sadowski for their talks on St. Patrick and St. Joseph. Thank you to Nico DelPrincipio, one of our 7th grade students, for the lovely St. Patrick and St. Joseph life-size drawings. Many thanks to Dennis Bazazian for his fantastic bagpipe performance and instruction and Maddie Risco for entertaining us with her Irish Step Dancing. Last, but not least, a huge thank you to all the families for sharing their covered dishes which only made this evening even more of a celebration of our saints!

2nd grade parents will be meeting in the school gym on April 4th at 7:00 to discuss First Holy Communion items.

Our Calendar Raffle is Underway!

Raffles are still available for purchase at the Rectory. As you know, we depend heavily on this fundraiser to defray the costs of maintaining the Parish Religious Education building. Thank you so much for your support!

CYO BASKETBALL SIGN UPS
FOR THE 2017-2018
CYO Basketball season will take place **on Tuesday, April 4th and Wednesday, April 5th from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** at the RHO building. The program is open to all boys and girls in 1st – 8th grade. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Hurley at (845) 821-0566.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY
APRIL 10TH
We will have Reconciliation Monday April 10th at 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY
NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 2ND
Please join us for Hospitality Sunday, next Sunday April 2nd after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please stop by and join us for refreshments in our School Auditorium.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

Envelopes will be available in the Church and we do encourage you to remember a loved one, by contributing to the Easter flower donations. The envelopes will be placed on the altar during Easter time and will be remembered in our prayers.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION
APRIL 14TH

Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers are also especially aware of the Holy Land. The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy Father. **Please be as generous as your abundance allows.**

FAST AND ABSTINENCE
GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 14th

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. Fasting obliges all from 18 years of age until 59. Abstinence obliges all from age 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent they are able.

Holy Week Services

Passion (Palm) Sunday, April 9th

Stony Point Church: 5:30 p.m. (Sat.)
9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Tomkins Cove Church: 7:30 a.m.

Monday, April 10th

Confessions: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
& 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 13th

Tenebrae in Church: 9:00 a.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 8:00 p.m.

Visits to Repository until 10:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 14th

Tenebrae in Church: 9:00 a.m.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 p.m. With
Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

"The Living Stations" of the Cross
7:30 p.m. (in Church) With Music

Holy Saturday, April 15th

Tenebrae in Church: 9:00 a.m.

Solemn Easter Vigil: 8:00 p.m.

(SATISFIES SUNDAY OBLIGATION)

Easter Sunday, April 16th

Stony Point Church: 9:30, & 11:30 a.m.

Tomkins Cove Church: 7:30 a.m.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who are ill at home, in the hospital and in nursing homes, especially: Warren Sayre, Sr., Ed & Ann Hanus, William & Geraldine Neary, Judy Stroup, Billy Keenan, Michael Hayes, and Beverly Martin.

Our recently deceased: Lydia Gavan, Stella Lennane.

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, MARCH 25TH

8:30 Nina Mari (req. by family)

5:30 **Vigil** Josef Hagen (req. by The Lewis Family)

SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH

7:30 *For the People of the Parish*

9:30 Tom Schassler Sr. (req. by family)

11:30 Domenic Accurso (req. by family)

MONDAY, MARCH 27TH

7:30 Colin Toffey (req. by The Tiso Family)

8:30 Nicholas Gamble (req. by Keith Munger)

TUESDAY, MARCH 28TH

8:30 Nancy Kopec (req. by family)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29TH

7:30 *Intention Available*

8:30 Frank & Geraldine Hoyer (req. by Anne Hoyer)

THURSDAY, MARCH 30TH

8:30 Lydia Gavan

(req. by Debbie Chris Gavan & Family)

FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST

7:30 *Intention Available*

8:30 Rene Medina (req. by Indji Bessim)

SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST

8:30 Tim Murnane (req. by family)

5:30 Vigil James Faherty III (req. by family)

SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND

7:30 *For the People of the Parish*

9:30 Carolos Borges

(req. by The Woodhead Family)

11:30 Donald Cicchetti (req. by family)

**MEN'S CLUB
ROAST BEEF DINNER
SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH**

Men's Club Spring Roast Beef Dinner will be held on **Saturday, April 8th in the school hall after the 5:30 Mass.** We will be serving expertly prepared roast beef, oven roasted potatoes, green beans and our world famous gravy, dessert and coffee. Cost: Adults: \$15, Seniors and Children Over 12: \$12 Children 6 -12: \$6. For Reservations please call: Tom Robinson, 786-3005. Also, please bring a food item for our food pantry.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Ticket</u>	<u>Winner</u>
3/22	\$25	746	Cooney
3/23	\$100	683	Dylan Torpey
3/24	\$25	248	Kathleen Martucci
3/25	\$25	755	Stephen Gadry
3/26	\$25	1394	Rooney Family
3/27	\$50	720	Colleen Caporale
3/28	\$25	027	Shovlin Family

LIVING STATIONS

As we begin our journey through Lent to prepare for Easter, the Living Stations of the Cross through Mary's Eyes will once again be reenacted for our parishioners **on Good Friday evening at 7:30 p.m.**

Please consider joining us for this very spiritual and emotional walk with Jesus as he takes his last steps to his cross. We are asking those who have participated in previous years to come back and join us. Also, those of all ages, young children, young adults, older adults, both boys, girls, men and women are invited to participate. There are only a few rehearsals, no acting experience necessary and we will provide costumes for the evening. If you are interested, please call or email the following persons:

Carol Senatore 845-942-0128
sengirl@verizon.net

MaryGail Loucas 845-942-0109
mgloucas@aol.com

REHEARSAL DATES

6:45 p.m.

Tuesday March 28th
Meet and Greet each other

Tuesday April 4th
Regular Practice

Tuesday April 11th
With Marilyn & Music.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Thank you to everyone who has continued to help us keep our food pantry stocked with cans of fruit. In order to meet state guidelines, we must provide each client guest with at least 3 fruit items. That means we distribute over 200 cans of fruit or juice per week! Your generosity is greatly appreciated! A special thank you to Emma Woodhead of Girl Scout Troop 40795 for organizing a food drive, and to all the girls in the Stony Point Girl Scout unit for their generous contributions!

This spring we will be distributing Easter Bags on Holy Thursday, April 13th to any client who has registered for one. We are looking for donations of ham or whole roasting chickens. **If you are able to contribute, please bring your donation to the rectory any weekday between 9:00 – 5:00 or any Friday afternoon from 2:30 – 5:30 at the food pantry. Thank you for your help and support.**

NEWS OF INTEREST

Christian Lady – Available for Senior Care – Help with Personal Hygiene, Haircare including Haircuts, coloring styling. Healthy Meal Preparation, Household chores, Appointments, shopping, outings. 34 years experience Good references. Available Monday – Friday 10-2. Call Alice (845) 641-3223.

The Sisters of Saint Dominic of Blauvelt, NY – will be hosting the third annual Nun Run 5K Run/Walk at the St. Dominic Convent on May 13th to celebrate our third year; we will be launching the first ever Parish Cup Invitational. We hope to make this an annual tradition The Check In will be at 8:00 a.m. and the Race will begin at 9:00 a.m. Hope to see you there!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday Collection March 19, 2017 was: \$ 8,044
Sunday Collection March 21, 2016 was: \$8,925
***Palm Sunday**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
GENROSITY**