

Dear Friends in Christ,

“Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.” With those words of praise, the people welcome Jesus back to Jerusalem from the desert, and we begin the holiest of all weeks of our church year. We call today “Passion Sunday”. It is the passion of the Lord which dominates these final days of the season of Lent leading up the celebration of the Easter triduum beginning Holy Thursday evening.

A reminder that tomorrow, April 10<sup>th</sup>, the Archdiocese of New York and the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre will be hosting RECONCILIATION MONDAY. In every parish in the metropolitan area, confession will be heard. Here at Immaculate Conception, confessions will be heard from 4:00 to 6:00PM and again from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. If you are able to, please take advantage of this opportunity to be reconciled to the Father in preparation for the Glory of Easter. Confessions will be heard in the sacristy connected to our Sacred Heart Chapel.

I give thanks and glory to God for your generosity! Especially since we started our *Sharing Our Gifts* increase giving campaign last Fall. Next weekend our parish will be taking up

the second most major collection of the year. It is through the generosity of the Christmas and Easter collections that a parish is able to meet its financial obligations. I do know for many of us that there is a struggle with weekly family finances. I pray that through prayerful reflection each family may be able to give as generously as possible so that we as a parish may continue to flourish. I truly believe that as we give from the heart, so much more will be given back to us by way of mercy and love. May God bless all of you for your generosity to your parish and the various ministries it can perform because of that generosity.

May God bless this Holy Week with his mercy,

- Rev. Herbert T. DeGaris



As of Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, our parish has pledged \$29,460.00. This amount comes from 128 individual gifts. This puts us at 55% of our goal of \$54,000.00.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Many thanks to the 6th grade students for hosting our Family Mass this month.

All Communion and Confirmation paperwork and fees are now due.

The Religious Education office will be closed from **April 7 through April 17. Classes will resume on April 18th.**

On behalf of the Catechists and staff of the Religious Education Program, I want to wish the entire Immaculate Conception Church family a blessed Holy Week and a joyous Easter. In addition, to our PREP students, we wish you a wonderful Spring Break as well!

**Registration for the 2017-2018 Year**

Religious Education Program will be determined shortly. Please watch the Bulletin for details.

*Thank you for your continued generosity*

**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.

**GOOD FRIDAY/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](mailto:sengirl@verizon.net)**

**MaryGail Loucas 845-942-0109**

**[mgloucas@aol.com](mailto:mgloucas@aol.com)**

**Practice, and Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> with Marilyn & Music.**

**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.**

**Our recently deceased: Erhard Josef Oehring.**

**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, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>**

8:30 Rose & Larry Rufo

(req. by The Celenza Family)

5:30 **Vigil** Lauren Gould (req. by The Goggin Family)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>**

7:30 *For the People of the Parish*

9:30 Terri Crawford (req. by family)

11:30 Suzanne Brix

(req. by Greg & Annmarie Gemelli & Family)

**MONDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>**

7:30 Beverly Martin (req. by Jim & Kathy Thurston)

8:30 Michael Dolan (req. by family)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>**

8:30 Geraldine Geary (req. by family)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>**

7:30 Beverly Martin (req. by Ron & Jennifer Beyers)

8:30 Virginia Schindele (req. by family)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 13 – Holy Thursday**

**9:00 Tenebrae**

8:00 p.m. Leo & Anthony Ruzzi (req. by family)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> – Good Friday**

**9:00 Tenebrae**

3:00 Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:30 Live Stations of The Cross

**SATURDAY, APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> – Holy Saturday**

**9:00 Tenebrae**

**8:00 Vigil** Lauren Bunyan Gould

(req. by The Hoffman Family)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> – Easter Sunday**

7:30 Robert Reagan (req. family)

9:30 Walter Rose (req. by The Sullivan Family)

11:30 James Faherty III (req. by family)

**CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Ticket</u>	<u>Winner</u>
4/5	\$25	1969	Steve/Jill McCready
4/6	\$75	1502	Zachary Howe
4/7	\$25	2296	Nora Greco
4/8	\$50	2377	Jennifer Alvarez
4/9	\$25	1721	Natalie Grall
4/10	\$25	447	Connie Keefe
4/11	\$25	503	Melissa Muller

**MOTHER'S DAY FOR BIRTHRIGHT**

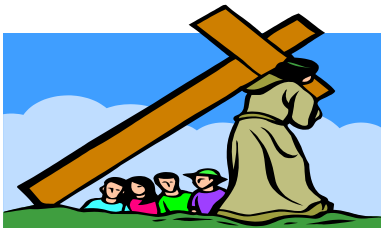
Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14th and our parish will have the opportunity to support those mothers who choose life for their babies by donating a new baby gift to Birthright. Any and all new baby items are most welcome, especially disposable diapers and baby wipes. This year we would also like to ask for donations of new packs of yarn that is used to make baby blankets. Our Girl Scouts will be helping out with this worthy drive. Please bring your unwrapped baby items to Mass and leave it in the boxes provided in the vestibule of the Stony Point church. If you prefer to make a donation checks should be made out to Birthright of Rockland. **We will be collecting these items for the month of May. Thank you for your support.**

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**  
**MAY 14TH**

Our Hospitality Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> after the 9:30 Mass. Deacon John Sadowski and the Stony Point Girl Scouts will be hosting a **Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast**. Please join us as we celebrate Mothers in our School Auditorium.

**50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**  
**CELEBRATION**

Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Please contact the Rectory for registration **The closing date to register for the Mass is Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017.** This event is sponsored by the Family Life Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.



**FOOD PANTRY NEWS**

This spring we will be distributing Easter Bags on Holy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>**  
**MARIAN SHRINE**

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at the Marian Shrine, Stony Point **on April 23rd from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Mass is at 10:00 a.m. Celebrant and homilist is Father Tom Ruckert. After lunch (a hot lunch is available for \$10.00), there will be a talk by Father Patenaude followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction. Please join us on this special day of praise and thanksgiving. For information call 548-6729.

**NEWS OF INTEREST**

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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!

**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.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

Nicholas Patrikis & Jennifer Anselmi (II)

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**Sunday Collection April 2, 2017 was: \$ 8,574**  
**Sunday Collection April 4, 2016 was: \$ 6,795**

