Dear Friends in Christ,

As I shared with you last week in my letter, I am pleased to tell you more about the upcoming restoration of the church bell.

For centuries, church bells have played a prominent role in places of worship throughout the world. Historically, church bells have served as timekeepers, used to mark the hour for work, prayer, and community gatherings. In addition, church bells today often ring to commemorate occasions and events. The melodious sound of cast bronze church bells is timeless. The church bell celebrates life and liberty, call parishioners to prayer, chime in celebration, toll in reverence, ring in remembrance, and mark time. The tolling sound of the church bell reminds us to honor our past and set the tone for our future.

We have been too quiet here at Immaculate. I truly believe that it is the right moment in our parish life to have our bell toll again. In a reverent way, to make some noise telling our community we are here!

As mentioned last week, once the bell is restored, it will toll the traditional ‘call to worship’ at 5:25 on Saturday evenings, 9:25 and 11:25 on Sundays. It will also toll out the daily Angelus at 12 noon and 6:00PM and also throughout the year to mark special events such as on September 11th and December 7th to commemorate those two moments of history.

On Sunday July 23rd we will have a second collection to assist with the renovation of our parish bell. Whatever offering you can make will help assist in this parish effort.

On this extended Fourth of July weekend, we celebrate our Independence! As with any patriotic holiday we always remember our active soldiers, and our veterans both living and deceased. Because of their past and present service, we are free and able to celebrate with great pride our independence. May God continue to shed His grace upon us.

May the tolling of the church bell make us mindful of Christ’s invitation to ‘come and pray with me for a while’

- Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris

REGISTRATION for 2017-2018 year:
For the month of July, please download the re-registration form online and mail along with your payment to the PREP office, 24 East Main Street, Stony Pt., NY 10980. We will try to accommodate your request but please note that some classes are already filled.

NEW DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
BEGINNING MONDAY, JULY 3RD
Beginning on Monday, July 3rd our weekday Mass will be offered at 7:30 a.m. here at Immaculate Conception. The 9:00 a.m. Mass will remain at St. Gregory Barbarigo church. Our weekend Mass schedule will remain the same. We thank you for all your cooperation.

PARISH PICNIC
SAVE THE DATE
SEPTEMBER 9, 2017
MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW
**THIS WEEKEND JULY 2ND**

**SECOND COLLECTION**

**AID TO THE SOLIDARITY FUND FOR THE CHURCH IN AFRICA**

The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa supports the Church in the region by funding grants for projects that range from religious formation to developing local parishes. Programs supported by the Solidarity Fund ensure that the quickly growing African Church continues to communicate the faith and overcome current challenges. **Please be generous in this week's second collection.**

**JULY 4TH**

**MORNING PRAYER FOR AMERICA**

TUESDAY, JULY 4TH

Please join us for a Morning of Prayer for America on July 4, 2017, at the Marian Shrine, 174 Filors Lane, Stony Point NY (Exit 14 on the Palisades Parkway). The morning will start with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 10 A.M. Rosary will be recited at 11:15 AM. Mass will be at Noon. For further information please call 845-735-6970 or 429-2077.

**MIDNIGHT RUN**

Here is a perfect summer time opportunity to earn service hours. **The next run is scheduled for Saturday night, July 8.** It will be our traditional hot dogs and hamburgers run – a great time to share our blessings and fellowship with our brothers and sisters on the streets in Manhattan. There is a lot of work that needs to be done to prepare for this run. We will meet on Friday evening, July 7 starting at 7 PM in the Sister Casserly Building (behind the Church) to sort, pack and prepare for the run. On Saturday, we will meet in the Church parking lot at 8:45 PM to pack, with departure for the city at around 9 PM. We should return to Stony Point by around 2 AM Sunday morning. Any donations of sack lunches, water and/or canned soda or iced tea would be greatly appreciated. During the warmer weather, there tends to be more people to be served on the streets, so as much help as possible would be terrific. For information about the run, or to volunteer in any way, please contact either Deacon John or Jessica Sadowski 786 5759.

**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, Victor Daly, Charlotte Lia, and Jaxon Waller.

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, JULY 1ST**

8:30  Mary Martin (req. by family)
5:30  Clara & Maurice Goggin (req. by family)

**SUNDAY, JULY 2ND**

7:30  For the People of the Parish
9:30  Michael & Mary Costello
      (req. by Colleen, Aston & Morgan)
11:30  James Faherty III  (req. by family)

**MONDAY, JULY 3RD**

7:30  Anne Ferri  (req. by family)
9:00  (SGB) Renato Linrojo Guy

**TUESDAY, JULY 4TH (HOLIDAY)**

7:30  Colin Toffee  (req. by The Tiso Family)
9:00  (SGB) The People of St. Gregory Barbarigo

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 5TH**

7:30  Lucia & Cosimo Corvasce  (req.by family)
9:00  (SGB) Nina Schwartz

**THURSDAY, JULY 6TH**

7:30  The Troops & Vets  (req.by A Friend)
9:00  (SGB) John Daly

**FRIDAY, JULY 7TH**

7:30  Arthur Devlin  (req. by family)
9:00  (SGB) Intention Available

**SATURDAY, JULY 8TH**

8:30  Matthew Muscolino  (req. by family)
5:30  Vigil  Mark Stewart  (req. by family)

**SUNDAY, JULY 9TH**

7:30  Mr. & Mrs. John Trimble (req. by family)
9:30  Thomas Schassler Sr.  (req. by family)
11:30  For the People of the Parish
FOOD PANTRY NEWS
Thank you so much to everyone who has been contributing fruit and cereal to the Immaculate Conception food pantry. We hope that you are not tired of purchasing the same items each week. However, because we receive a small operating grant from the state, we must follow state guidelines as to amounts when packing bags to be distributed. Since we serve about 70 families a week, we distribute over 1000 cans of fruit a month! That is why fruit is our greatest need. We would not be able to provide the proper number of fruit servings per person without your help. Thank you again!

BAPTISM CLASS
July 24th
The dates for the next Baptism Class is July 24th:
The Baptism dates are ordinarily the first and third Sunday of the Month.

BAPTISM
July 16th
The date for our next Baptism is July 16th:
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.

Rockland Boulders Trip
July 22nd
The Men’s Club is hosting a trip to Palisades Credit Union Park on Saturday, July 22nd when the Trois Rivieres Eagles vs. the Rockland Boulders on Irish Heritage Day. Festivities begin with tailgating at 5:00 in the parking lot (best dressed Leprechaun wins a prize), the game starts at 6:30 and of course, there's fireworks after the game all for $20 per person. Call Peter Morris at 786-3770 or Tom Robinson at 786-3005 to reserve you seats. Erin Go Bragh!

The flowers this week are
In honor of our
Living and Deceased Veterans

NEWS OF INTEREST
Villa St. Francis in Peekskill - is an independent living residence for women. Villa St. Francis, overlooking the scenic Hudson River, has only 29 residents and offers many amenities, which include all meals in a private river view dining room, housekeeping, fitness center, scheduled activities, beauty salon, chapel, and much more. To schedule a tour, or for more info, please call Catherine at Villa St. Francis, 914-299-6358.

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

The Rachel Ministry – is confidential and free help for those who have lost a baby at birth or prior to birth. The help takes place every 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Marian Shrine in Stony Point, NY. For more information: e-mail RachelMinister1@aol.com or call 845-492-6709. The dates of the next meeting is July 18th.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING
Collection for June 26, 2017 was: $7,589
Collection for June 27, 2016 was: $6,900

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

BANNS OF MARRIAGE
Jessica Ramsay & Joseph Ruggiero (III)