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Rev. Herbert T. DeGaris-----Pastor

Deacon Philip Marino

Rev. Msgr. William J. Foley-----Pastor Emeritus

THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday | Main Church in Stony Point

Saturday Evening Anticipated Mass-----5:30 PM

Sunday Morning-----9:30 and 11:30 AM

Sunday | Church in Tomkins Cove

Sunday Morning-----7:30 AM

Weekday

Monday thru Friday-----7:30 AM

Saturday-----8:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation: 5:30PM - Vigil 7:30AM and 12 Noon
St. Gregory Barbarigo at 7:30 PM

DEVOTIONS

Rosary: Recited daily after the 7:30 AM Mass

Novena: Monday after the 7:30 AM Mass the Miraculous Medal Novena is prayed.

RECTORY OFFICE

786-2742 | 942-2614 fax
r547@archny.org

Margie Celenza
Parish Secretary

Monday thru Friday:

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM;
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

Ughetta Jilleba, Coordinator
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24 East Main Street
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Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 8:30 PM
Thursday: 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions are heard on Saturday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:00 PM and anytime upon reasonable request.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: First & Third Sundays at 1:00 PM. Expectant parents may contact the Rectory Office to arrange for the baptism seminar class on the fourth Monday of every other month. The class is held in the Rectory, at 7:30 PM. Adults are baptized and confirmed at the Easter Vigil after completing the stages of the Rite of Christian Initiation.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: A process for those who wish to enter the Catholic Faith, or for present Catholic individuals who after being baptized may need to receive the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. For more information, please call the Rectory Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Since Catholic marriage requires a time of preparation, arrangements should begin *at least six months* before the proposed date of the wedding to allow for the Marriage Preparation Program and Natural Family Planning (NFP). It is required that either the bride or groom must be a registered and practicing member of Immaculate Conception Church.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: If you are planning to enter the hospital for surgery, experiencing a prolonged or serious illness, or are very weak due to advancement of age, please call the Parish Rectory to arrange for the sacraments of reconciliation, communion and anointing at home. Communal anointing of the sick is celebrated at mass during the Advent and Lenten seasons. Please notify us of any hospitalization so that we may be of assistance.

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS: The Immaculate Conception community warmly welcomes you! Please introduce yourself to the celebrant of the mass you are attending as you leave the church so that, on behalf of the entire community you may be welcomed. You can register at the Parish Office and receive any information needed from the office receptionist. Kindly notify us of any change of address.

MISSION STATEMENT: Immaculate Conception Parish is a Christian community of disciples in the Roman Catholic tradition, called by Jesus, united in Eucharistic worship and growing in faith, hope and love. Nourished through the sacraments and strengthened by God's transforming love, we are empowered to know the gospel message and to witness to others. As Christian stewards, we are thankful for God's many gifts and we commit ourselves to share our time, talent and treasure in Christ-like service within our parish community and beyond. We seek God's blessing and guidance to be faithful to this mission.



**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23, 2018**

*Fourth Sunday
of Advent*

He was born in an obscure village,
the son of a peasant woman.

He grew up in another village, where he worked in a
carpenter's shop until he was thirty. Then for three years
he became a wandering preacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He
never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to
college. He never visited a big city. He never travelled
two hundred miles from the place where he was born.

He did none of those things one usually
associates with greatness.

He had no credentials but himself.

He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion
turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned
over to his enemies and went through a mockery of a
trial. He was executed by the state. While he was dying,
his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only
property he had on earth. When he was dead he was laid
in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today he is
the central figure of the human race and the leader of
mankind's progress. All the armies that ever marched, all
the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever
sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not
affected the life of man on this planet so much as that
one solitary life.

These beautiful words are known as the famous *One Solitary Life* poem. Last Sunday, these same words were read at the start of our Christmas Pageant. Those words set the mood for what was by far the most amazing Christmas pageant I have ever attended. The church was packed with proud parents, grandparents, family, friends and parishioners. Also in attendance, was a very proud Pastor. Congratulations to our youth for a beautiful and reverent story that came to life about the first Christmas. Our young parishioners made all of us in attendance last Sunday truly feel the joy that we have all been anticipating this Advent Season the coming of Christ, born of Mary.

On behalf of Deacon Philip Marino, Ughetta Jilleba, our Coordinator of Religious Education and Margie Celenza, our Parish Secretary, I wish you all the Peace, Love and Joy that the birth of the Christ Child brings to us all this Christmas. May this Christmas be for all of us a time to reflect on this awesome gift given through God's love for us.

Let us truly celebrate each day of this Christmas Season which will end on Sunday, January 13, 2019 with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

The Rectory office will be closed Monday, December 24th, Tuesday, December 25th and Wednesday December 26th. The office will reopen on Thursday, December 27th at 9:00 a.m.

Merry Christmas to all of you and your families!

- Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris

Dear Friends in Christ,

SCHOOL OF RELIGION NEWS

Religious Education Classes will resume on January 8th (Tuesday) and January 10th (Thursday) respectively.

Third Grade Family Mass, Sunday, January 6th, 2019. Third graders are to arrive at Church at 9:15 a.m. They will process into the church with Fr. Herb. Hospitality will follow in the gym. The centerpieces they worked on will be displayed for all to see. All family and friends are welcome.

Confirmation Sponsor Certificates are due January 8, 2019. Confirmation requirement.

First Reconciliation will be January 19, 2019 (Saturday) at 11:00 a.m. in the Church. Parents,

**please start to reinforce the following prayers:
Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be and the Act of Contrition.**

We are one family caring for each other.

In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love. - St. Mother Teresa

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

If you are having a mass offered for a loved one on a weekend we invite you to share in the Mass by bringing the gifts to the altar. As you carry forward the gifts, you symbolize the spiritual offering of everyone in attendance at that Mass. You can volunteer to one of the ushers before Mass. This is especially appropriate when the Mass is being offered for the intention of a loved one to share in this special yet symbolic manner.

CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKETS

Calendar Raffles will be available for purchase at the Rectory. We depend heavily on this fundraiser to defray the costs of maintaining the Parish Religious Education building. Tickets are \$10.00 each, hold 120 opportunities to win cash prizes ranging from \$25.00 to \$100.00 over a period of four months. Raffles will be drawn daily from February 1, 2019 through May 31, 2019. These can be great teacher gifts, stocking stuffers or a Parish Lottery ticket to give to your family, friends and co-workers and our odds are better than the regular lottery! What a great way to spread our parish family name! We thank you in advance for participating in our Religious Education fundraiser. Please text or call Suzanne Tiso at (845) 548-0681 if the above times do not work with your schedule.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

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

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2018

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Monday, December 24th
4:30 p.m. Family Liturgy
(geared towards children)
10:30 p.m.
(High Mass)

(Carol Singing begins at 10:00 p.m.)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Tuesday, December 25th
Tomkins Cove – 7:30 a.m.
Stony Point - 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

5:30 p.m. Vigil

NEW YERS'S DAY

9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who are ill at home, in the hospital and in nursing homes, especially: Jack O'Brien, Billy Keenan, Ed Hanus, Michael Orapello, Rochelle Untener, and Jaxon Waller.

Our recently deceased: Linda Brooks, Angela Harding and Paul Eiseman.

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 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, DECEMBER 22ND

8:30 Carmela Smith (req. by Joe & Norma Rodriguez)
5:30 Vigil *For the People of The Parish*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

7:30 Anna Marie D'Onofrio (req. by family)
 9:30 The Rotella Family (req. by family)
 11:30 Gerald Kilduff (req. by family)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

7:30 Rose Jones (req. by family)
 4:30 Kathleen Javenes (req. by family)
 10:30 Marguerite Cristantello (req. by Elliot)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY

7:30 Barbara Willet Walsh (req. by family)
 9:30 Tom & Rory McCann (req. by family)
 11:30 Andrew Hylas (req. by family)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

7:30 Edgar Galea (req. by family)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

7:30 Patrick & Cathleen Devlin
 (req. by The Geary Family)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

7:30 Gino Baez (req. by family)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

8:30 Frank Quaranti (req. by family)
 5:30 Vigil Joseph Checcho (req. by family)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

7:30 ***For The People of the Parish***
 9:30 Jerry Moran (req. by John & Nora Fitzpatrick)
 11:30 Ugo, Louise & Mary Antonini (req. by family)

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is usually celebrated on the first and third Sunday of every month. The dates for our next Baptisms are: **January 6th and January 20th.** We would ask you to please contact the rectory at (786-2742) before the date to make an appointment.

All Baptism requests require a copy of the child's Birth Certificate, which must be brought to the rectory office at the time of arranging a date. God/Parent/Sponsor forms are required for each God Parent. They may attain this certificate from their home parish where they worship at the present time. If a God Parent is a parishioner of Immaculate, they simply need to speak to Fr. DeGaris.

Services are free of charge. Ann is also available for personal one-on-one counseling sessions.

H.A.N.D.S. has a Widows and Widowers Group facilitated by Ann Carucci, who lost her husband. These meetings are held every Monday evening at the H.A.N.D.S. International Headquarters, 9 Scott Drive, New City, New York 10956.

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

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ATTENTION SNOW BIRDS

In order to put a temporary hold on the mailing of your offertory envelopes and to save postage, we would appreciate you calling the Parish Office if you plan to be away more than one month this coming winter season. This will also prevent mistakes in our record keeping because the post office returns your envelopes to us when you are away. Many times we are not sure if you have moved or just away temporarily. Please leave your name, ID number and the months you would like to have your envelopes stopped. **Information is needed by Monday, January 7th.**

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Collection for Dec. 16, 2018 was: \$7,094

Collection for Dec. 17, 2017 was: \$8,231

NEWS OF INTEREST

LPN/HHA – needed for a home-bound woman in Stony Point Tuesday & Thursday from 8:30 – 4:30 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. HHA needed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 7:30 – 11:30 p.m. Please call (845) 786-3082 Thank You..

Helen Hayes Hospital – is looking for volunteers for their Hospital Gift Shop on weekend's. If interested please call Rose Galvin (845) 786-4210.

H.A.N.D.S. – (Healing and Nurturing Distraught Survivors) sponsors a bereavement support group for parents who have lost a child. **All Groups meet from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at H.A.N.D.S. International Headquarters, 9 Scott Drive, New City, New York 10956. The meeting for this month is December 18th. For more information call Ann 634-6706. Services are free of charge.**

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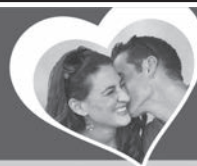
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