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"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you."

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The
Epiphany
of the
Lord

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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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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 schedule one
of the available Sundays. Adults are baptized and confirmed at
the Easter Vigil after completing the stages of the Rite of Christian
Initiation.

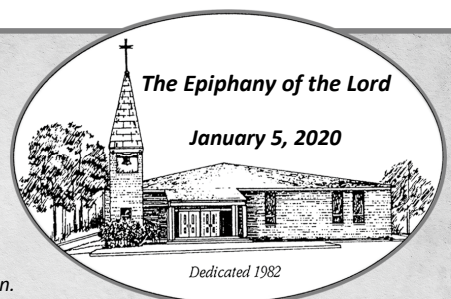
RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: A process for those
who wish to enter the Catholic Faith, or for present Catholic
individuals who after being baptized may need to receive the
sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. For more
information, please call the Rectory Office.

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.



When they saw the star,
they rejoiced exceedingly
with great joy.

Matthew 2:10

Dear Friends in Christ,

The feast of the Epiphany, which was kept in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity. Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem, He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. In the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi, we see, in a way, the beginnings of the Christian faith.

The Epiphany is indeed a great Feast, and the joy caused by the birth of Jesus must be renewed on it, for as though it were a second Christmas Day, it shows us our Incarnate God in a new light. At Christmas it was a few Shepherds that were invited

by the Angels to go and recognize the Word made flesh but now, at the Epiphany, God himself calls the whole world to adore this Jesus like the Magi, on bended knee.

Next weekend we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. That will be the final day of our joyful Christmas Season. It would be nice to continue to see the Christmas lights continuing to light up our evenings. I do understand the need to remove a dried-out tree that has passed its time.

If all of us could hold onto some part of the season until next Sunday evening that would be a true witness of us celebrating not just a day, but the true meaning of this Christmas season.

- Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Those who are well do not need a physician but the sick do. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners.

Matthew Chapter 9

SCHOOL OF RELIGION
"My Time With Jesus" Religious Education

THIRD GRADE FAMILY MASS TODAY: January 5th, 2020, 9:30am: All family and friends are welcome to Hospitality following the Mass.

CLASSES WILL RESUME Tuesday and Thursday, January 7th and 9th, 2020.

FIRST PENANCE: January 18 (Saturday) at 11 am. Children are to meet in the gym at 10:30am. First Penance will be held in the Church. Please dress in Church attire for this beautiful Sacrament of healing.

ANNUAL CALENDAR RAFFLE: We need your help more than ever! We have one month left to obtain the calendar raffles. Drawings will begin every day during the month of February and continue throughout May. The Annual Calendar Raffle Fundraiser enables us to continue to meet our expenses in providing faith formation for the families of Immaculate Conception. Raffles are available at the Rectory and Religious Education Office during office hours OR please text or

call Suzanne Tiso at (845) 548-0681. May God bless you abundantly for your generous participation.

CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS: 1. Information Sheet was due before January 1st AND 2. Sponsor Certificate due January 7th. Requirements for a sponsor: Must be 16 years of age; fully initiated Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation; Currently practicing their Catholic faith through weekly participation at Mass; committed to living a lifestyle centered on Christian morals; and NOT either of the candidate's parent.

SIXTH GRADE FAMILY MASS: February 2nd, 2020, 9:30am: Students are to arrive at 9:15am for attendance and line up for procession into Church with Father Herb. We will be celebrating World Day for Consecrated Life (a day of prayer for men and women in consecrated life, which was instituted by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1997). It is through the witness of those who have pursued a consecrated life that we are inspired to grow in faith. What an honor for the Sixth Graders! Hospitality in the gym will follow the Mass. All family and friends are welcome.

Begin your New Year by putting Jesus First in everything you do: This will help all of your responsibilities (over time) to fall into place. Yes, you will worry less and can extend grace to difficult people. Why? - Because you understand that God has given you this same grace. If you seek Him first in your life, you will find Him and all His graces.

We are one family caring for each other.

THIS WEEKEND**SECOND COLLECTION - JANUARY 5TH
CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN &
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA**

There will be a second collection this weekend, part of a combined collection and we ask your generosity in order to assist these programs.

The Catholic Communication Collections help spread the word of God throughout our nation by using modern technologies and they need your support in order to accomplish their ministry.

The Catholic University of America is the only Catholic University sponsored directly by the American Bishops and it is certainly a great worthwhile benefit to support it.

This week's second collection will be a combined collection for both of these worthy causes and we ask you to be as generous as always.

**FORTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 24TH**

Join us on our bus trip to Washington, DC for the world's largest annual prolife demonstration. The bus will leave from St. Francis of Assisi in West Nyack at 6:00 a.m. and return at 11:00 p.m. \$30 adults, \$15 students. For reservations or more information call (845) 634-6885 – Jeanmarie Grahn or (845) 425-1322 – Isabel Fenton or check the website, www.rocklandrtl.org. The annual trip is sponsored by the Rockland Right to Life Committee.

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Our St. Christopher's Society has drivers. Anyone who needs a ride to local appointments or local shopping please call:

Judi Pidgeon (845) 786-3002

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who are ill at home, in the hospital and in nursing homes, especially: **John Capria, Billy Keenan, Michael Orapello, Ruth Ann Melia.**

Our recently deceased: Ethel Monda, Kathleen Delle Chiaie, Thomas Coulter and Gloria Giannotti,

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, JANUARY 4TH**

5:30 Vigil *For the People of the Parish*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH

7:30 Mr. & Mrs. John Trimble (req. by family)

9:30 Vincent Crapanzano (req. by The Kilduff Family)

11:30 Bernard J. Martin (req. by family)

MONDAY, JANUARY 6TH

7:30 Edgar Galea (req. by family)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7TH

7:30 Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8TH

7:30 Mary Gonoud (req. by Joe & Norma Rodriguez)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9th

7:30 Jeanette DiMartino (req. by family)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10TH

7:30 Mary Gaynor (req. by family)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH

8:30 Gertrude Schien (req. by family)

5:30 Vigil Christina & Angelo Orlandi (req. by family)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

7:30 ***For the People of the Parish***

9:30 John Harlan (req. by John & Carol Senatore)

11:30 Margaret & Patrick Kilduff (req. by family)

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 8th.**

*The flowers this week are
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MIDNIGHT RUN

The generosity and participation of many people and groups helped bring the spirit of Christmas and fellowship to some of our brothers and sisters on the streets in Manhattan this past Saturday morning. Special thanks to Patty O'Sullivan's class at NRHS for the donation of toiletries, the Leo Club at TZHS for their participation and donation of coats, the amazing work of the Stony Point Girl Scouts and Brownies assembling and wrapping so many wonderful gift boxes, the help of the Food Pantry with donuts and loaves of bread, the help of the Rodriguez family and other parishioners donating sack lunches, Kathy Ford for her greatly enjoyed baked treats, the kitchen help early Saturday morning, and of course, thank you to Santa for making a special trip to be with us. And to everyone else who may have helped in any way, donating, packing, preparing – many thanks and Merry Christmas.

The next run is scheduled for March 21 and is a Saturday night run. Please keep note of updates in the bulletin for requests for items needed at that time, particularly men's pants. For information about the run, or to volunteer in any way, please

contact either Deacon John or Jessica Sadowski 786 5759. Merry Christmas!

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is usually celebrated on the first and third Sunday of every month. The date for our next Baptisms is: January 19th. 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.

NEWS OF INTEREST

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

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.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Due to the Christmas Holiday the Bulletin had to go to the printer early. We will report the Collection in next week's Bulletin, also we will report the "We Share Contributions". Thank You.

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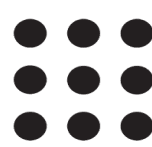
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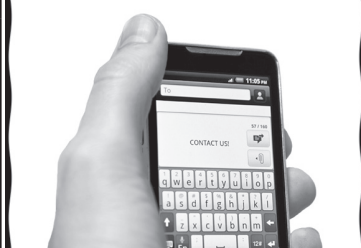
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