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Rev. Herbert T. DeGaris----------*Pastor*
Deacon Philip Marino
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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 PM

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
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Margie Celenza
Parish Secretary

Monday thru Friday:
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM;
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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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.*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Once again, to help those who may be returning to church this weekend for the first time, please know that parishioners may only enter church through the main entrance. Parishioners with handicap needs may enter the side door leading into Sacred Heart Chapel.

- You are asked to have your masks on before you enter the church. Please use the touchless hand sanitizer dispenser before entering the body of the church. A new Touchless sanitizer is now located on the left wall inside the side door entrance.
- Parishioners may leave their contributions in baskets placed at each door where they may put their offering in as they leave mass. You may also continue to mail or drop off your offering at the Parish Office or continue to use WeShare electronic giving program.
- Social Distance is expected as parishioners receive the Holy Eucharist. White markings are on the floor of the church for parishioners to stand at proper social distance. The individual will receive in the hand with their mask on, move to the side, pull down their mask to consume the Holy Eucharist, place back their mask over their mouth, and proceed back to their seat.
- Masks must remain on until parishioners are back in their cars. Presently, with every other pew closed off and the blue tape markings, the pews can only allow for 75 individuals. With anticipated husband & wives sitting together and families, I see the allowance of 100 people at each mass for the time being.

A reminder that His Eminence has dispensed the faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass during this pandemic. As an alternative, Mass may be viewed online or on TV, and the act of spiritual communion may be prayed. Those who are at a greater risk of COVID-19 (those older than 65 or who have underlying health conditions) are cautioned not to come to church for Mass. They may join us only when they feel safe and comfortable to do so.

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I am grateful to Deacon Sadowski and his team of volunteers who spend about 20 minutes after each mass sanitizing the pews. They make it possible for the next congregation to enter and sit in church with certainty that they are protected. This weekend, we are looking for more volunteers to assist! If you can, after mass, spend a few moments assisting the them, that would be greatly appreciated! Call the rectory office if you are interested to volunteer at 786-2742.

The parish has purchased a sanitizing mister which should be here by next weekend. This mister will allow one person to sanitize the church after each mass in under ten minutes. This mister will also be used in our school building so that classrooms, halls, and bathrooms after each School of Religion session to assure parents, children, and their teachers that they are entering a sanitized building and classroom.

Next week I am hoping to give you an update as to the future work being done in the church. The work will be conducted during the week. On weekends, the only visible sign of work being done will be chairs in place where pews have been removed to be worked on. Scheduled weddings and weekend mass will be celebrated in the church with no interference. It is quite possible work may be completed by the time we celebrate our First Holy Communion and Confirmation masses in mid-October.

Please know my prayers are offered daily for all of you that you remain safe from the pandemic. Prayers are offered as well to those who have ventured off or are on the verge of leaving home for college. May you remain safe and in this unique time of education, excel to the best of your ability.

- Rev. Herbert T. DeGaris

Church of the Immaculate Conception

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OUR FAITH IN ACTION

GRACE

Did you know… The New Testament of the Holy Bible makes us aware that Grace from God is important for our salvation as mentioned by St. Paul and by Jesus, Our Savior. Grace is a free gift from God for our salvation that saves us from ourselves and is so essential in order to live the life we are called to live. There are two main kinds of Grace: Sanctifying Grace and Actual Grace.

Sanctifying Grace: This is the most important because we are in a relationship with God. Sanctifying Grace is developed inside of our souls and lives in our souls. It's what makes the soul holy. It gives the soul supernatural life and most importantly -- it is supernatural life. Sanctifying Grace implies a real transformation of the soul. In the Sacraments, we meet Jesus and He gives us Sanctifying Grace (beginning at Baptism). Sanctifying Grace allows us to become children of God, to share in His Divine Nature and to inherit eternal life (Heaven).
"Sanctifying Grace is the very life of God given to us through Jesus in the Sacraments. It is the gift of God's life to us. Through it, we put on Christ and live Christ's life. Sanctifying Grace is the gratuitous gift of His life that God makes to us; it is infused by the Holy Spirit into the soul to heal it of sin and to sanctify it." (CCC2023) The special grace Jesus gives us through the sacraments are unique to each sacrament. Mortal sins destroy the life of Sanctifying Grace within us. Mortal sins are committed when we *freely, consciously and knowingly* do not obey the 10 Commandments.
"The Most Holy Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) gives the baptized Sanctifying Grace,…enabling them to believe in God, to hope in Him, and to love Him through the theological virtues...giving them the power to live and act under the prompting of the Holy Spirit through the gifts of the Holy Spirit;…allowing them to grow in goodness through the moral virtues… the Christian's supernatural life has its roots in Baptism." (CCC1266)

Actual Grace: Is a free gift of grace that God gives you to do His Will. It is a supernatural push or encouragement. It doesn't live in the soul, but acts on the soul from the outside. It gets the person's will and intellect moving so he/she can seek out and keep Sanctifying Grace. An example: God sends you an actual grace, say, in whispers, *"You committed mortal sin and need to repent. Go to Confession."* You do, all your sins are forgiven, you're reconciled to God, you have supernatural life again and are in a state of grace. Or you say to yourself, *"Maybe tomorrow,"* and that supernatural impulse (actual grace) passes you by. But another supernatural impulse (actual grace) is always on the way again because God never abandons us. He is a loving Father always present waiting for you to love Him.
Our existence is in the present moment. We trust God will help us because we love Him. Sometimes our imaginations invent situations in our minds. Then, we have to trust that if we are doing God's Will right now and whatever we are worried about from the past or future, God will give us the grace to make the right decision at this present moment.

Something to think about…. We must continually seek God's grace and have an open and loving heart to do so. Evil keeps us from receiving grace and experiencing Jesus' presence. St. Paul said, "So then, my beloved, obedient as you have always been, not only when I am present but all the more now when I am absent, work out your salvation with fear and trembling. For God is the one who, for His good purpose, works in you both to desire and to work. Do everything without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine like lights in the world, as you hold on to the word of Life, so that my boast for the day of Christ may be that I did not run in vain or labor in vain." (USCCB Philippians 2:12-16).

So, today and every day, desire grace for your soul and the souls of your loved ones. Once we have Sanctifying Grace – the gift of God's life to us - and an open heart, we can increase it by every Actual Grace we do -- receiving the Sacraments (especially Communion, Confession), Praying, and Performing Works of Mercy out of love for God.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND
5:30 Pat DiGasbarro (req. by family)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD
7:30 Dr. Germante Boncaldo (req. by family)
9:30 ***For the People of the Parish***
11:30 Sylvester Jones
(req. by Maureen, Michael Murphy & Family)

MONDAY, AUGUST 24TH
7:30 Eileen McGuigan (req. by Kathy Vitti)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25TH
7:30 Lydia Orlandi (req. by The DiGasbarro Family)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26TH
7:30 The Orlandi Family
(req. by The DiGasbarro Family)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27TH
7:30 Francis E. Brophy (req. by family)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28TH
7:30 Michael Fay (req. by Norma & Joe Rodriguez)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH
8:30 Msgr. Joseph S. Smith
(5th Pastor of Immaculate Conception)
5:30 Lucia Cosimo (req. by family)
SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH
7:30 Fr. James McDonnell
(3rd Pastor of Immaculate Conception)
9:30 Vincenzo Lavore
(req. by Bill & MaryAnn Ward)
11:30 ***For the People of the Parish***

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who are ill at home, in the hospital and in nursing homes, especially: John Capria, Lauren Shields, Billy Keenan, Carl Pesce, Mary Murnane, Tracy Pappalardo, Edward Walsh, Ruth Ann Melia.

Our recently deceased: Fr. Michael Cedro, Deacon Roland Dowen.

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love and the future to god's providence.
Anon

FOOD PANTRY

For the month of August the Food Pantry will be collecting canned fruit. Please leave your donations in the collection bin in the vestibule of the Church. As always, we thank you for your generosity!

RCIA – UPDATE YOUR FAITH

Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic, or completing your faith initiation by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation? Or are you interested in just learning more about our Catholic Faith. Our program of Adult Faith Formation will begin in September, either in person (God Willing) or on line. For more information about the program, or to register, please contact Deacon John by calling the rectory at 786 2742.

NEWS OF INTEREST

SAVE THE DATE Join the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, September 21-30 as they celebrate and host their **23rd Annual Golf Tournament** at the New York Country Club in New Hempstead, NY. Please check our website, http://bit.ly/sparkillgolf2020 for further details, event registration, directions, etc. or contact Golf Committee Chair and Mission Advancement Associate; Bernadette Donohue, at (845) 359 – 4172.

CONFESSIONS ARE CONTINUING
Please call the Parish Office to set up a day and time
With Fr. DeGaris
786-2742

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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