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Dear Friends in Christ,

I was able to share this news with the congregation at the 11:30 mass last Sunday, I would like to share it with all of you now. Last Sunday at 11 am, Scouts and Adult Leaders from our Boy Scout Troop gathered at the old convent/food pantry/parish center building to paint its exterior. This project was spearheaded by a Life Scout who is working towards his Eagle Scout rank. Prep work on the exterior was done in the week leading up to last Sunday. By early evening, the building was covered in a nice, freshly coat of paint. No more mold, stains, or chip, peeling paint. Another Life Scout also working towards his Eagle Scout rank is spearheading the restoration of the interior of the building.

On behalf of all of us, I greatly thank the Scouts for their time and love for Immaculate Conception. Since my being here, I have witnessed many acts of kindness to our town and local area by members of our troop. These two projects are the second and third ones done at this building. Over a year ago, another scout lead a project for a vegetable garden in the enclosed grass area. Sadly, with the pandemic it was not able to be used to its potential this year.

How blessed we are to have these young parishioners and non-parishioners continually showing involvement here at Immaculate. They assist at every Roast Beef Dinner and host every Blood Drive that is held at Immaculate. In less than a month from now, a Blood Drive will again be held, you can read information on that in this bulletin and in the coming bulletins.

Keeping on the theme of news about our Food Pantry, I would like to share an announcement from Deacon Phil and Pat Marino about our Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive, that because of your generosity, has been extremely successful in past years.

“Once again, it is time for the food pantry to start preparing for Thanksgiving. While we are working very differently at the food pantry during this pandemic, we still hope to be able to provide the 95-105 families that come to us each week with a full course Thanksgiving meal.

We will be collecting all the traditional Thanksgiving sides, such as stuffing, sweet potatoes (yams), cranberry sauce, turkey gravy and corn bread mix. However, because we do not have enough empty freezer space, we will not be collecting turkeys this year. Instead we are asking anyone who is able, to provide us with a Shop Rite or Stop and Shop gift card. These cards will be distributed to our families along with a bag of the above food items so that they can purchase their own turkeys or chickens.

Food items can be left in the food bin in the narthex of our church. Gift cards can be brought to the food pantry on Fridays from 2:00 – 5:30, or they can be brought to the rectory any weekday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. We will have our Thanksgiving distribution on Friday, November 19th.

As always, we are so grateful for your help and support. Our food pantry would not be possible without you! May Our Father continue to bless you and your families.” – **Deacon Phil and Pat Marino**

Yesterday, the Holy Spirit was strongly present at Immaculate as our former eight graders now high school students received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Because of no public worship allowed, the original date in May had to be postponed. Sadly, because of his schedule, Bishop Dominick Lagonegro was not able to visit this year. Special permission was granted to me to be the celebrant and administer of the sacrament, as many pastors had to be this year. I was honored to be the celebrant since I was one of the four Catechists who taught these students last year. Not only with my class but seeing the other students every week through last year’s program allowed me to get to know this year’s Confirmation Class in a more personal way than in past years. Like with our First Holy Communion celebration last week, and again yesterday’s Confirmation, even still dealing with the pandemic, and many staying home for their safety and health, our parish life continues and its spirituality is strong! The names of our newly confirmed on our bulletin cover this week.

I promised an update of our *Renew + Rebuild Campaign*, because of all this immediate news that needed to be shared, that information will be in next week’s bulletin. May the Holy Spirit continue to make us strong in our discipleship,

-Fr. Herbert DeGaris

Church of the Immaculate Conception

SCHOOL OF RELIGION “My Time with Jesus” OUR FAITH IN ACTION The Sacrament of Penance

Did you know... The sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation or Confession) is one of two sacraments which heals and saves the baptized person from sin. (The other sacrament of healing is the Anointing of the Sick.) Christ instituted the sacrament of Penance on Easter Sunday evening when he breathed on the Apostles and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained. (John 20: 22-23). What He was saying was: As God, I have the power to forgive sin. I now entrust the use of that power to you. You will be My representatives. Whatever sins you forgive, I shall forgive. Whatever sins you do not forgive, I shall not forgive. Yes, on the very day Jesus rose from the dead, He instituted the sacrament by which our sins could be forgiven.

The priest/bishop, as the agent of God, forgives sins committed after Baptism, when the sinner is truly sorry for them, sincerely confesses them and is willing to make satisfaction for them. The power to forgive sins is a part of the power of the priesthood, to be passed on in the sacrament of Holy Orders from generation to generation. A priest or bishop may never, reveal the sins of a penitent to anyone for any reason – this is called the Seal of Confession.

The sacrament of Penance: forgives the sins of the baptized person committed after Baptism; restores the gift of God’s grace after it has been lost through a mortal sin (disobeying any of the Ten Commandments); reconciles us with the Church; and anticipates the Last Judgment because the sinner, who is guilty of a mortal sin, in celebrating the sacrament of Penance avoids judgment and is freed from the risk of hell. For those who are not guilty of a mortal sin, the sacrament of Penance strengthens and intensifies the life of God in them. Penance also helps us to develop a sense of sin and helps in the proper formation of conscience.

There is no sin too great to be forgiven. But one must ask for forgiveness, have a sorrow for his/her sins, must confess them to a priest, and must do satisfaction for the sin. The sinner needs to make an examination of conscience discerning the sins which have been committed. The sins committed should bring in the penitent a contrition (sorrow because of the love of God) for these sins.

The penitent must confess his/her sins to a priest (including all mortal sins remembered). After the confession of sins, the priest says the words of absolution over the penitent: *“God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of His Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”*

Every good work we perform in the state of grace and with the intention of doing it out of love for God is a *meritorious work*. This includes the simplest actions – kind works, thoughtful deeds, prayers, Masses offered, etc. But, mortal sin wipes out this merit. Reconciliation not only forgives our mortal sins - it also restores to us the merits which we had before sin.

Something to think about... Jesus came to save everybody who was willing to be saved. Reconciliation reunites the soul to God and sanctifying grace is restored to the soul; grace is received to conquer temptation; and the sin is forgiven including any venial sin committed **if the penitent is truly sorry**. We receive the special grace which fortifies us against a relapse into sin – it is *this spiritual medicine* that strengthens as well as heals us.

So, today and everyday.. Let us remember that Penance heals us of the “emotional baggage that we carry.” Jesus died on the cross for our sins – in Reconciliation we give God a chance to share with us the infinite merits of His Son. Take advantage of this beautiful sacrament of healing often.

“If you don’t behave as you believe, you will end by believing as you behave.” – Venerable Fulton Sheen

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

5:30 John Patrick Curran
(req. by Martin & Maeve Feeney)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

7:30 *For the People of the Parish*
9:30 Louise Antonini (req. by family)
11:30 Nora & John Saunders (req. by family)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

7:30 Fred Bohlander (req. by The Capul Family)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

7:30 Frank & Concetta Lamanna
(req. by Tony & Grace Cristakos)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

7:30 Richard Spatta (req. by The Raider's Team)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

7:30 Kathleen A. Brophy (req. by family)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

7:30 Edward Finn (req. by Joe & Norma Rodriguez)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

8:30 Dr. James Faherty (family)
5:30 George Lappe (req. by family)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

7:30 Marie Bivona (req. by The LeGeyt Family)
9:30 *For the People of the Parish*
11:30 Eugene Peterson (req. by family)

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, Ruth Ann Melia.

Our recently deceased: Tracey Pappalardo

**FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

When I don't know what is next, I get down on my knees and pray, take me, mold me, fashion me, show me what you want. Then I watch and listen and it will come. **Fr. Michael Judge**

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Daniel Hylas & Katrina Abramson (III)
Gregory Wolk & Sarah Phillips (III)
Nicole Talamini & Matthew Galvin (I)

FOOD PANTRY

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

**URGENT NEED FOR BLOOD –
SAVE THE DATE!**

**Sunday, November 15, 2020
8:30 AM to 1:00 PM**

In the Immaculate Conception School Multipurpose Room

Appointments strongly recommended as capacity will be limited to ensure social distancing.

CDC/NYSDOH guidelines are being followed. All donors/staff must be masked.

To sign-up, you can go to www.nybc.org and click on "DONATE" or call (800) 933-2566.

MIDNIGHT RUN

The early evening run brought food, clothing and lots of fellowship to over 60 brothers and sisters on the streets in Manhattan. Many thanks to Kevin Lynch from Lynch's Restaurant – his penne with chicken and his support and generosity is always appreciated and enjoyed by those we serve. Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way – the Rodriguez, Varano and Goggin families, Al Kaiser, Kathy Ford, Joann Moran and anyone else who made any donation to the run. The next run is likely to be scheduled in December. Please watch the bulletin for further information. Many thanks from all those we served.

ONE DAY RETREAT FOR WOMEN

This retreat will be held at the Marian Shrine on Saturday October 31. Arrival is scheduled for 8:15 to 9 AM with Departure at around 4:30 PM. The day will include Reflections, Rosary, Adoration, Confession and Holy Mass. Breakfast and Lunch will also be included. A donation of \$20 is requested. For further information or to reserve a place at the retreat, please contact either Maureen Verschneider (Maureen.Verschneider@gmail.com) or Fr. Steve Ryan (FrSteveSDB@aol.com).

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Sunday Collection Oct. 15, 2019 was: \$5,929

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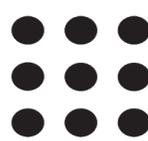
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