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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

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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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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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,

A beautiful tradition that has been lost over modern time is the Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts. The proclamation of the date of Easter and the other moveable feasts dates from a time when calendars were not readily available. As we concluded the Christmas Season last Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord, may the following announcement show us that as we just celebrated the birth of the Christ Child, we now look forward to continuing journey this Liturgical Year.

Know, brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the seventeenth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the fourth day of April we will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the thirteenth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the twenty-third day of May, the feast of Pentecost.

On the sixth day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the twenty-eighth day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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Our Annual Calendar Raffle begins February 1st. With so many parishioners self-distancing, who usually buy tickets after mass each year, please call the rectory, 845-786-2742, and we can mail tickets to you and you can mail them back filled out. Each ticket is \$10. Non-parishioners are welcome! From February 1st to May 31st, you can have a chance to win \$25, \$50, \$75, or even \$100 every day. If your ticket is pulled, it is put back in the drawing to have a chance to win again!

Fundraiser 

This is our annual major fund raiser for our School of Religion Program to help defray the cost. Obviously, this year, more costs was endured with the buying of Covid-19 material to keep our children safe and the school building sanitized. Remember, "You got to be in it...to win it!"

As I asked last week, may we to keep our Second Graders in our prayers. They begin their final week of preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Saturday, January 23rd. Although due to the ongoing pandemic we cannot hold our traditional Penance Service, the children will still be able to receive their First Penance in the church, as we offered in Advent on Reconciliation Monday.

A reminder to all parishioners that *reconciliation is still occurring during this time of pandemic*. Instead of the weekly hour on Saturdays, people looking for confession are asked to call the Parish Office to make an appointment.

Our sacristy is in the mist of receiving a much-needed upgrade. Work will soon be complete. As I was organizing our altar decorations last Monday evening, it came to me that we do not have a 'red color' altar frontal. Last year a family donated a beautiful white Easter Season frontal that matches the newest Easter vestments worn during the Christmas and Easter Seasons. If there is an interested parishioner or family who would like to memorialize this new frontal in memory of a loved one, please contact me at the Rectory Office or at mass on Sunday. This red frontal would be displayed on the altar for the celebration of Confirmation, Palm Sunday, any celebration dedicated to the Passion of the Lord, (except Good Friday when the altar is left bare), Feast Days of Apostles, Evangelists, and the Holy Martyrs.

Being that we are still at the early start of this New Year, may it be filled with grace and mercy for all of us as we live out our discipleship united with Christ, our Savior.

-Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris



SCHOOL OF RELIGION “My Time with Jesus” – Our Faith in Action

What is a Holy Hour? It is a beautiful tradition to spend one hour in Eucharistic Adoration (in Church) to encourage deep personal encounter with Christ.

Did you know... Holy Hour can trace its roots back to Jesus Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane. In the Gospel of Matthew, during the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before Jesus' crucifixion, Jesus spoke to His disciples saying “My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me. Returning to the disciples after prayer, He found them asleep (Matthew 26:40) and Our Lord admonished them by saying, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is indeed willing, but the flesh is weak.”

There has been a long biblical history of going into the wilderness to get closer to God so that distractions are at a minimum. In the early Church, there were many who chose to live in the wilderness as a way of life - they were called hermits. However in the spiritual life of Catholics today, this refuge from noise, civilization and other types of disturbances can be achieved right where we live through prayer. Calming ourselves down to allow the Lord to talk to us is an important part of our spiritual life. If you want to get closer to God and to know Him, Holy Hours are a great way. The Lord speaks to us when we are quiet and especially when we are in the presence of the Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Holy Hours can vary from person to person. There is no formal structure. Scripture, devotional prayers, litanies, rosary, station of the cross, and other formal prayers can be used to quiet the mind. St. Ignatius of Loyola used to take a section of Scripture and place himself as one of the characters in the biblical scene as a way of meditation. If you are praying the mysteries of the rosary, you can do the same. Precious time with the Lord is more about His desire to be with us than our desire to be with Him. He is the one who longs for our company more than we long for Him: “Could you not watch with me one hour? (Mark 14:37).

Holy Hours can also be more structured and divided into approximately three blocks of twenty minutes. The first twenty minutes before the Lord really present in the Eucharist is a sacred time of intimacy between us and Him. It is a time to be present to our God who welcomes us and accepts us – our heart speaks to His heart. It is also a time when we listen to Him and allow Him to speak to us. This is a time when we can tell Him everything about how we are and how we feel. It is a time to tell Him about our day and to ask His help in ways in which we need it. It is a time to thank the Lord for His presence and action in our lives and to adore Him for His goodness, truth and mercy. It is also an opportunity to present to Him the things we don't understand – our sins, failing and the worries that burden us. The second twenty minutes can be a time when we intercede for all the people we know and to pray for them. We bring to the Lord all who have asked us to pray for them – our families and friends (living and dead). It is also a time to focus on a challenge(s) we are facing. Our hearts are reminded that our call is to love others in Christ's name. The third twenty minutes can be a time when we pray for the entire human race and universe – persecuted Christians, victims of famine, end to wars, Church around the world, for the Holy Father, etc. We can pray for peace among all nations for which Jesus lived and died.

Something to think about ... Venerable Fulton J. Sheen, a great orator and tv host preached about Holy Hours. We are to *know Christ*, rather than *know about Christ*. Theological insights are gained not only from a treatise, but by kneeling before a Tabernacle.

So, today and everyday... Let us open our hearts to receive Jesus. “**My Lord and My God**” is alive in the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus will give you all the graces you need to be happy (Rev. 7:17). “The best time you spend on earth is with Jesus. With transforming mercy, Jesus makes our heart one with His” – Pope Paul VI.

We can adore and speak to Jesus any time of the day at the outdoor Tabernacle (from our cars) on the right side of Immaculate Conception Church or via live stream – youtube Eucharistic Adoration Live.

Thanks be to God.

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We will be known forever by the tracks we leave.
Dakota Native Americans

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**

CALENDAR RAFFLE

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 and other expenses. Tickets are \$10.00 each, and 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, 2021 through May 31, 2021. These can be great Parish Lottery tickets 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. If you would like more tickets please and cannot come to the Rectory feel free to text Suzanne at 548-0681 and she will actually deliver them to your home or mailbox!

***The Flowers this Week are
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MONDAY, JANUARY 18TH

Office closed for ordinary business. Mass is at 7:30 a.m. In an emergency please call 786-2742.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16TH

5:30 Kathleen Javenes
(req. by Angela & Jim Sciacca)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17TH

7:30 *For the People of the Parish*

9:30 Richard Wright
(req. by Michele & Jim Foote)

11:30 James Faherty (req. by family)

MONDAY, JANUARY 18TH

7:30 Ray Ostrom
(req. by Cynthia & Joseph Hastings)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19TH

7:30 Gloria DeGennaro
(req. by Ed & Ellen Goggin)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20TH

7:30 Maureen Cooney (req. by family)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21ST

7:30 Robert Penteck (req. by Ed & Ellen Goggin)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22ND

7:30 Mario Marin
(req. by Joe & Norma Rodriguez)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23RD

8:30 Angelo Orlandi & Christina
(req. by Helen Orlandi)
5:30 Tracey Pappalardo
(req. by Bill & Eileen Hobbs)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24TH

7:30 Cyril Kerr (req. by Jim Coyle & Family)
9:30 *For the People of the Parish*
11:30 Domenic & Josephine Accurso
(req. by family)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**All those who are ill at home, in the hospital and
in nursing homes, especially:** Eileen Kelly, John
Capria, Lauren Shields, Billy Keenan, Joyce
Robinson, Mary Murnane, Ruth Ann Melia.

Our recently deceased: Theresa Abrams.

TAX INFORMATION 2020

If any parishioners require a contribution statement for income tax returns, please contact the rectory Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 786-2742.

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is usually celebrated on the first and third Sunday of every month. 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.

FLOWER MEMORIALS

Flower memorials are available for anyone desiring to memorialize a loved one. The cost is \$50 for an arrangement of flowers, to be placed near the altar. Please call the rectory to reserve a specific date.

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FOOD PANTRY NEWS

For the months of January and February we are collecting CEREAL. Thank you for all your generosity it is greatly appreciated.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday Collection Jan. 10, 2021 was: \$5,439
Sunday Collection Jan. 12, 2020 was: \$7,318

NEWS OF INTEREST

The Rockland Right to Life Committee, Inc – has experienced several retirements and is now reorganizing. We are currently accepting nominations for 2 officers, Vice Chair & Secretary, as well as board members. We honor your time. Most business is conducted via email plus 6 in-person meetings annually. If you respect life and wish to support this cause please contact us at RocklandRightToLife@gmail.ocmo or Call Tracey at (845) 735-4746 x 112.

Marian Shrine – will host a Healing Afternoon on Saturday January 23rd from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. There will be Rosary & Devotions, Divine Mercy & Adoration, Healing Prayers and a 5:00 p.m. Healing Mass. 174 Fiilors Lane, Stony Point, NY. The Phone number is (845) 947-2200

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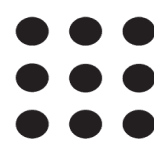
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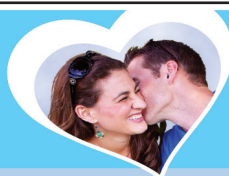
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