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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.

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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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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.*

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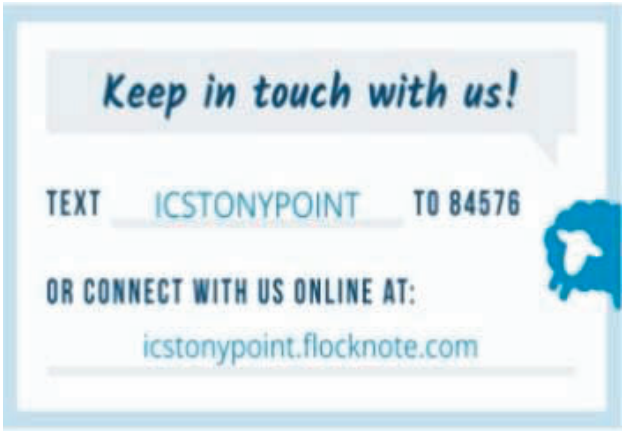
Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, we will welcome our first graders as our hosts of our Family Mass at 9:30. They will process in with myself and the ministers. Their beautiful Dioramas and Advent Wreaths they have constructed will be on display in the gym. Please join us after the 9:30 mass for our monthly hospitality where we will all enjoy a delicious hot breakfast.

This Wednesday, December 8th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. For us, this is a special day as we honor our Patroness, Mary of the Immaculate Conception. We will have a Vigil Mass December 7th at 5:30 pm, our regular Daily Mass at 7:30 am and a 12 noon Mass. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, please join us to celebrate our Patroness and Heavenly Mother.



Today, throughout the Archdiocese, it is *Flocknote* Sunday. As many of you know, we have been using *Flocknote* to keep in touch with our parishioners with informative texts and weekly email which include our Parish Bulletin. *Flocknote* has been a huge asset during this pandemic time. Now as we enter the winter months, it will be used to inform, due to weather the cancellation of any activity planned. This has been for the past few years how families are notified that School of Religion classes are cancelled and on snowy mornings, when the 7:30 Cove Church Mass is moved to the Main Church. Also, our various ministries send out any notifications that are necessary. The call is going out once again for any parishioner who hasn't done so to please consider signing up for this this message and email program. Please follow the simple instructions from the image to join.

Continuing this Season of Advent, the wreath and candles seen in the sanctuary of the altar are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, which is made of various **evergreens**, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

The first candle, which is **purple**, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The second candle, also **purple**, represents faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

The third candle is **pink** and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepard's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final **purple** candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Reconciliation Monday will take place on December 20th. Confessions will be heard in all parishes that day. Here at Immaculate, confessions will be heard from 4 to 6 pm and again from 7 to 8 pm.

This Advent Season, as we light another candle, remind us of the True Light, as we continue to prepare ourselves for His coming. Come Lord Jesus, Come,

-Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It seems to me that we do not pay enough attention to prayer, for unless it arises from the heart it is no more than a fruitless dream. Prayer ought to carry over into our thoughts, our words and our actions.
St. Margaret Bourgeoys

SCHOOL OF RELIGION
"My Time With Jesus"

The Mass: Part III- Liturgy of the Eucharist: Presentation of the Gifts: Ushers collect money to help the Church and people present the bread and wine. Your guardian angel brings forward your prayer intentions (hopes, dreams, joys, sorrows). Preparation of the Gifts: We thank God for all He is and for all He gives us. *Jesus will offer Himself to God and give Himself to us.* The Eucharistic Prayer is the most important part of the Mass. We praise God with all the angels and saints present on the altar. Heaven and Earth are united. At the consecration Jesus works through the words and actions of the priest *(priest is in Persona Christi*) to transform the bread and wine into His own Body and Blood as He did at the Last Supper with His disciples. The Memorial – not only the remembering our Lord's death, resurrection and ascension **but also that we are being made present at the Crucifixion**. *The entire Church (on earth, saints in heaven and those in purgatory waiting to enter heaven) are present at Mass.*

The Communion Rite: We pray the "Our Father." The priest then offers us peace and we wish the peace of Jesus to others. The Lamb of God, we recall the first Passover (the night God saved his people from slavery by sending a plague to all except those houses marked with the blood of a lamb). At Holy Communion the priest repeats the word of John the Baptist "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." – *The Eucharist is the Lamb of God.* We receive the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus in the Eucharist heals us. **After receiving Jesus in Holy Communion we become one with God – God dwelling in us and we dwelling in Him.** Brief Summary of Part IV will continue next week.

Religious Ed Music and Christmas Pageant: Rehearsals continue for the Pageant and Christmas Eve Mass. May God bless all the volunteers.

Prayer Intentions: We continue to have the children write their prayer intentions each week which will be included in the offertory at today's Mass.

Please save the following dates and mark your calendars: December 12th Confirmation Mass Class: Students are to arrive by 8:30 am for the Mass Class and Mass to follow.

December 19th 3pm – Immaculate Conception Christmas Pageant in Church.

"Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." (1 Cor. 10:31)

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
5:30 Margaret O'Sullivan
(req. by The Fosco Family)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
7:30 Rev. Edward Keahan & Rev. William Tucker (req. by Kathleen Toscano)
9:30 ***For the People of the Parish***
11:30 Louise, Ugo & Mary Antonini (req. by family)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
7:30 Ruth Sheridan (req. by Daughter)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
7:30 Giovanna & Roselino Mendola (req. by family)
5:30 Vigil Margaret O'Sullivan
(req. by Fred & Ughette Jilleba)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
7:30 Fortunata & Salvatore Marcellino
(req. by family)
Noon Dana & Thomas DeSimpliciis
(25th Anniversary (req. by The Montemarano Family)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
7:30 Eileen Sloboda (req. by The Goggin Family)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
7:30 Peter Devitt (req. by family)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11TH
8:30 Donald Cicchetti (req. by family)
5:30 Gloria & Albert Petrecca (req. by family)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH
7:30 Bridget & Joseph Knopf (req. by family
9:30 Margaret O'Sullivan (Kathleen & Liz Waggoner)
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: Eileen Kelly, John Capria, Lauren Shields, Billy Keenan, Joyce Robinson, Mary Murnane, Eric McMahon, Eugene Rogers, Bea Sasin, Deanna Rosado, Jack O'Brien, Berta Fernandez, Dennis Bazazian.

Our recently deceased: Brian Perdue.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

RETIRED RELIGIOUS SECOND COLLECTION DECEMBER 12, 2021

It's that special time of the year when we pause to give thanks to the Lord for the religious who have served and continue to serve the Church with much dedication and great distinction. Sunday, December 12th our Parish will be conducting the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious **Please be generous in this second collection. Thank You.**

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Immaculate Conception is once again sponsoring the Christmas Giving Tree to help needy families and individuals in our area. The Christmas Tree will be displayed with the tags in the vestibule of the Church. Return the gift (s) and place it under The Giving Tree no later than **Monday, December 13th.**

This is the final date due to the fact that Catholic Charities will be picking up on that day. This gives us sufficient time to get the gifts to the people before Christmas. Yor generosity is greatly appreciated. Please bring any gift cards to the Rectory. Thank you (Please attach the original tags from the tree onto the gift card). It is most helpful. Our tree will be displayed before Advent.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Thank you, thank you! With your help, the Immaculate Conception Food Pantry was able to provide a bountiful Thanksgiving holiday for 115 families! Each family received a grocery bag packed with stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, instant white potatoes, canned corn, corn muffin mix, cake mix and frosting. Along with that bag of groceries, each family also received a gift card to a local grocery store to use to purchase a turnkey, and dairy.

Now, we only have a few short weeks to prepare for our Christmas distribution which will be **on Friday, December 17th.** We are duplicating everything we collected for Thanksgiving along with the grocery store git cards. Please leave your contributions in the food bin in the church. Gift cards can be dropped off at the rectory or put in the collection basket in a clearly marked envelope.

Once again, we are so grateful for your generosity. We only wish you could have seen and heard the gratitude expressed by our clients. May Our Father continue to bless you and yours!

Banns of Marriage

Joelle Martino & Christopher Fondocaro (III)

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
December 7th (Tuesday)
5:30 Vigil

December 8th (Wednesday)
7:30 a.m. & 12 Noon

MIDNIGHT RUN

The next scheduled run is being planned for December 18. It is a night run and will include participation from the Campus Life Office of North Rockland High School. It will be our Christmas run – Santa is possibly attending and the Stony Point Brownies and Girl Scouts are adding to the holiday cheer. We will meet on Thursday evening, December 16 in the Sr Casserly Center at 7:00 p.m. to organize some of the items that will accompany us. Anyone interested in participating in any way, with a reminder that this is a good opportunity for service hours, is welcome. For more information about the run, please contact Deacon John or Jessica Sadowski 845 786 5759.

Adopt a Grandparent for the Holidays

Please help residents of the Tolstoy Foundation Nursing Center in Valley Cottage. Many residents are alone and don't get gifts for the Holidays.

You can "Adopt a Grandparent" - For only $15 per resident, they will receive a pampering gift of a Mary Kay Hand Cream or a Foot and Leg Lotion with socks. Your donation of $15 per resident will enable them to have a Happy Holiday. To participate: Contact Arlene Linke 845-786-5592 or email: ALinkeMusicMKay@aol.com

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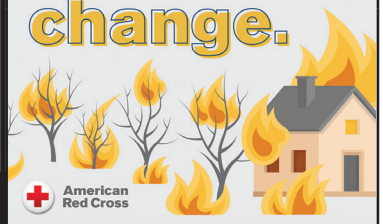

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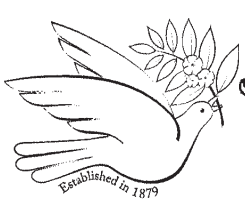

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