

# The Holy Family of *Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

## THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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Rev. Herbert T. DeGaris-----*Pastor*  
Deacon Philip Marino  
Deacon John Sadowski  
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.

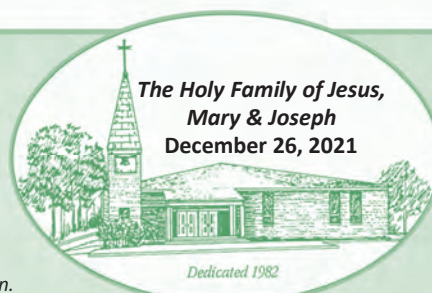
**RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** A process for those who wish to enter the Catholic Faith, or for present Catholic individuals who after being baptized may need to receive the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. For more information, please call the Rectory Office.

**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.



**December 26, 2021**

**The Feast of The Holy Family**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Our hopes and prayers are that our own families may attain some grace and sense of the sanctity the Holy Family possesses. The Holy Family is unique. Christ is God made man. Mary is the sinless Virgin and Joseph is a Saint. In seeing that, we may throw our hands up and have a sense of 'why bother' in trying to become like the Holy Family. In a way, it is that perfection we seek. We remember Christ calling us to "be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect".

So then, to the best of our ability we model ourselves after the family member we are united with. Mothers strive in the imitation of the one true mother of us all, fathers bring love and honor to their wives and children as Saint Joseph did. Children grow to honor and love their parents as the Christ child did. God could have come into the world in any way he pleased, he chose to become a member of a family, obedient to his earthly parents, and yet totally devoted to the Heavenly Father's will.

We are days away from the start of a New Year! After these almost two years of pandemic which we have endured, we are all probably saying at this time; "get here as fast as you can 2022!" Even with the many stumbling blocks and steppingstones each of us has endured, and moments of sadness and despair, I pray our faith and union with Christ has seen us through those moments and this year. May the Peace, Love and Joy of this Christmas Season lead and guide us into this New Year. May 2022 truly be the year that we finally see world peace, peace in our lives, and peace in our own families.

Because of the holiday schedule with our bulletin company, this Sunday's bulletin was prepared a week before Christmas. If there had been any announcements from the Archdiocese regarding this latest mandate we are in the midst of, an email would have been sent out to all of you registered on our Flocknote texting and email program.

This time last year we were in the middle of the restoration of our church pews. This past year we have seen the installation of the new carpet, and

most recently the new concrete job which officially ended Two weeks ago, with the installation of the handrails at our main entrance.

New parish calendars are available. Once again, we thank Higgins Funeral Home for providing them for us to enjoy. Calendars are available on the back table of the vestibule of the church. To those of you wishing to take one or two home, your more than welcome to help yourself! Calendars will also be available in the Parish Office.

On behalf of Deacon Philip Marino, Deacon John Sadowski, Ughetta Jilleba, our Coordinator of Religious Education and Margie Celenza, our Parish Secretary, I extend to all of you a Happy and Healthy New Year. May 2022 be a blessed year for each one of us.

May 2022 also be the year we attain true world peace,

-Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris

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

It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you... yes, it is Christmas every time you smile to your brothers and sisters and offer them your hand.

**St. Mother Theresa**



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## Church of the Immaculate Conception

### SCHOOL OF RELIGION

#### "My Time With Jesus"

**Did you know...** The angel's message to Joseph in a dream was to name Mary's newborn child Jesus because He would save His people from their sins. Jesus is also called Emmanuel meaning "God is with us." In Hebrew, the name Jesus means "God saves." Joseph did as the angel of the Lord directed. He took Mary to be his wife and accepted the child in her womb as his own. When Jesus was born, Joseph followed the directions of the angel and gave the child the name Jesus. We learn that Jesus will save people from their sins and that Jesus will be God among us. We are also reminded of Joseph's great role which was so important to God's plan for Jesus' birth.

**Calendar Raffle:** This is our most important fundraiser of the year for Religious Ed. which helps defer the cost of school repairs and expenses (especially this year with the bursting of heating pipes). We need everyone's help and prayers more than ever in selling the raffles. Raffles cost \$10 each and hold 120 opportunities to win cash prizes ranging from \$25 to \$100. Each winner is put back into the bin for more chances to win. Raffles make wonderful Christmas gifts. Beginning on February 1<sup>st</sup> and continuing through May 31<sup>st</sup> a winning ticket will be drawn daily for the cash amount specified on the calendar. Extra raffles can be obtained from the vestibule of the Church, Rectory and by emailing [immaculate.prep@yahoo.com](mailto:immaculate.prep@yahoo.com). **Please help us!** Raffles are due before January 31<sup>st</sup>. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity.

**Prayer Intentions:** We continue to have the children write their prayer intentions which are posted on our Lord Hear Our Prayers Intention Board for the month of December and will be included in the offertory at Mass on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Please save the following dates and mark your calendars:** Classes will resume January 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday and Thursday, respectively). January 9<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Family Mass hosted by our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Fellowship to follow in gym. Confirmation Class Mass: 8:30am, January 9<sup>th</sup> in the Chapel. January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11am First Reconciliation for Second Graders in Church. Arrival in gym at 10:30am February 6<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Family Mass hosted by our 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Fellowship to follow in gym.

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

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

7:30 Christine Rodriguez (req. by Niko Rodriguez)

9:30 Daniel Kelly (req. by The Howard Family)

11:30 Gerald Kilduff (req. by family)

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

7:30 Maria & Nina Compagna (req. by family)

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

7:30 Culastia Curchellas

(req. by Joseph & Madelaine Cavegn)

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

7:30 Michael Murphy

(req. by Joseph & Madelaine Cavegn)

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

7:30 Salvina Mendola (req. by family)

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

##### NEW YEAR'S EVE

7:30 Angelo Ieni (req. by family)

5:30 The Dec'd Members of the Crapanzano & Woodhead Families (req. by family)

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>

8:30 Ewa Brissing (req. by Dee)

5:30 Elda Wierzbicki  
req. by Joann DiGasbarro & Family

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>

7:30 *Intention Available*

9:30 Nora Conklin (req. by Dee)

11:30 Filomena Carnevale (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, Billy Keenan, Joyce Robinson, Mary Murnane, Eric McMahon, Eugene Rogers, Bea Sasin, Deanna Rosado, Sheila Walsh, Jack O'Brien, Berta Fernandez, Eugene Rogers, Frank McCorry, Dennis Bazazian.

*Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.*

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**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES**

**Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary, the Mother of God**

**Not a Holy Day of Obligation**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST**

**5:30 p.m. Vigil**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST**

**8:30 A.M.**

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

If you are having a mass offered for a loved one on a weekend we invite you to share in the Mass by bringing the gifts to the altar. As you carry forward the gifts, you symbolize the spiritual offering of everyone in attendance at that Mass. You can volunteer to one of the ushers before Mass. This is especially appropriate when the Mass is being offered for the intention of a loved one to share in this special yet symbolic manner.

**SECOND COLLECTION**

**JANUARY 9TH**

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN &  
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA**

There will be a second collection on January 9<sup>th</sup> t 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.

**Next 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.**

**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.

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**NEWS OF INTEREST**

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**Marian Shrine Retreat for Women** - A one day retreat for Women will be held at the Marian Shrine Retreat Center Bldg., Stony Point, NY on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 9am-5pm. Our theme for the day is Destress and Recharge. Cost for the day is \$50.00 this includes a hospitality upon arrival and a hot lunch, for more information please contact Ann Cennane @ 845.947-2200 ext. 313, or Register on line before December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (space is limited) at <https://marianshrineretreats.regfox.com/women>

**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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