

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



COMMUNION CLASS OF 2022

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*"Do this in
remembrance
of me."*

*Immaculate Conception Church
Stony Point, New York*



Dear Friends in Christ,

A Blessed Happy Mother's Day to all of our moms! What a gift you all are! God bless all our moms who are physically with us and for our moms looking down on us from heaven. We celebrate all of you, our birth moms and all those who fulfill the role of 'mom' in so many ways. Mother's Day has had an extra meaning to me. It was on Mother's Day, May 12, 1991, the day after my Ordination to the Priesthood, that I celebrated my 'First Mass'. On behalf of your children, THANK YOU for all that you do, continue to do, and have done. May all our mothers be greatly blessed as they continue to follow the example of Mary, the mother of us all. All returned Mother's Day Intention envelopes that have been returned are placed on the altar. As more come in today, they as well will be placed and remain on the altar for the rest of the month.

Yesterday, eighteen of our second graders received their First Holy Communion. You see their names on the cover of our bulletin this week. We continue our prayers for them as they now come to know Christ, in the breaking of the bread. May they through the innocence of their faith, continually remind us of Jesus' words, "Unless you become like a child, you will not enter the kingdom of God." At the conclusion of the celebration yesterday, the students crowned Mary, our Mother to honor her this month of May. Today, our second graders will be hosting our May Family Mass at 9:30.

This Wednesday I will celebrate the thirty first anniversary of my priesthood. Throughout these years, I have truly been blessed, but not as blessed as being your Pastor for the last five years. We have accomplished so much here at Immaculate, as I pointed out with the Cardinal's remarks about this parish during the homily at the mass we hosted for Rockland and Orange counties. May my priesthood continue to be blessed, may I ask for your continued prayers for my vocation, may we all pray for a continued increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

Prayers have been answered in preparing for Dan Condon's Ordination to the Diaconate. Dan will be ordained on June 18th. We will celebrate Dan's ordination on Sunday, June 19th at the 11:30 mass with a reception in the school gym afterwards. Because of this, our parish Corpus Christi celebration will not take place but will indeed return in 2023. More on this celebration of Dan's ordination will be shared in future bulletins.

Congratulations to Madeline Galgano and David Espinal who completed the RCIA program and received the Sacrament of Confirmation during the parish Easter celebration. Following their Profession of Faith, they were anointed with the Sacred Chrism and became fully initiated and received into our Catholic Faith. On behalf of all of us, I send congratulation to both of you and may God continue to bless you as you grow in your faith.

The Mass book will open this Tuesday, May 10th for the months of July to December. To help avoid the remainder of the years intentions being all filled up by August, there will be, as in the past, a three mass intention limit. This will allow the parish to have immediate intentions for our day-to-day requests, which several of you have shared with me your appreciation for doing that.

Last Sunday I had the privilege of assisting Bishop O'Hara in handing out the Catholic Scouting emblems to over 150 scouts throughout the Archdiocese. Scouts and families came to St. Patrick's Cathedral for the celebration of the Scout Emblem Mass. Bishop O'Hara shared his reception of his awards in his homily. That made me flash back to my memory of receiving my Ad Alteri Dei (to the altar of God), and the Pope Pius XII emblems given to me by Terrence Cardinal Cooke. The Scout Law stating 'A Scout is Reverent' was very much alive last Sunday.

As we continue celebrating the joy of this Easter season and journey towards Pentecost, may God continue the good work we do in the name of Christ, His Son,

-Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris



As of Friday, May 6, 2022, we have received 131 gifts amounting to \$34,600.00 pledged. This amount is 73% of our goal of \$47,500.

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The world will come to know the truth of the Gospel not by how accurately we can quote it, but by how authentically we live it.

Nick Wagner

Church of the Immaculate Conception

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

"My Time With Jesus"

Did you know... Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday, in which Jesus answers the question "Are you the Messiah?" Jesus is the Good Shepherd. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as His sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. This image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.

What does this all mean to us today? We are the sheep that Jesus is talking about today. Jesus paid the price for us by suffering death. He knows everything about us and is always with us. He shows us how to be closer to God and gives us eternal life in heaven. His voice is always an invitation to follow Him. He also describes His relationship with the Father that they are One. This means that to know Jesus is to know The Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to The Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God The Father, removing all distance between us.

And so, throughout our lives, we are called to hope and pray that we grow closer to God as we learn to follow Jesus more fully.

Catechists Needed: The role of a catechist is to teach the faith of the Catholic Church by both word and example. *Our Catholic faith and our lives are of the love of God and from the love of God. Our Catholic faith is who we are, what we live and what we do.* If God is calling you (tugging at your heart) to share our beautiful faith with the children of the parish, please consider volunteering and email immaculate.prep@yahoo.com.

Registration for Religious Ed 2022-2023 will begin as soon as we are informed that ParishGiving is ready to go live. We will keep you updated. Please note an increase in tuition of \$10 per child. Book fee is included in the tuition. There will be a late charge of \$35 if re-registering after August 1st. New Registrations need to register in person in the school by emailing immaculate.prep@yahoo.com. Please bring copies of baptismal and/or communion certificates.

Please save the following dates and mark your calendars:

Confirmation Retreat May 12th at 7pm in the Church. Robes will be distributed at end of retreat.

Sacrament of Confirmation: May 21st at 11am. Sponsors and candidates to meet in the gym at 10am

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, MAY 7TH

5:30 Loretta Hammrel (req. by family)

SUNDAY, MAY 8TH

7:30 For our Living & Deceased Mother's

9:30 For our Living & Deceased Mother's

11:30 For our Living & Deceased Mother's

MONDAY, MAY 9TH

7:30 Mother's Day Novena

TUESDAY, MAY 10TH

7:30 Ann & Henry Fondu

(req. by The Goggin Family)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11TH

7:30 Fr. Herbert DeGaris' - 31st Anniversary

THURSDAY, MAY 12TH

7:30 Mother's Day Novena

FRIDAY, MAY 13TH

7:30 Maureen Ginnane (req. by Millie Castro)

SATURDAY, MAY 14TH

8:30 Mary Gaynor (req. by family)

5:30 For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 15TH

7:30 Catherine & Albert Perini & Mary & Anthony Toscano (req. by Kathleen & Donald Toscano)

9:30 Anna & Steve Seman ((req. by family)

11:30 Ugo & Mary Antonini (req. by family)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who are ill at home, in the hospital and in nursing homes, especially: John Capria, Joyce Robinson, Mary Murnane, Deanna Rosado, Sheila Walsh, Jack O'Brien, Berta Fernandez, Eugene Rogers and Eugene McDermott.



You should be known for the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

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FLOWER MEMORIALS

Flower memorials are available for anyone desiring to memorialize a loved one. The cost is \$75 for an arrangement of flowers to be placed near the altar. Please call the rectory to reserve a specific date.

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA OF MASSES

A Novena of Masses will begin on Mother's Day, **Sunday, May 8th**. If you would like to have loved ones remembered in these Masses, please return the Mass intention envelope from your monthly packet.

Additional envelopes are available at the entrances to our Church. Mother's Day cards for the living are also available at the entrance to the Church.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE SUNDAY, MAY 15TH

At the request of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, the Archdiocese of New York will take up a special Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe to support essential unmet pastoral needs on Sunday, May 15th. Please be generous in this Collection. Thank You.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Date	Prize	Ticket	Winner
5/3	\$100	1942	Caroline Verrier
5/4	\$25	2006	Hughann Limpert
5/5	\$25	1666	Diane/Tom Torpey
5/6	\$75	1964	Jessica Hernandez
5/7	\$25	0052	Jen Bricker
5/8	\$25	1317	Dina Bilardi
5/9	\$25	1223	Barbara Pedri

NEWS OF INTEREST

GARDEN NEWS

It's time to think about opening the ICC garden for our second season. Large boxes (usually \$50) and small boxes (usually \$25) are available for a special preseason sale. If you reserve your boxes by the end of May you can take advantage of the "Fr. Herb", herb garden sale. Large boxes will be \$20 and small boxes 10. If you would like to increase your rent, please do so.

All proceeds will benefit the ICC Food Pantry.

Saint Margaret of Antioch Church Bereavement Support Group - Will be on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. May 11th, 18th, 15th & June 1st 8th 15th and 22nd to Register please call (845) 735-4746 A Safe place for the bereaved to share, to learn about grief and to receive support empathy and acceptance.

Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass

Couples celebrating their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2022 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 5 at 2:30 PM. Each couple may bring up to four (4) additional guests. Couples will be notified if the seating capacity changes and more tickets become available.

Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish to register.

**The closing date to register for the Mass is
Monday, May 16, 2022 at 5:00 PM**

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Collection for May 1, 2022 was: \$ 5,106
Collection for May 2, 2021 was: \$ 6,477



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