

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 24, 2016

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In the first reading at Mass today, Saints Paul and Barnabas exhort the disciples to persevere in faith, saying, *"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God."* (Acts 14:22)

As we can sense often in the scriptures, Jesus never told his disciples that living the faith would be easy, and after Jesus ascended to heaven, his disciples had to convey the same message to the new disciples. In fact, those words have been true in every age of the Church. I believe most people realize that the same is definitely true today.

Without being overly dramatic, these times are often so strange. It is almost like we are living through a bad movie that has become reality. The news each day brings startling facts to our attention. Some facts regarding the economy are sobering. Some others, relating to terrorism and violence (including violence to the unborn) are frightening. Other stories border on the bizarre or unbelievable. Some of the things being debated or drafted into law wouldn't even have been thought of not too many years ago.

I write these words not to denigrate anyone, but truly some of the situations being spoken of and accepted by so many people are directly contrary to common sense and sound traditions (but that has gone the way of the dinosaurs). When you hear certain assertions about gender, to use one example, you can rightly wonder what ever happened to the biologically verifiable biblical statement of truth: "God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them." (Gen 2:27) Sometimes it seems that whatever the Church teaches or believes is dismissed as irrelevant. Believers are not held in much higher esteem.

Christians should never be ashamed of believing in the Word of God. May we live our faith, despite hardships, following in the ways of Jesus certain of His help.

Sincerely in Christ,



YOUTH NIGHT

CALLING ALL TEENS

7TH THRU 12TH GRADES

THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH, 2016
AT 7PM

**YOU'RE INVITED FOR AN EVENING OF FUN, FOOD
(PIZZA), MUSIC, VOLLEYBALL, AND MORE,**

THIS IS YOUR PARISH

**Evening will be held in the gymnasium
Please call the Rectory to let us know if you are
coming (845-357-0035)**

OUR LADY'S GUILD COMMUNION BREAKFAST MAY 1, 2016

When: Sunday, May 1st after the 8:30am Mass
Where: The Chalet at Spook Rock Golf Course
Price: \$25 per person (Reservations required)

**For tickets or information please contact:
Rosemary McCormick (845) 357-1485**

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION AID TO THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

This collection illuminates the way for the people of that region by helping Catholic organizations that offer affordable shelter, training for seminarians, pastoral care, and catechesis. Your donation will help restore the Church in the region in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Please be as generous as possible. To learn more about this important collection visit www.usccb.org

POPE FRANCIS ON WALKING WITH JESUS

I think this is truly the most wonderful experience we can have: to belong to a people walking, journeying through history together with our Lord, who walks among us! We are not alone, we do not walk alone. We are part of the one flock of Christ that walks together.

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

4TH Sunday of Easter Collection - \$16,607.
Last Year's Collection - \$13,229.

Religious Education Collection - \$4,301.
Last Year's Collection - \$4,363.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 24 / Fifth Sunday of Easter

Monday, April 25

Religious Education CCD - Grade 6 - Closed

Religious Education CCD - Grade 7 - Closed

Novena - 7:15pm Prayers

Tuesday, April 26

Religious Education - Grades 3-5 - Closed

Religious Education - Grade 8 - Closed

Wednesday, April 27

Choir Practice - 7:30pm church

Hispanic Prayer Group - 8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, April 28

Youth Night - 7pm in the gym

Friday, April 29

Sacred Heart School - Closed

Saturday, April 30

St. Joseph Group - 7:30am in the Rectory

Rel. Ed. Grades 1 & 2 - 9:30am in the school

Sunday, May 1 / Sixth Sunday of Easter

Our Lady's Guild Communion Breakfast-offsite after 8:30am Mass



SACRED HEART PARISH 25TH AND 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MAY 15TH, 2016

On May 15th, 2016 our parish will honor all those celebrating these milestone anniversaries at the 10:00am Mass followed by a reception. If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary this year please contact the Rectory Office and let us know. 845-357-0035. We will need the date and place of your wedding in a Catholic Church.

2016 CARDINAL'S APPEAL

To date our parish has received \$95,803. in pledges/gifts toward the 2016 Cardinal's Appeal, from 289 families. This is about 80% of our goal. For this Appeal to be truly successful, we need support from all our families. The Appeal is a vital source of funding for the programs and ministries that sustain the parishes across our Archdiocese. **It is not too late to make your gift. Our goal is \$121,000. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you for your support.**

SACRED HEART CHURCH \$10,000.00 RAFFLE

TICKETS \$100 EACH (1 IN 250 CHANCE TO WIN)

Available at the Rectory

Monday to Friday - 9am to 5pm

1ST PRIZE - \$10,000.00

2ND PRIZE - \$1,000.00

3RD PRIZE - \$500.00

Winning tickets will be drawn at 8:30pm in the school gymnasium on Friday, June 3, 2016 on the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COMMUNITY SERVICES SENIOR RETREAT

Please save the date:

Wednesday, May 18, 2016, 9:45am - 3:00pm, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in West Nyack. Registration forms will be available in all the parishes April. Forms will be mailed to all previous participants. More details will follow. Catholic Charities Community Services of Rockland, 942-5791 ext. 17.

NEW ST. ANTHONY PRAYER CANDLES

Hopefully everyone has noticed the new, beautiful prayer candles by St. Anthony Statue. It is through the generosity of all those who donated to the Christmas Donation Tree this past Advent Season, that the parish was able to create and install the candles. Special thanks to Christine Schnabel and Thank You to all who contributed!

A CALL TO VOLUNTEERS

Sacred Heart is in need of those willing to help clean the Church. Those who volunteer are usually on the schedule once per month. If you can assist in this much needed work please call the Rectory Office at 357-0035. (Weekdays 9am to 5pm)

ANUNCIOS

El Grupo de Oración en Español tiene lugar habitualmente los miércoles, a las 8 de la noche en la cafetería.

Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 28 de mayo, 2016 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Faith and our Parish Community, the following children who were recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

TYLER DEAN MAYORGA
Son of Christian and Nicole

BRADY BLESSINGTON
Son of Paul and Allison



BANNS OF MARRIAGE
For the Second Time

Joseph Pellegrino and Michelle DeModna



We pray for all those serving in the **Armed Forces** and for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Larry Adler, Keith Alanis, Daniel Albarelli, Frank Paul Allegretti, Jenna Applebaum, Harris Brownstein, Lisa Eckert Brownstein, Annette Burbridge, Frank Calfa, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Lorraine Cortez, Lilla DiBerardino, Teresa Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, Florence Downey, John Duffy, Nicholas Eckert, Peter Eckert, Jamie Erwin, Denise Ferrara, Stefanie Gaudelli, Tia Gardner, Arlene Gentile, Debra Gravina, John Grasso, Anne Hart, Frances Hunter, Sarah Hyman, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Susan Jarkiewicz, Adrienne Kelly, Mary Kierman, Anthony Kulik, Jay Leone, Elizabeth Lempka, Nick Liso, Laura Mack, Thomas Mathai, Barbara Mazza, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Chic Nappo, Betty O'Brien, Jennifer O'Hara, Fr. Jack Oldfield, Stacey Olayan, Tina Osika, Joseph Pasculli, Patricia Plotkin, Adolf Radeljic, Maura Reynolds, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Virginia Ryan, Daniel Sammarone, Nicholas Salzman, Erica Scully, Ruth Schwetz, Jean Simons, Claudia Spano, Claudia Spallanzani, Maureen Starke, James P. Toner, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, Phyllis Varacalli, Carol Van Vandt and Millie Vazquez.



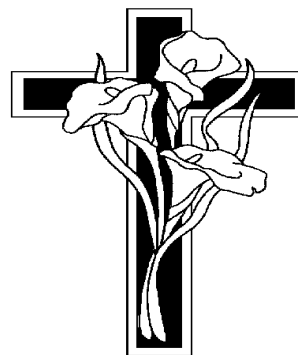
Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, friends, benefactors, relatives, priests, religious and especially **Jessie Cici, Kenneth Vanadio and Magali Smith.**

ALTAR MEMORIALS

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2016

Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of

MSGR. ROBERT FORD



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

9:00am – Molly Roberts

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY

6:00pm – Albert Barbarino

SUNDAY, APRIL 24 / 5th Sunday of Easter

7:00am – Luca Santabarbara

8:30am – Parish Memorial Society

10:00am – Special Intentions for John & Aline Hendrickson

11:30am – Edward & Marie Magruder

1:00pm – Andrew Haggerty

5:30pm – All Parishioners

MONDAY, APRIL 25

7:00am – James E. Hoffman

9:00am – Gloria Ammerata

7:15pm – **Novena**

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

7:00am – Dianne Messina

9:00am – Eugene & Rose Magurno

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

7:00am – Elizabeth Darcy Curtis

9:00am – Matthew Murphy

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

7:00am – Special Intentions Margarita & Tom Diebner

9:00am – Vito DiGiovanni

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

7:00am – Josephine Dattilo

9:00am – James Halloran

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

9:00am – Madeline Tesseyman

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY

6:00pm – Beatrice & Charles Sweeney

SUNDAY, MAY 1 / 6th Sunday of Easter

7:00am – Andrew & Johanna Seman

8:30am – Parish Memorial Society

10:00am – Edward Frank

11:30am – Jim Reece

1:00pm – Christopher Keegan

5:30pm – All Parishioners

BOOSTER CLUB WINNER

WEEK 9- Harold Gravius