

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2014

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I decided to write about today's Feast of the Exaltation (or Triumph) of the Holy Cross. The Feast sets the tone for this Sunday even though all Sunday Masses commemorate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Today's Feast reminds us of the central role of the cross in salvation won by Jesus. There is a phrase that sums it up: "We adore you, O' Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world."

Of all the ways Almighty God could have saved the world from sin and death, He chose to send His Son to suffer and die on the cross. The Father did not want the Son to suffer, but rather He allowed Him to suffer. Father and Son both knew the horror of the cross but both also knew only divine power could overcome such horror. So what seemed, in the eyes of the world, to be defeat and humiliation turned out to be the exaltation or the triumph of Jesus over death.

We believe that Jesus came into the world to show us the way to heaven. We further believe that no matter how many or what kind of crosses people have to carry, if we follow Jesus, we will find rest in Him. As St. John tells us, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." (3:16) God the Father truly wants the entire world to be saved by His Son, that is, by His Son's Cross

We have just commemorated the 13th anniversary of the tragic events of 9-11-2001. We should never forget that evil is present in the world and terrible, horrible things can happen. However, we should also never forget that God has overcome all evil and sin by the suffering, death and resurrection of His Only Son and that Jesus' Cross has saved the world. God saves us and promises us eternal life because of His great love.

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor Joseph R. Giandurco

ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY COLLECTION

Today's second collection is for St. Joseph's Seminary. Please remember that there is great need to support the seminary to help prepare future priests for ordination. **Please be as generous as possible. Thank you!**

SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes begin:

Monday, September 15:

Grade 6 - 4:30pm / Grade 7 - 7pm

Tuesday, September 16:

Grades 3, 4 & 5- 4:30pm / Grade 8-7pm

There is still time to register. Please call the office at (845)357-6044

SACRED HEART TEEN BAND

The Sacred Heart Teen Band is welcoming new members! 8th grade and H.S. level musicians of any experience level are invited to play in the Teen Band at the 5:30pm Sunday evening Mass. Please contact Joseph Chabot at JosephChabot@optonline.net with and questions.

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, September 15

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – 4:30pm in the school

Rel. Ed. – Grade 7 – 7:00pm in the school

Novena – 7:15pm

Tuesday, September 16

Rel. Ed. – Grades 3-5 – 4:30pm in the school

Rel. Ed. – Grade 8 – 7:00pm

Parish Council Meeting – 7:30pm in the rectory

Wednesday, September 17

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, September 18

Sacred Heart School – 7pm Back to School Night

Saturday, September 20

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

Religious Education – Grades 1 & 2

Hispanic Baptisms – 1pm in the Church

Sunday, September 21

Teen Group – after 5:30pm Mass in the cafeteria

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

September 7th Collection – \$14,990.

Last Year's Collection-\$14,588.

Propagation of the Faith Mission - \$3,605.

Last Year's Collection -\$5,622.

DOMINICAN SISTERS OF BLAUVELT

September 20th and 21st

The Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt will sell Raffle tickets after all the Masses on the weekend of September 20th & 21st. Please help support the sisters in this effort.

OUR LADY'S GUILD

WELCOME BACK MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2014

Our Lady's Guild of Sacred Heart would like to invite the ladies of the parish to our Monthly meetings held on the third Thursday of each month, in the school cafeteria.

The opening meeting this year will begin with Benediction in the Church at 7:00pm. We will then head to the cafeteria for our regular meeting and light refreshments.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

The pantry is in great need of a number of food products. If you are able to donate we ask for your assistance now. The following items are most needed: Peanut Butter, Tuna fish, Dried Milk, Cereal, Oatmeal. **Monetary donations welcomed. The pantry will reopen on Wednesday, September 17, 2014. Please help as you can.**

RESPECT LIFE BABY BOTTLES GOOD COUNSEL HOMES

Once again, we are supporting Good Counsel Homes. Good Counsel Baby Bottles are available in the back of the Church. Good Counsel operates four pro-life homes for mothers and babies, including a local residence in Spring Valley, and operates a national crisis pregnancy hotline (800-723-8331). We ask that you take home a baby bottle and over the next several weeks please fill it up with your spare change or cash. **Baby bottles will be collected October 5th.** Thank you for saying YES to life! For more information go to www.goodcounselhomes.org.

CATHOLIC WIDOW AND WIDOWER CLUB OF ROCKLAND COUNTY

The Catholic Widow and Widowers Club will be meeting on Sept. 21st, at 6:30pm at St. Augustine's Church (downstairs). Dessert and coffee will be served. For Information call Dotty at 845-623-1739. A Tricky Tray Auction will also be held.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE OF THE HUDSON VALLEY

Beginning Experience is a peer ministry to widowed, divorced, and separated men and women. They are offering a healing weekend from October 3rd -5th, 2014 at the St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon, NY. This invitation is open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through any means. It is a time to heal and a time to begin anew. Reservations are required. For info please call Tom (845)462-6192 or Nancy 518-785-1351 x 304.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

If you are thinking about becoming a Catholic, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is meant for you. The RCIA is the process by which the Church receives new members into our Catholic community. It consists of instruction sessions and liturgical celebrations meant to inform individuals of the teachings of the Catholic faith, to help them discern whether they wish to become Catholic and to prepare them to be received into the Church. **These classes are also open to adult parishioners who would like to be more informed about their faith or prepare for Confirmation.**

If you are interested in participating please call the Rectory (357-0035). The first session will start late in September. Sessions will be held once a week from 7:30 - 9:00pm in the Rectory. Those interested will be contacted with the exact starting date.

ST. ZITA'S VILLA FOR ADULT WOMEN 50 Saddle River Rd., Monsey NY.

If you, or a loved one, are a mature woman looking for a caring, Catholic residence with private rooms, 3 home-cooked meals, housekeeping services, a nurse on duty 24/7, and daily Mass in a private chapel – all on beautiful estate grounds, St. Zita's may be the home you need. For information or to schedule a tour, please call Sr. Maureen at (845) 356-2011. Or come to our Open House and Family Fun Day on Saturday, September 13, from 11am -4pm and experience, first hand, the spirit of St. Zitas. Rain date is Sunday, September 14.

2014 CARDINAL'S APPEAL

To date our parish has received at least **\$135,288.00** in pledges/gifts toward the 2014 Cardinal's Appeal, from **397 families**. The Appeal is a vital source of funding for the programs and ministries that sustain the parishes across our Archdiocese. **We have met our goal of \$131,500. but it is not too late to make a gift. (The parish receives 60% of anything over goal). Thank you for your tremendous support.**

DON BOSCO PREP Fall 2014 Open House

Don Bosco Prep will host two fall open house days on Tuesday, September 30 from 6:30-8:30pm and Sunday, November 2 from 1:00-3:00pm. Members of the school community will host formal and informal sessions for eighth grade students and their families highlighting many school aspects including: Academic Excellence, Admissions, Spiritual Vitality, Leadership Training and Athletic Distinction. Families may register online at www.donboscoprep.org under Admissions.

ANUNCIOS

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

Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 20 de septiembre 2014 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

For the Third Time
Jose Aguilar and Marbella Maldonado



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, Gloria Ammerata, Jenna Applebaum, Christine Arehart, Harris Brownstein, Lisa Eckert Brownstein, Craig Buckles, Marjorie Buckles, Yvon Buckles, Annette Burbridge, Mary Bush, Frank and Angelica Calfa, Mary Jo Christensen, Teresa Consolo, Tom Consolo, Lorraine Cortez, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Kathy DeMaria, Mary Discini, Joan Donahue, Nicholas Eckert, Peter Eckert, Jamie Erwin, Arlene Gentile, Debra Gravina, John Grasso, Sarah Hyman, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Margaret Jacques, Verna Jarkiewicz, Mary Ann Kelly, Jay Leone, Margaret Lencsak, Barbara Mazza, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Ken Meyer, John Meyer, Marie Meliota, Patricia Eckert Meunier, Chic Nappo, Jennifer O'Hara, Tina Osika, Tara Piccone, Adolf Radeljic, Etta Rooney, Al Rucci, Mary Russo, Nicholas Salzman, Erica Scully, Ruth Schwetz, Claudia Spalanzani, Terry Squitieri, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, Margaret Tesseymen, Carol Van Vandt, Kenneth Vanadio, Maria Velez, Michael Wilson, Vincent Whelan, Al Witt and Deacon Joseph Witt.**



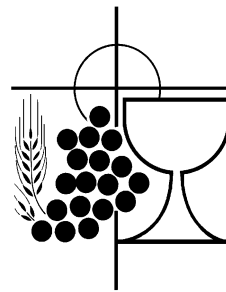
Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, friends, benefactors, relatives, priests and religious and especially **Robert Marchetti.**

ALTAR MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2014

Altar Breads In Memory of
PHILOMENA & JOSEPH COLLINS

Altar Candles In Memory of
MARGARET COSTELLO

Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of
BARBARA MCNALLY



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:00am – Mary Rose Prevot

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Frank, Anna, & Robert Colbath

7:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:00am – Margaret Braun

8:30am – All Parishioners

10:00am – June Iris DeStefano - Church

10:00am – Special Intentions of Veronique Hazell - School

11:30am – Melissa Ross

1:00pm – John & Doris Friedman

5:30pm – Special Intentions for Mark & Irene Lahr

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:00am – Ellen M. Gallagher

9:00am – Special Intentions Staff of Rockland Orthopedics

7:15pm – NOVENA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:00am – Frank Tinelli, Sr.

9:00am – Yvonne Osborn

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:00am – Dr. Leo Greco

9:00am – Helen & Paul Roth

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:00am – Margaret Costello

9:00am – Thomas Callahan

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00am – Marcelina O'Campo

9:00am – Steve Statham

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:00am – Philomena O'Neill

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Patricia Diamond

7:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

7:00am – Edward Bolton

8:30am – For All Parishioners

10:00am – Carole Paffenroth- Church

10:00am – Mary Kunz - School

11:30am – Pauly Joseph

1:00pm – Daniel Geelan

5:30pm – Joseph Santoro

SACRED HEART BOOSTER CLUB

Week 14 Winner –Mary Finneran