

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## APRIL 17, 2016

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### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

As you most probably have heard, Pope Francis has published a long anticipated letter *On Love in the Family*, called the *Joy of Love*. Ever since Pope Francis was elected in March 2013, he has been putting his own mark on explaining the faith. He certainly teaches what the Church has always taught but he has a way of phrasing things that makes people think twice, or wonder, or even worry at times. He has a very different teaching style from Pope Benedict and Pope (Saint) John Paul II. Actually, all of the popes have their own style, but perhaps Pope Francis' style is closer to the way most people speak which is most probably why he is so well liked.

His new letter is more like a book with 256 pages and 391 footnotes. I have read through it, but I have to go through it again to be sure I am grasping the whole message. In many passages, the Holy Father quotes Church doctrine and adds that pastors must accompany and assist people in discerning the way to act, especially those who are in difficult situations, such as divorce and remarriage outside of the Church. Most Pastors already try to do as much. We have to be present to all people.

I must say that if it takes a great deal of concentration and effort on my part, it will probably take most people similar time and effort to understand the Holy Father's intentions. (You can find the letter on the Vatican Website.) I have a doctorate in Canon Law and a licentiate in Moral Theology but the Holy Father is seeking to go beyond the basic teachings to offer mercy and help to those who seek to live their faith, and again, especially to those who struggle with the same.

I will probably offer an evening discussion of the letter in a few weeks so that anyone who wants to try to get to the root of the Holy Father's thinking can do so in a question and answer session. May the Lord help us all to better understand His will.

Sincerely in the Risen Christ,

*Monsignor Giandurco*

### A QUOTE FROM THE POPE'S LETTER THE JOY OF LOVE

(87) The Church is a family of families, constantly enriched by the lives of all those domestic churches. "In virtue of the sacrament of matrimony, every family becomes, in effect, a good for the Church. From this standpoint, reflecting on the interplay between the family and the Church will prove a precious gift for the Church in our time. The Church is good for the family, and the family is good for the Church. The safeguarding of the Lord's gift in the sacrament of matrimony is a concern not only of individual families but of the entire Christian community".

(88) The experience of love in families is a perennial source of strength for the life of the church. "The unitive end of marriage is a constant summons to make this love grow and deepen. Through their union in love, the couple experiences the beauty of fatherhood and motherhood, and shares plans, trials, expectations and concerns; they learn care for one another and mutual forgiveness. In this love, they celebrate their happy moments and support each other in the difficult passages of their life together...The beauty of this mutual, gratuitous gift, the joy which comes from a life that is born and the loving care of all family members – from toddlers to seniors – are just a few of the fruits which make the response to the vocation of the family unique and irreplaceable", both for the Church and for society as a whole.

#### SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

**3rd Sunday of Easter Collection - \$15,620.**  
**Last Year's Collection - \$13,271.**

**Archdiocese of the Military Service- \$4,708.**  
**(New Collection)**

**Easter Collection - \$55,184.**  
**Last Year's Collection - \$55,855.**  
**(Final total from last Easter)**

**Easter Flower Memorials - \$4,124.**  
**Last Year's Collection - \$3,802.**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROSITY!**

## YOUTH NIGHT

### CALLING ALL TEENS

7<sup>TH</sup> THRU 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADES

THURSDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>, 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

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Sunday, April 17 / Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Monday, April 18**

Religious Education CCD – Grade 6 – 4:30-6pm

Religious Education CCD – Grade 7 – 7 to 8:30pm

**Novena – 7:15pm Prayers**

**Tuesday, April 19**

Religious Education– Grades 3-5 – 4:30pm in the school

Religious Education – Grade 8 – 7:00pm in the school

**Wednesday, April 20**

Choir Practice – 7:30pm church

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8pm in the cafeteria

**Thursday, April 21**

Our Lady's Guild – 7:30pm in the cafeteria

**Saturday, April 23**

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

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

**Sunday, April 24 / Fifth Sunday of Easter**



## SACRED HEART PARISH 25<sup>TH</sup> AND 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> 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 \$93,335. in pledges/gifts toward the 2016 Cardinal's Appeal, from 279 families. This is more than two thirds 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

1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE - \$10,000.00

2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE - \$1,000.00

3<sup>RD</sup> 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 ANNUAL "BLESSING OF THE SOIL"

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd**

And introducing our "Putting Lives Together Brick by Brick" Initiative in Recognition of our 20th Anniversary

**Community Garden Of Love**

**78 Hudson Avenue, Haverstraw, NY**

Light lunch will be served.

Please RSVP by April 15th-845-942-5791

Parking is limited. Carpools are encouraged.

## 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.

## ALBERTUS MAGNUS HIGH SCHOOL

SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, April 19 2016

6:30 pm Tours / 7:15 pm Presentation

Register at:

[www.albertusmagnus.net/admissions/openhouse](http://www.albertusmagnus.net/admissions/openhouse)

## 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.



## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

For the First Time  
**Joseph Pellegrino and Michelle DeModina**



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, Carol Van Vandt, Kenneth Vanadio, and Millie Vazquez.



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, friends, benefactors, relatives, priests, religious and especially, **Susan Saladino, Anthony Pelio, Patrick Egan, Adelina Redondo, Richard Hanley, Dorothy Sepulveda, Edmund Passamonti and John Killacky.**

## ALTAR MEMORIALS

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 17, 2016

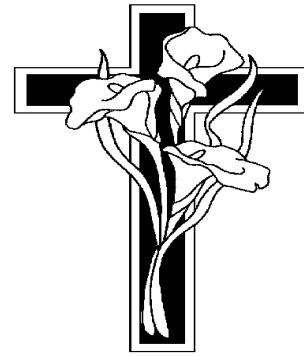


Altar Candles  
In Memory of

**MSGR. ROBERT FORD**

And Sanctuary Lamp  
In Memory of

**PHYLLIS VARACALLI**



## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

### SATURDAY, APRIL 16

9:00am – Ralph Jeffrey

### SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY

6:00pm – Katherine Gallagher

### SUNDAY, APRIL 17 / 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

7:00am –Aurore Francois

8:30am – Parish Memorial Society

10:00am – Barbara Bernardo Grochocinski

11:30am – Bill Sinclair

1:00pm –Jerry Byrnes

5:30pm –All Parishioners

### MONDAY, APRIL 18

7:00am –Hugh McParlend

9:00am – Theresa Demuro

7:15pm – **Novena**

### TUESDAY, APRIL 19

7:00am – Mary C. Morasco

9:00am – Marie & John Doyle

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

7:00am –Charles & Florence Marsalisi

9:00am – Paula & Stephen Gangone & Tony Chiulli

### THURSDAY, APRIL 21

7:00am – Special Intentions Ryan Petrao

9:00am – Margaret Cullen

### FRIDAY, APRIL 22

7:00am – Theresa Sheridan

9:00am – Michael Bugdin

### SATURDAY, APRIL 23

9:00am – Molly Roberts

### SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY

6:00pm – Albert Barbarino

### SUNDAY, APRIL 24/ 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

7:00am –Luca Santabarbara

8:30am – Parish Memorial Society

10:00am – Anniversary John & Aline Hendrickson

11:30am –Edward & Marie Magruder

1:00pm –Andrew Haggerty

5:30pm –All Parishioners

**BOOSTER CLUB WINNER**

**WEEK 8- Antoinette La Bruna**