

**MASS INTENTIONS  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Sunday, April 30**

7:30pm (Sat. Eve. Vigil) Nicholas Arthur Columbo  
8:00 Anita Arnold  
10:00 Martin Pascale  
12:00 Edward Capone

**Monday, May 1**

9:00 People of Holy Spirit Parish

**Tuesday, May 2 – St. Athanasius**

9:00 William Dawson

**Wednesday, May 3 – Saints Philip and James**

9:00 Michael Cook

**Thursday, May 4**

9:00 Angela & John DiPierro

**Friday, May 5**

9:00 Marie Montana

**Saturday, May 6**

9:00 Antonino Agosta

**Sunday, May 7**

5:00pm (Sat. Eve. Vigil) Fred Guida  
8:00 Cathy Benke  
10:00 Charles & Masina Romeo  
12:00 Edward Capone

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**The Sacramental Bread and Wine for the Week of  
April 30<sup>th</sup> was donated in memory of:  
Mandie Wallinger**



**READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY**

First Reading	Acts/Apostles 2:14-33
Second Reading	1 Peter 1:17-21
Gospel	Luke 24:13-35

**RESPONSE**

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

For our 2<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Education Students

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

Acts of the Apostles 2:14a-41  
1 Peter 2:20b-25  
John 10:1-10

**CELEBRANT SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

**Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm Fr. Francis

**Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am Fr. DeBellis

10:00am Fr. Vernon

12:00 noon Fr. Vernon

**Thank you for your generosity**

**Sunday Offering**

\$11,179

Next weekend, May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, we will take up a collection for our Buildings and Grounds Maintenance. Thank you for your continued generosity.



At our baptismal font, new life through water and the Holy Spirit came to:



**Jack Stephen Goggin  
Declan William Hoop  
Mason Devin Ruiz**

The people of Holy Spirit Parish welcome the newly baptized into our Christian community. Congratulations!



The sick are comforted just knowing that we pray for them. Please remember these members of our Parish Family, who are ill, in your prayers: **Robert Moe, Robert Sorrentino and Edward Hammond.**

Please also remember the deceased members of our Parish Family in your prayers: **John Croke.**



First Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> we will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church following 9:00am Mass followed by Benediction at 11:00am. All are welcome to spend time in prayer in the presence of the Our Lord.

## From the Desk of Fr. John

A group of our fellow parishioners have kept in our purview over recent months the plight of the **Syrian Refugees**. Despite the enormity of the struggles facing these refugees, the Dominican Sisters of Iraq have been able to continue the work of religious education and preparing the children for their Sacraments.

I thank all of you who continue to support the efforts of the Dominican Sisters through your prayers and donations.

I know that many blessings will come our way because of the work of our volunteers and your generosity.



I would encourage everyone to make their reservations for our **Entertainment Night**. It will be held this week, on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Muriel Morabito Community Center. Those who attended last year know that it was a great night, with a host of activities, good food and mostly a night of fun with fellow parishioners. Join us. I thank Mrs. Linda Puglisi, our Town Supervisor for generously giving us the space at no cost.

I want to thank all who have been “quietly” donating monthly to our **Church Debt**. Since September, we have raised \$21,940, which represents an enormous help to meeting our quarterly payments. Each quarter we are required to meet a \$40,000 obligation to the debt. While we have been able to successfully meet this obligation, your donations have allowed us to do it more easily. I continue to work with the Archdiocese, the Finance Council and local banks to possibly reorganize our loan for a lower interest rate, reduced payments and to make your generous dollars go further. I’ll be back to you as details develop.

Thanks to all who have made their pledge to the **Annual Cardinal’s Appeal**. To date we have raised \$34,200. We are getting closer to beating last year’s total, which we have done every year for the last 4 years.



If you have been meaning to make a gift to the Annual Appeal for the Archdiocese, please make your pledge soon. As always, thank you for your generosity.

I will celebrate an **Outdoor Mass at the Grotto** on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. I invite everyone to be with us as we remember our veterans and our fellow parishioners who have gone before us. As you know, the Grotto was fully restored a couple of years ago and has increasingly become a place where people stop to light a candle and offer a prayer to Our Lady.



### Celebrating our Feast Day- Pentecost Sunday

**Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5:00pm until 8:30pm with a Holy Hour beginning at 7:30pm with music, Recitation of the Rosary and a talk on the Holy Spirit.

**Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** - The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred by Bishop Gerald Walsh to 89 students of the Religious Education Program. Masses are at 10am and 1pm in the Church.

**Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** - The 12 Noon Mass will be concelebrated by the priests and deacons, followed by a family style barbecue on our ground prepared by the Knights of Columbus.

**The Liturgy Committee** which meets this week, on Monday May 1<sup>st</sup>, will be helping me to plan the weekend. I look forward to a spirit filled weekend.

God Bless... **Fr. John**

Holy Spirit Church presents  
**Cinco de Mayo**  
**Entertainment Night**

**“A Night of Fun and Games”**

**Friday, May 5, 2017**

**7:00pm – 11:00pm**

**\$30 per person**

*(All reservations must be made in advance)*

**\*\*Anyone who wears something associated with Cinco de Mayo will receive one free raffle ticket\*\***

**MURIEL H. MORABITO COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**29 West Brook Drive, Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567**

**Catering by Reuben’s Mexican Restaurant**  
**A selection of Mexican food**

**6 foot American and Vegetarian wedges**  
**Macaroni and Potato salad**

**Soda, coffee, tea and dessert**

**Music and Dancing**

**By Stax of Soul USA**  
**playing the sound of 50’s – 70’s, Motown**

**Gaming Tables**

**Including money wheels, blackjack, roulette**

**Raffles, 50/50 and door prizes**

Please return your paid reservation to the Parish office no later than Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>  
You may also submit your reservation to a committee member after each mass starting April 22<sup>nd</sup>

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed is full payment for** \_\_\_\_\_ **x \$30.00**  
**(#of Attendees)**

**TOTAL AMOUNT SUBMITTED \$** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Please make checks payable to the Church of the Holy Spirit**



As a spiritual gift, remember your mother during our Mother's Day Masses. Mother's Day cards with intention envelopes will be available starting this weekend. Please fill out the Spiritual Bouquet Envelope and return it with your stipend (offering) enclosed. You may place it in the collection basket or drop it at the Parish Office. All Mother's Day Masses will be offered for these intentions.



**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

Couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> **Wedding Anniversary** anytime during 2017 are invited to renew their vows and receive the Cardinal's award on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at the 10am Mass here at Holy Spirit Church. Please call the Parish Office to let us know if you will be participating in the celebration. Thank you and congratulations!

**ALSO**

**50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Mass At St. Patrick's Cathedral**

Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish office for registration. The closing date to register for the Mass is Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This event is sponsored by the Family Life & Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

**SENIORS GROUP**

A new Seniors Group is forming with a "Meet and Greet" on Friday morning May, 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Parish Activity Center. All seniors are invited to join us. More information and a flyer will be in next week's bulletin.



**Annual Ladies Brunch**

Ladies, save the date, Saturday, May 20, for the Annual Ladies Brunch. Come enjoy each other's company, some good food and a heart-touching talk by Sr. Danielle Baran. Reservation forms will be in next weekend's bulletins.



**Vacation Bible School**

At Maker Fun Factory kids discover they were created by God and built for a purpose. The week will be an incredible adventure that will help kids deepen their faith through Bible-learning experiences where they will meet new friends, participate in creative games, eat lip-smacking snacks, go on surprising adventures and so much more. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life, something we call God Sightings. The fun starts August 28 through September 1. Sign your kids up for the best week of the summer! Call the Religious Education Office for more information.

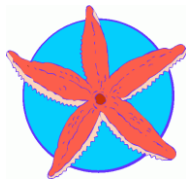


Is your child entering first grade in September? Did you know that Religious Education starts in first grade and continues through eighth grade with the student attending every year? Please call Elizabeth Kogler in the Religious Ed Office at 734-9243 to find out about registering your child for September 2017. Registration will also be open to families with older students who have not recently or ever attended Religious Education. Registration forms for families currently enrolled in the Program will be mailed the first week of May.

## Theology on Tap is back!!

Coming Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm  
Taormina Restaurant  
59 Hudson Avenue, Peekskill

Catholic in Real Life is bringing Theology on Tap back to our area! The featured speaker will be our very own Fr. John DeBellis! A question and answer session will follow the talk. **Open to all adults.** Location details will follow. RSVP to [CatholicinRealLife@gmail.com](mailto:CatholicinRealLife@gmail.com) or [Meetup.com/Catholic-in-Real-Life](https://www.meetup.com/Catholic-in-Real-Life)



### Star of the Sea Summer Family Retreat

Come to a fun filled week for all ages, newborn to adults, where your family can experience joy and community as you explore your faith together.

Where: Miramar Retreat Center, Duxbury, MA

Date: July 2 – 7, 2017

Contact: Deacon John and Peggy Scarfi at (845)621-7000 or view our website to register.

Paypal is available.

Website: [www.catholicfamilyretreats.com](http://www.catholicfamilyretreats.com)



the **CARDINAL'S**  
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL  
*Sharing God's Gifts*

### Prayerfully Consider Your Sacrifice

The *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* serves many diverse communities across our 10 counties. As Disciples of Christ, we are called to share our gifts with our brothers and sisters. Even small sacrifices can make a big impact. Please answer the call and make your commitment today.

**MAKE AN ONLINE GIFT TODAY!**

[www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org)

### ATTENTION WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

**S**t. Patrick's (Yorktown) Widow & Widowers' support club will meet Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm. For information call 845-628-4279.



Candles to be placed by our Blessed Mother in the outdoor grotto may be picked up at the office. The offering is \$5.00 each.

### Healthy habits for Christian hearts



Human beings are creatures of habits – we love our comfortable routines. Healthy diet and exercise practices make our bodies strong. The same is true of good spiritual habits - they can strengthen our relationship with God. The key to living a happy life is to develop healthy habits of the heart.

**Humility** - Humility is closely tied to gratitude and is the appropriate response to contemplating the greatness of God. Regularly meditating on God's immense acts – creating the universe out of nothing, sacrificing himself to save us – is a sure way to appreciate his love and generosity to us individually.

**Prayer** - Through prayer, we connect directly to God and gain distance from worldly preoccupations that can weigh us down. Develop a prayer routine that helps you “pray constantly.” For example, start with a morning offering, recite the Angelus at noon, pray a daily Rosary, perform a brief examination of conscience at night, and sit in silent prayer for at least 15 minutes daily.

**Trust** - No one likes to be uncomfortable but we get into trouble when we go out of our way to avoid discomfort. In so doing, we put ourselves before God and others. There is no avoiding suffering but trusting that God is with us and will carry our burdens if we ask makes the suffering easier to bear. – Growing in Faith