



Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral

Sunday Mass 8:00a & 11:00a

Visitors warmly welcomed!

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Views from the Pews January 2018

Lent will be here in about a month (it's the same day as Valentine's day) and Easter won't be far behind. What about spring? With the deep freeze, we'll be more than ready for tulips and daffodils. Can't come soon enough!

Welcome to our new church members Derrick and Kristina Geschwender, Matthew Maciejewski, Kristen Goeller, Julie Ruzsala, Frankie and Janine

Orlando and their son Luca. Kindly send a picture to Anne in the church office so we can link a name to a face in our next newsletter. An informal selfie is fine!



We are truly blessed to have all these wonderful people as members of our congregation.

Honoring Our Church Members

Did you know we have some celebrity church members? The Russo family has two besides being the ultimate church-involved family. David Russo, a senior at Depew HS, came in 34th out of 130 runners at the NYSPHSAA Championship Cross Country Meet during a cruel weather of below freezing temperature, snow, and mud. Most of us would have trouble just walking in this mixture! He also had a top-10 finish at the ECIC Championships this past December. David's coach had the following words to say, "He (Dave) did not lead his team with roaring speeches; he led his team through his consistent work ethic, honesty and positive attitude. . . . I came to grasp that Dave is a model son, brother, community member, church member, scholar student, and school athlete. Dave is a true champion." Wow, can we clone him?

Brothers David and Matthew are both active in SOCL, YMS of R, and altar servers. Together, they are very involved in both church and extra-curricular activities too numerous to mention. Papa Frank is no slouch either. Frank serves as Board Chairperson, usher, chaired the Mission & Evangelism committee, heads the adult bible study, and is involved in a variety of church activities, especially those involving youth. But Mama Kelly Russo, also heavily involved in SOCL, Women's Guild and other church activities, was recently honored in the 2017 Wall of Fame in the Depew school district. One of the purposes of the Wall of Fame is to inspire future graduates to perform and serve in the same spirit. The Russo family is truly an inspiration to all as spiritual leaders, community leaders, and parents with exceptionally fine children who represent the future of our church. Each of them serves as wonderful role models. Please see the last page for pictures of David and Kelly.

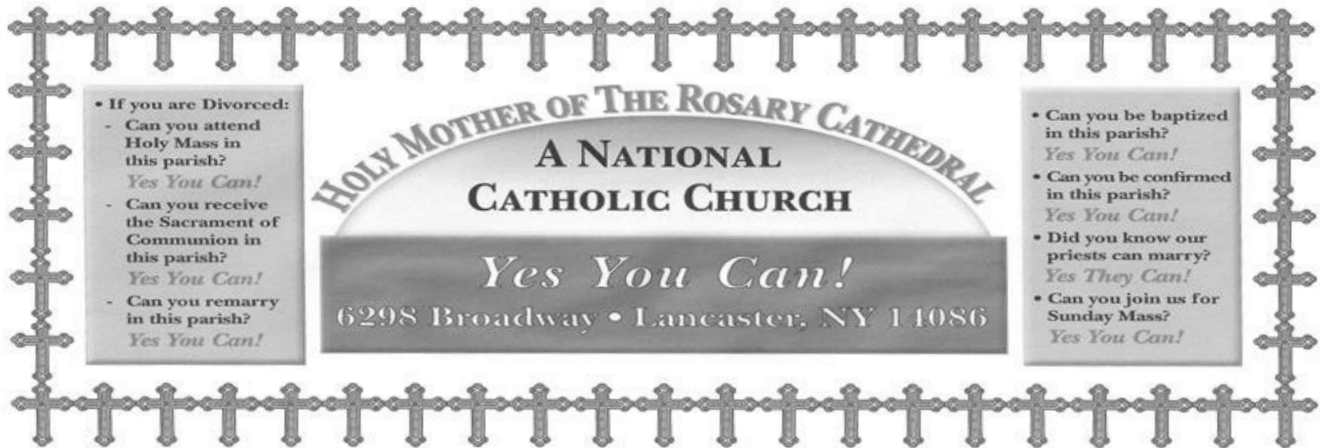
Around the Board Room

Church Board Elections

The Annual Congregational meeting is coming up on February 25th and that means new board members. Consider being an active board member to help chart the future of our church. Also needed are the Board Chairperson and Secretary. You can talk-talk-talk but being on the board allows you to walk the walk.

Branding our church – YES YOU CAN!

You may have seen the signs around the church for the **Yes You Can** campaign. There are many single, divorced, married men and women out there who need a church home but perhaps don't know they need one! Remember to carry a few church business cards with you. You never know when you might find someone to give it to. Part of our mission is to reach out to others and encourage them to attend church. With everyone's help and with God's help, **Yes WE Can!!**



Church Office and Social Media

Have you seen our new church web site? How about logging into Facebook? These are just 2 of the ways you can help our church and not even realize you're doing it. Every time you log into the church web site, it's "counted" and the more "counts" we have, the higher in the listing when googled. You know how sometimes you get 1,465 hits and there's always one at the top? Well help bring HMRC to the top of the list by just going to our web site at holymotheroftherosary.org and take a look around. Suggestions? Contact Anne in the church office. The web site is a work in progress and has to be updated often. So see what's new each week.



Anyone like to Facebook? Like us on Facebook and see how many likes we can get regarding pictures and other events. Anne Marie has been doing a super job in updating the web site and Facebook. But, we need your help here. Have a picture to share? We're told by our web designers that informal pictures of people doing "stuff" is the best advertising for our church. So pull out your phone at any event or gathering and snap a few pictures. Forward them to the church office at admin@holymotheroftherosary.org. Selfies of an event are most welcome! We do not post names unless asked to do so. We need pictures of the ushers, altar servers, YSM of R, and the prayer shawl ministry to name a few. The more pictures we have, the more we will be able to change them on social media. But please ask permission from those in the picture if OK to post.



Other Events

Bowling has started! Not much to do on a Sunday night but don't bowl? Your help is needed for the 50-50 split or making a beer/drink run to the bar. And most importantly, cheer on your favorite teams! Who knows, maybe you'll take up bowling and join the team next year.



Yell TOWEL instead of BINGO!

Towel Bingo heading your way on April 29th. Sponsored by the YSM of R. Towels and auction items needed. A very fun way to spend a Sunday afternoon. Play some bingo, buy tickets for the Chinese auction or the raffle, and have lunch. Coffee and cake included with your admission ticket. Lots of chances to win.

The Spring Dance is coming featuring Crash Cadillac. Dust off those dancing shoes and mark your calendar for May 19th. Bring a friend or two or three and enjoy the evening! Can't dance? Just move your feet – what great exercise and great fun to boot. You deserve a good time so, it's time to have some fun.



SOCL

Youth – There's a class for everyone! Get your child involved in church activities at an early age. We have wonderful, caring teachers who make religious education well, educational, but also fun!



Our adult bible study continues every Sunday from 9:30-10:30. Guaranteed not to be boring but thought provoking. And who knew bible study could be fun! We're currently reading the book of Romans. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.

Did you know?

The Lamb of God that we say during the Mass comes from the theological concept of Lamb of God or Agnus Dei. It's referenced by John the Baptist in John 1:29 to Jesus, "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin or the world." Although we sing it, it's also a stand-alone song. Here is the Latin translation:

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.



There's something mystical about hearing it sung in Latin. Hear it at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8d4Lq97eAc>

13th century carved Agnus Dei in ivory in the Louvre.

Is God still your travel buddy!

We've probably all said a prayer when we're driving in a snowstorm or on slippery roads. Remember to talk with (not at) God as you drive to work or your Dr.'s appointment or do your errands. God is always in the driver's seat of our lives or sometimes rides "shotgun" with us but He always is nearby. I'm sure we sometimes wonder about that. So that's the perfect time to have a chat with God and renew your faith in Him. With God all things are possible. And, only God can do the impossible. We certainly can't do it alone.



Your Church Face

In my last newsletter, I wrote about your “church face” vs your “every day face.” If you haven’t noticed, drivers are not getting any smarter. So when someone cuts in front of you, doesn’t have their lights on and it’s snowing heavily and slippery out, or tailgates you, pray for those who really get your anger going – they definitely need your prayer. Like Jesus said, “Lord forgive them for they know not what they’re doing.” So instead of cussing them out, try a little prayer like, “Lord, help this person to drive better so he/she doesn’t hurt anyone including themselves, and me. They really don’t know what they’re doing Lord. Thank you for listening to my prayer. Amen”

Health News Tidbits

- Seniors who use computers are less likely to experience depression.
- Don’t ignore chest pain! Women can and usually have different symptoms when having a heart attack than men. Some symptoms are very vague: unusual fatigue and weakness, pain in the neck, jaw, back and shoulder (not so much in the chest like men), nausea, vomiting, indigestion, and shortness of breath. Immediate treatment is to take 1 aspirin (can’t be ibuprofen but any brand of aspirin will do) and head to the nearest Emergency Room (don’t drive yourself) or call 911 depending on the severity of your symptoms.
- An outside temperature of 0° F and a wind speed of 15 mph = wind chill temperature of -19° F. Under these conditions, exposed skin (besides toes and fingers, think your face especially the tip of your nose and ear lobes) can freeze in 30 min. You start to lose feeling and the areas turn pale or white. Treatment: rewarm the area SLOWLY. Dress for the cold weather but wear a hat (remember kerchiefs or babushkas – still available online) and cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your nose and lungs. Mittens are better than gloves in keeping your fingers warm. Where to find mittens for adults? Kids size?

Church Scavenger Hunt

The objects below are located somewhere in the cathedral. Your mission, or your children’s, is to find it. Too often, we take for granted our beautiful altars and stained glass. Appreciate the beauty of our church.



Whose foot does this belong to?

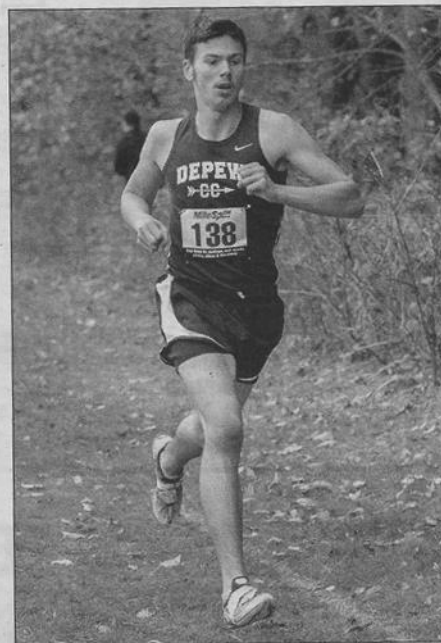
Where is he/she going?

Why isn’t he/she wearing shoes instead of sandals?

Who is this person?

What is he carrying?

Dave Russo



Depew senior David Russo legs out a top-10 finish at ECIC Championships at Alden High School Saturday. Russo was the top finisher among Division IV runners. He will be looking to qualify for the New York State Championship Meet when he runs at Sectional Championships at Bemus Point Saturday.

Photo by Jake French

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Kelly Russo on far right



The class of 2017 was honored with a dinner and ceremony.

Share your photos on Facebook or send to Anne care of the church office so they can be put on the web site.

