



COMING HOME IN SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, AND BEYOND

On Sunday 13 September 2015, the 11:30 A.M. Mass was offered in thanksgiving for the businesses that support Our Holy Redeemer by advertising in our parish bulletin (please turn to the back page and call one of those advertisers to say “thank you”) and/or contributing to our parish’s only official fundraiser: the Raffle/Raffle/Raffle. The rest of the day (as you can see in this bulletin with help from Dianne, and on our Facebook Page with help from Gary) belonged to the parishioners of Our Holy Redeemer; many of whom joined me, Father Jose, and Father Alessandro on Pine Street and the “South Lawn” made ready (thank you Joann, Bruce, Bill, Sheila) for hot dogs and hamburgers (thank you Knights of Columbus), music and singing (thank you Haig and Martin, Choir-members, Gloria and Maria), cakes and muffins (thank you Glendale Bakery, Jackie), and an abundance of Faith-based fun in celebration of our *VI Parishioner Appreciation Day!*



Parishioner Appreciation Day at Our Holy Redeemer, occurring as it does annually on the Sunday after *Labour Day*, is our unofficial end to summer and beginning of the school year. That is why September *First Sunday Works of Mercy* (your monthly opportunity to provide for others) is more often “back to school” supplies. And while many stores are no longer offering discounts on those supplies, you will be happy to know that our friends at the **Advent Shop in Rockville Centre** is continuing to provide a 10% discount on purchases made by Our Holy Redeemer parishioners through the rest of September! (Just remember to bring a bulletin.)

Beyond September and the Pope’s end-of-the-month Apostolic Journey to Cuba and the United States, parishioners and friends of Our Holy Redeemer can look forward to **Family Film Night** on 9 October, our outdoor **Rosary & Candlelight Procession** that is scheduled to take place on 16 October, and our monthly **Holy Hour** for Marriage, the Protection of Human Life, & Restoration of Religious Freedom on 25 October. Please plan on joining us and know that not too long thereafter, before we get to **Christmas** (25 December) and soon after **Thanksgiving Day** (26 November), the **Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy**/a Year of Favour from the Lord will begin on 8 December. It is the wish of the Holy Father (as he himself wrote in a letter to Archbishop Rino Fisichella, the President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization) “that the Jubilee be a living experience of the closeness of the Father ... so that the faith of every believer may be strengthened.” Next Sunday’s *Message from the Pastor* will offer readers a plan of implementation that will “be linked” (in accordance with the Holy Father’s wishes) “first and foremost, to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist with a reflection on mercy.” Stay tuned.

