

My Brothers, My Sisters,

During the Christmas season, our bulletin contained letters of thanks from our military personnel in Iraq for being remembered at home by our children in the Parish School and the Parish School of Religion with various “goodies”. It was an extremely successful enterprise as those “thank you” letters testified. Chuck Vollmoeller, a PSR catechist, organized that thoughtful gesture and to him goes the gratitude of the parish.

Men’s Cornerstone 2005, which is the weekend of February 25-26, is appealing to the men of the parish to make the weekend. Basically, Cornerstone is an unusual type of parish retreat. It is parish-based only to be more convenient for the men of the parish. More than 700 men have made it and they have given the experience excellent marks. It is because it has been so well received that I encourage the men of the parish to register. The spiritual dimension of the 26 hours is very real and genuinely appreciated. With that experience, there is included a social dimension and camaraderie that also is especially appreciated. Do you want to enjoy the company of those with whom you worship? Then make Cornerstone! Do you want to recognize better the men of the parish? Try Cornerstone! Do you want to be more a part of the parish? Come to Cornerstone! Judging by what the men who have made it have said, “It was a gamble because I did not know what to expect. But it was the best gamble of my life. I made it. I am glad I made it because I see things differently. I’m better off. My family is better off. My marriage is better off!” I ask the wives to encourage their husbands to make Cornerstone.

This Monday, January 24th, a handful of us will be going to Washington to demonstrate in a peaceful, prayerful march in proclaiming the right to life of the unborn. It is really taking the teaching of the Church to the city streets of Washington. I go every year because the rally by the Washington monument is so inspiring! When I see babies at Mass or I baptize them, I am renewed in joining the Church in defending their right to life. Not everyone can come to Washington. It is with that in mind that we propose a *voluntary* day of fast and abstinence (one full meal and two small meals, no meat, no eating between meals). The purpose is that those who do *not* accept that right of the unborn will experience a change of heart. In the evening, there will be, at Immaculate Conception, a holy hour (the hour before our 7:30 PM Mass) for the very same reason. Lastly, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar after the 12 noon Mass. Perhaps you will have time to spend in prayer before Jesus Christ for a national change.

This coming Wednesday, January 26, there is an Open Meeting of the Eastchester Planning Board at Town Hall to consider the new construction at Holy Mount Cemetery. We hope many of our parishioners will attend to support this project.

With the departure of Father Walsh, we must adjust our parish Mass schedules. We are presently discussing the elimination of a Sunday Mass at Assumption and a weekday Mass at Immaculate Conception. I am seeking the advice of the respective Parish Councils. We are one priest less. Father Walsh will *not* be replaced. The intent is to serve. A priest is not permitted to celebrate three Masses on a Sunday unless there is a very serious reason. Funerals and weddings are justifiable reasons.

On the First Sunday of Lent, there will be in the Lower Church two showings of Mel Gibson’s *The Passion of the Christ*. It is the parish effort to make Lent 2005 a deeply spiritual experience. The movie is R-rated because of the graphic violence. The parents will decide whether their children will come. The first showing is at 2:30 PM and the second showing will follow the 5:30 PM Sunday Mass. Following the second showing, there will be the opportunity for discussion for those who wish to remain. In the spirit of the movie, there will be no refreshments available. We ask those who attend to come with that spirit. The admission is *free*. Following the second showing, Reconciliation will be available.

The Blood Drive takes place following the morning Masses on Sunday, February 6th. There are not many opportunities to save someone’s life. What a beautiful gift that you can offer someone in vital need.

We will soon be concluding the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. At the Last Supper, Jesus prayed for “one flock and one shepherd.” With 40,000 Christian denominations throughout the world, we are very far from the fulfillment of Jesus’ prayer. Working toward Christian unity is *our mutual* responsibility. Through prayer and reflection we will know the steps to be taken to connect Jesus with the reality of One Church, One Faith, and One Shepherd.

Lord, bless our families. Teach family members their responsibilities towards family joy, family peace, and family compassion.

Much love!

One with you in the Holy Spirit,

James Frank



Mark Your Calendars

March for Life - Washington DC - Monday, January 24
Italian Mass - Assumption (8:30AM) - Sunday, February 6
Ash Wednesday - February 9
Spanish Mass - Assumption (Noon) - Sunday, February 20
President's Day - Monday, February 21
Passion (Palm) Sunday - March 20
Easter Sunday - March 27
Ascension of the Lord - Thursday, May 5
Pentecost Sunday - May 15
Corpus Christi Sunday - May 29

FATHER PATRICK WALSH

COMMEMORATIVE SCHOLARSHIP

In recognition of Father Walsh's time with the parish, we have started the Father Patrick Walsh Commemorative Scholarship Fund. Envelopes are available in each church.



Proceeds from the campaign will help defray the cost of tuition for students whose families are experiencing financial difficulties.

Inquiring into the Catholic Church is only a phone call away - Tom and Kathy McAteer (961-8952) are hoping to hear from any one who is thinking about becoming a Catholic. Why? Kathy and Tom host Inquiry Sessions in their home on Tuesdays. Why not call them today? Or, call Sr. Rose Vermette 961-3643. "No strings attached"!

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS



By Glenn CJ Byer, MA SLD - It has not been all that long since Christmas, and so it might seem odd to hear that famous reading about people in darkness seeing the light again. But what is happening in the readings this weekend is that the birth of Christ

is being linked to his ministry, to the call of the disciples and ultimately to his sacrifice on the cross. The kingdom is being proclaimed there, just as Isaiah foretold, and it is from the people of the Galilee that Jesus finds his closest followers. Once again God surprises us, for Christ's choices are not society's choices. When he comes to Jerusalem, and especially during the passion, Peter's home in the Galilee will be his undoing in the high priest's courtyard.

Saint Paul, for his part, calls on everyone to forget the little stuff and focus only on the central truth, that all who are baptized belong to Jesus alone. This simple message can often be a hard one to learn, even in our parish life, where we might be tempted to try and claim some special allegiance because of what group we belong to or what ministry we perform. In the end, we are all Christ's and Christ is God's.

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Readings for Next Sunday, January 30 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13, 70A; Ps. 146; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; and Matthew 5:1-12a.



Wedding Banns

" Jason Galbraith & Loredana Moniaci

BLOOD DRIVE - FEBRUARY 6

Hudson Valley Blood Services will be at Immaculate Conception on February 6th in the Lower Church from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM. There is a blood shortage and all types of blood are low.



Anyone between the ages of 17 and 75 in good health may donate. Please bring a picture ID and your Blood Donor card with your blood type. If you do not have a card, one will be sent to you.

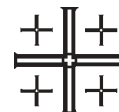


THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Adults and teenagers who are baptized and who have received First Communion may have missed Confirmation for one reason or another.

Special classes will begin in March. It is not too soon to plan! Please call Sr. Rose Vermette 961-3643 ASAP for further information

Attention All Cornerstone Sisters - Men's Cornerstone Weekend is February 25 and 26. Have you invited the men in your life???



Immaculate Conception School will host an Open House *for new applicants only* on Tuesday, February 1st from 9 AM to 11 AM for Pre-Kindergarten to 7th grade.

Registration for Pre-Kindergarten to 7th grade is ongoing. Please call the school office at 961-3785 for registration requirements.

ICS Basketball - upcoming home games, at Trinity Greek Orthodox Church's Gym on North Avenue or the Chapel School's Gym, include the following:



Saturday, January 22

5:30 PM St. John Mahopac Trinity 8th grade Boys

Saturday, January 29

1:15 PM Transfiguration Chapel 7th grade Boys
 4:30 PM Holy Name - Croton Trinity 6th grade Boys
 5:30 PM Sacred Heart Yonkers Trinity 8th grade Girls
 6:45 PM Our Lady of Mercy Trinity 7th grade Girls

Parish School of Religion

Second Reminder - In order to ease the burden that is associated with outfitting a child for their First Communion, we ask if there are any parents in our parish who would like to donate "slightly used but in good condition" First Holy Communion outfits. Although white dresses are appreciated, we are also looking for suits or jackets for our young fellows. Please call the PSR office if you can help or drop off any outfits to the rectory. Thank you.

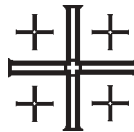
FASHIONABLE VERSUS COUNTER-CULTURAL?

It seems to be fashionable to arrive at a party after it has begun, and a number of "fashionable" people can be seen in the church parking lot arriving 5-10, even 15 minutes after Mass has begun. But, Mass is not a party! The invitation and challenge for all of us is to be "counter-cultural", that is, to arrive *in time* for Mass, meaning, before it has begun. Why? The Eucharist is the high point of our week, an opportunity to devote one hour out of 168 hours a week God has given us.



Centering Prayer - The parish Centering Prayer group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 PM in the lower rectory. All are invited who have any experience with Christian meditation. Newcomers are welcome to come at 7:00 PM for a brief orientation. You may call Sr. Rose Vermette for further information.

Men's Cornerstone Weekend is approaching: February 25th through February 26th, 2005. If you are interested in participating in this unique fraternal experience, please call Tony Longo: 337-0214, Mark Nello: 961-7366, or David Gutierrez: 664-7604 for details.



Evangelization - Many non-practicing Catholics feel an intense longing for the Eucharist. Sometimes it can happen at a wedding, a funeral, a baptism, a First Communion, or a Confirmation. Are you ready and willing to evangelize such a person?



Volunteer Drivers Needed - The Sisters of St. Francis are in need of volunteers to drive the Sisters to medical appointments in southern Westchester, usually late morning or afternoon. Please contact the Health Care Coordinator: Mary Ann McDevitt, RN at 478-8419.



TAX SUBSTANTIATION LETTERS



We often receive requests for tax substantiation letters. These letters summarize donations for the tax year. Some people use these letters to prepare their tax returns. Many include the letter with the tax return when it is mailed to the IRS. Some will only request the letter in the event of an audit.

If you are a registered parishioner (if you received the Christmas mailing, you are registered), we can provide you with a tax substantiation letter if you are using the envelope system. If you are not a registered parishioner but regularly attend Immaculate Conception or Assumption Churches, why not call the rectory and register with us?

Anyone who would like a tax substantiation letter should call the rectory. It would be helpful if you have your envelope with you when you call. Your letter will be available at the rectory the following weekend or can be mailed to you.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA FEBRUARY 1 DEADLINE

High School seniors who are registered at Immaculate Conception or Assumption parishes who apply to The Catholic University of America are eligible for a scholarship in the amount of \$3,000 per year. The deadline for submission is February 1 for Regular Decision applicants. Transfer students must submit the scholarship application with their undergraduate application



For information about The Catholic University of America and the more than 50 undergraduate programs it offers, visit the university's web site: <http://www.cua.edu/>

If you would like to be nominated for this scholarship, please make an appointment with Monsignor Oliverio.



On every fourth Tuesday of each month, the **Padre Pio Prayer Group** will gather for Mass at the Church of the Assumption at 7:30pm. The next Mass will be on Tuesday, January 25th. Praying of the Rosary begins at 7:00 PM.

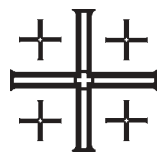
WELCOME! Catholics often find the word "Evangelization" scary, but the word actually could be interpreted as, "To extend a welcome". To what? To "Good News" in fact, the best news you ever heard: that Jesus loves us. Why not extend a welcome to this treasure you already have!



The **Assumption Altar Rosary Society** will meet on Monday, January 24 at 7 PM in Fr. Fata Hall. Please make every effort to attend.



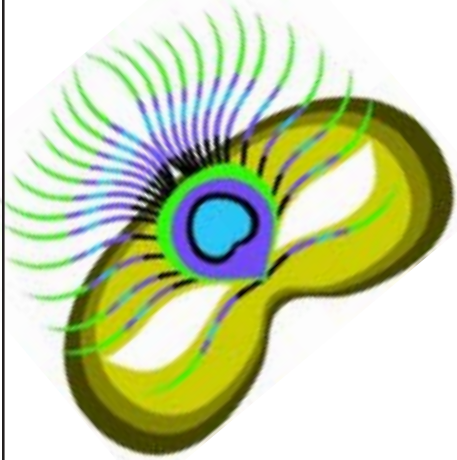
Women's Cornerstone Alumnae - All women who have ever experienced Cornerstone are invited to a Day of Reflection, Saturday, February 12th, 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM. Give yourself the gift of reflecting, sharing, and laughing with your sisters and a guest speaker. See further details and registration information on flyers at the door of the Church. Further information: contact Sr. Rose Vermette, 961-3643, Ronnie Mellon, 771-7910, or Carol Diane Trester 961-1626.



Restaurant Vouchers to benefit ICS

Immaculate Conception School is selling vouchers for Joe's Quarry Inn on Marbledale Road as a fund-raiser for the school. The vouchers cost \$20 and a portion of the proceeds will be used for the school's Technology Program. Restaurant vouchers make great gifts for family and friends!

Is God Calling You? - Jesus proclaimed this theme: *Reform your lives*. Are you bold enough to reform your life and proclaim the Good News - perhaps as a priest, sister or brother? If so, call Fr. Ed Cipot at 968-1340.



MARDI GRAS SPAGHETTI DINNER

HOSTED BY THE

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

Tuesday, February 8, 2005

6:30pm - 10:30pm

Fr. Fata Hall

\$20 per person

Reservations required

Please call

Toni Tiso

779-9021

Make checks payable to:

Altar Rosary Society

Sorry - no tickets will be sold at the door

RESERVATION FOR

MARDI GRAS SPAGHETTI SUPPER

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

53 WINTER HILL ROAD

TUCKAHOE, NY 10707

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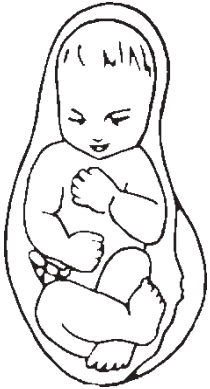
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32nd Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.



The theme of this year's March is that it is the duty of *each American* to uphold Life Principles for the Common Good of Self, Neighbor, and Country - No Exceptions! No Compromise!

The Life Principles are enumerated on the next page.

The March for Life is the one day of the year when the primary focus is on the plight of our tiny, innocent, preborn neighbors. All human life is entitled to protection. When one class of human beings is denied that protection, then we are all in danger.

If you are not able to personally attend the March for Life on Monday, please consider other ways in which you can be united for the cause of the unborn. It is proposed to:

- o Consider fasting and abstinence on January 24 – that is, having two small meals and one regular meal. Do not eat between meals. Do not eat meat.
- o Spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament. There will be Exposition at Immaculate Conception Church starting at the end of the noon Mass and ending at 7:15 PM.
- o Attend a special Holy Hour, one hour before the 7:30 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception.
- o Join us at the 7:30 PM Mass.
- o Set aside some time to pray for unborn babies, for the expectant mothers who may be considering abortion, and for a change of heart for those who promote abortion.

Life Principles

(Adopted in 1974)

These Life Principles express the ideals motivating prolife Americans and indicate the purpose of the MARCH FOR LIFE:

We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all human beings are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, among which is the right to life, and

The right to life of each human being shall be presented and protected by every human being in the society and by the society as a whole, and

The life of each human being shall be preserved and protected from that human beings biological beginning when the Father's sperm fertilizes the Mother's ovum, and

The life of each human being shall be preserved and protected from the biological beginning throughout the natural continuum of the human beings life by all available ordinary means and reasonable efforts, and

The life of each human being shall be preserved and protected at each stage of X life continuum to the same extent as at each and every other stage regardless of state of health or condition of dependency, and

The life of each human being shall be preserved and protected to the same extent as the life of each and every other human being regardless of state of health or condition of dependency, and

When there is any doubt that there exists a human being's life to preserve and protect, such doubt shall be resolved In favor of the existence of a human being and

When two or more human beings are in a situation in which their lives are mutually endangered, all available ordinary means and reasonable efforts shall be used to preserve and to protect the life of each and every human being so endangered.

WHEREFORE, Pursuant To These Principles, we recommend and urge the adoption of a Mandatory HUMAN LIFE AMENDMENT to the Constitution of the United States of America

APPLYING THE LIFE PRINCIPLES

Realizing that no sound action can grow out of a vacuum of purpose, in 1974 the MARCH FOR LIFE formulated and included in its charter of incorporation, the *Life Principles*, as shown above. Purposefully, the *Life Principles* are not framed in the negative tone of "thou shalt not," and are framed in the positive tone of duty and responsibility of each human being and of society. The *Life Principles* are set in the context of our Declaration of Independence — that the right to life is inalienable and endowed by our Creator. If this basic right is weakened, all other rights are meaningless, as disparagement of the value and dignity of human beings permeates society's mentality and the Laws of our Land.

The *Life Principles* address seven basic considerations. The seven principles must be read together, and collectively state the purpose of the MARCH FOR LIFE:

- It is the duty of each individual and of society operating through its laws to provide protection for each member of the society. This follows the basic homicide laws of the common law that society protects a member from assault and death.

- The protection shall extend from the beginning of each human being's life - acknowledged to be when the father's sperm fertilizes the mother's ovum — and throughout the natural continuum of that human being's life.

YOU CAN SAVE SOMEONE'S LIFE TODAY!

You can save lives by helping to end abortion, which kills a baby every 23 seconds in America.

We who reject abortion *do not reject* those who have had abortions. Counseling, forgiveness, and healing can be found after abortion, and the following numbers can lead you to assistance:

ABORTION RECOVERY HELP

1-877-HOPE-4-ME or 1-800-5-WE-CARE

See www.SilentNoMoreAwareness.org

You may also inquire at these numbers as to how you can volunteer to assist those who provide alternatives to abortion and healing after abortion.

SOME BASICS ABOUT ABORTION

The Priests for Life web site receives over 35,000 visitors a day and is one of the leading resources for information. Visit www.PriestsForLife.org.

On this site you will find facts about abortion and what you can do to stop it. You will be able to listen to talks by its director, Fr. Frank Pavone, and hear from many other leaders as well. In particular, you will be able to see what abortion looks like. Visit www.PriestsForLife.org/images

Although abortion is the most common surgery in America, most people never see what it looks like. The hearts and minds of most people who see it are changed forever. See for yourself!

STATISTICS FROM THE ABORTION INDUSTRY

According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, in the year 2000

1.31 million abortions took place in the United States.

52,000 of these occurred on women who were 16 to 20 weeks pregnant;

13,000 occurred on women who were 21 weeks or more into their pregnancy.

According to CDC government data, over 64,000 abortions in a year are performed on *women who have had three or more previous abortions*.

From 1973 through 2000, more than 39 million legal abortions occurred in our country.

Abortions are done mostly for *non-medical reasons*. As the abortion industry itself admits on the web site of the Alan Guttmacher Institute, "On average, women give at least 3 reasons for choosing abortion: 3/4 say that having a baby would interfere with work, school or other responsibilities; about 2/3 say they cannot afford a child; and 1/2 say they do not want to be a single parent or are having problems with their husband or partner."

As the *University of Detroit Law Review* points out, "*The Supreme Court's decisions...allowed abortion on demand throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy*" (Paul B. Linton, *Enforcement of State Abortion Statutes after Roe: A State-by-State Analysis*, Vol. 67, Issue 2, Winter 1990).

ASSISTANCE FOR WOMEN IN NEED

Any woman who is pregnant and in need can turn for help to the pro-life movement; she never has to feel that abortion is the only option. Assistance is available at:

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| CareNet/Heartbeat: | 1-800-395-HELP |
| Crisis Pregnancy Helpline: | 1-888-4-OPTIONS |
| Birthright: | 1-800-550-4900 |
| National Life Center: | 1-800-848-LOVE |
| Bethany Christian Services: | 1-800-238-4269 |

Source: www.PriestsForLife.org.

NEW YORK STATE BISHOPS SET LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2005

With the new legislative session set to begin this month, the Bishops of New York State have approved their 2005 Legislative Agenda outlining their priorities for the coming year.

The agenda is divided into seven categories and contains a total of 74 items. Though the Conference takes positions each year on hundreds of bills, a few issues seem likely to dominate the session.

Among those, none is more urgent than the push by some members of the legislature to permit embryonic stem cell research and human cloning in New York State. Last year, the Assembly passed a bill sponsored by Speaker Sheldon Silver (D-Manhattan) that would authorize the creation of human life through cloning for the purpose of embryo-destroying medical experiments. While the sponsor promoted the bill as a cloning ban, in reality the only thing it bans is the actual birth of the child brought into being through the cloning process. In other words, Silver's bill allows for the creation of new life through cloning and even implantation in a woman's womb, but mandates that the baby be killed at some point up until the moment of birth.

To date, the Republican-led Senate has not passed similar legislation, but some rank-and-file members apparently are interested in doing so. This is only likely to increase in the wake of the passage of Proposition 71 in California, which authorized a \$3 billion bond issue to pay for state-funded cloning and embryonic stem cell research programs. The Catholic Bishops of California strongly opposed the initiative, which was heavily funded by venture capitalists with investments in the biotechnology industry. Cloning advocates here are expected to attempt to convince state senators that New York stands to lose biotechnology business to California and other states considering using taxpayer dollars to fund embryo destroying research.

Capital punishment is expected to be another life issue taken up by the legislature this year, for the first time since the reimposition of the death penalty in New York in 1995. New York's death penalty statute was ruled unconstitutional in June due to a particular jury instruction. The Conference and other groups now are urging legislators not to reinstate it.

Another issue that will clearly dominate legislators' attention is education funding, in the wake of the Campaign for Fiscal Equity ruling that will require the state to dramatically increase funding to New York City public schools. The Catholic Conference continues to remind the legislature that more money without additional accountability or competition will likely not have the desired outcome of improving the public schools.

The Conference is advocating fair funding for remedial and mandated services to all schools, including the state's religious, private and independent schools, as well as a new education investment tax credit that would allow taxpayers to take a tax credit for part of a charitable contribution to any school. This would promote private giving to all schools.

With regard to parental choice, the Bishops' Legislative Agenda this year shifts its focus away from tuition vouchers and toward education tax credits. Enacting a tax credit program that includes a refund to poor parents will encourage more parents to enroll their children in schools that are not operated by the government, resulting in immediate savings to New York's taxpayers and freeing up additional money for children remaining in public schools. In addition, it would allow parents of any income level to have the means to select the most appropriate schools for their children, including religious schools.

The Conference will also continue pushing for parity in health insurance benefits for mental health and substance abuse treatment, programs to create more affordable housing across the state, and simplification of the enrollment and recertification processes for Medicaid and other state-funded health plans.

The Legislative Agenda, which the Bishops approved in their September meeting, is divided into seven sections: Family Life/Respect Life, Health Care, Education, Human Services, Criminal Justice, Environment, and Fiscal and Regulatory.

To download the entire agenda, go to http://www.nyscatholicconference.org/pages/our_agenda/our_agenda.asp and choose:
Click here to download a copy of the entire 7-page 2005 Legislative Agenda (PDF)



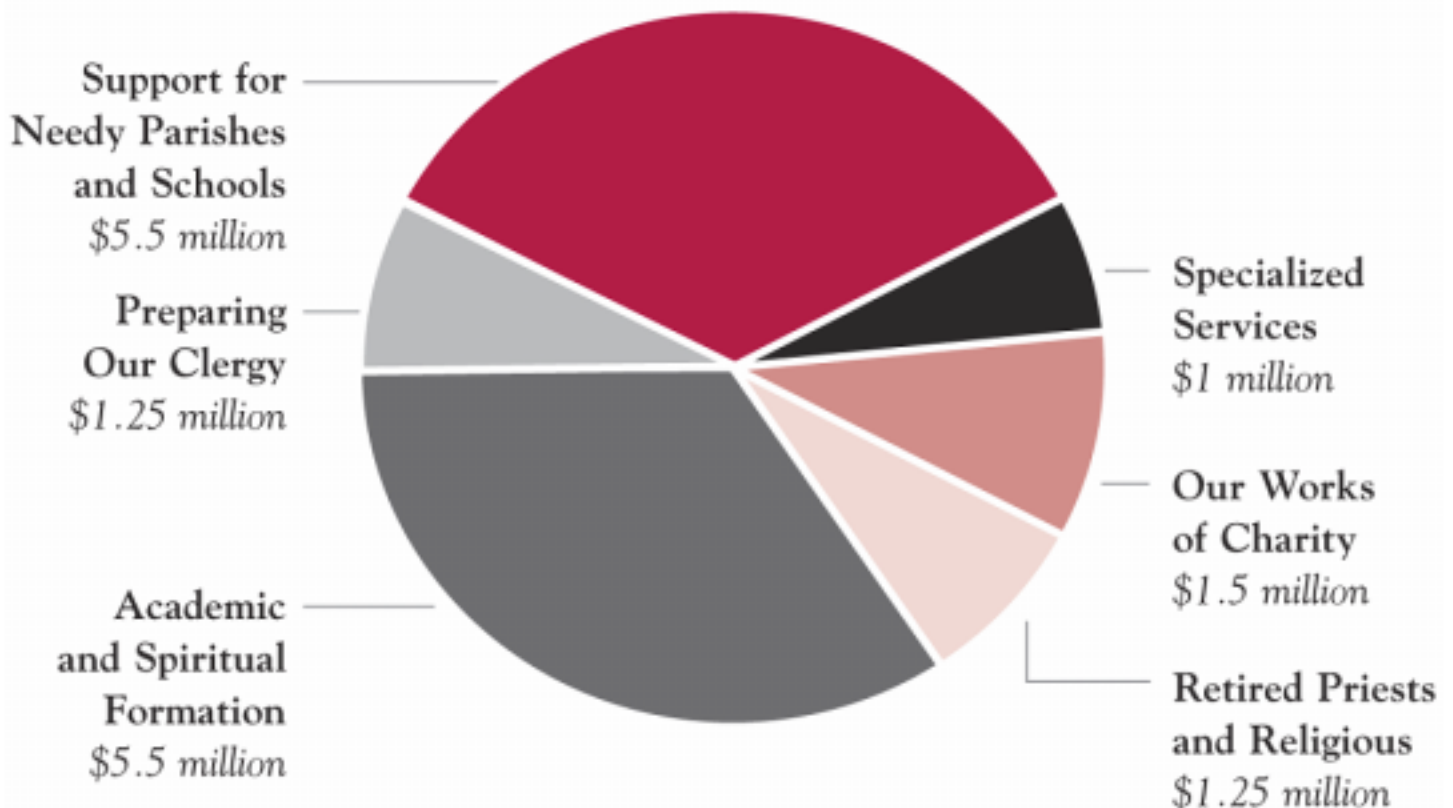
The 2005 Cardinal's Annual Appeal is now underway!

Every member of our parish family is asked to consider making a gift to help support the educational, charitable, and pastoral works of our Archdiocese that help so many among us.

Soon you will be receiving a special request from Cardinal Egan, asking for your support of SHARING GOD'S GIFTS.

Please consider making a sacrificial gift to the 2005 Cardinal's Annual Appeal.

Our Overall *goals*



2005 Cardinal's
Annual Appeal



The 2005 Cardinal's Appeal Supports Catholic Charities!



\$1,500,000 of the money raised through the 2005 Cardinal's Appeal is dedicated to the charitable works of the Archdiocese.

Your gift to the 2005 Annual Appeal will ensure the continuation of the vital programs that reach out to so many in need.

***Make your gift to the Cardinal's Annual Appeal today!
Thank you for your generosity.***

Community Notes

Scott Turkington Recital - St. Catharine's Church in Pelham, Sunday January 23 at 3PM. \$5 offering suggested.

Westchester Camp Fair - Sunday, January 30 at the Westchester County Center in White Plains from 10AM to 3PM. Select the best summer camp for your child. Meet with representatives from over 50 day/sleepaway camps. Make sure you are making the right choice. Admission is free. Sponsor: Elana Hadassah of White Plains 949-5581.

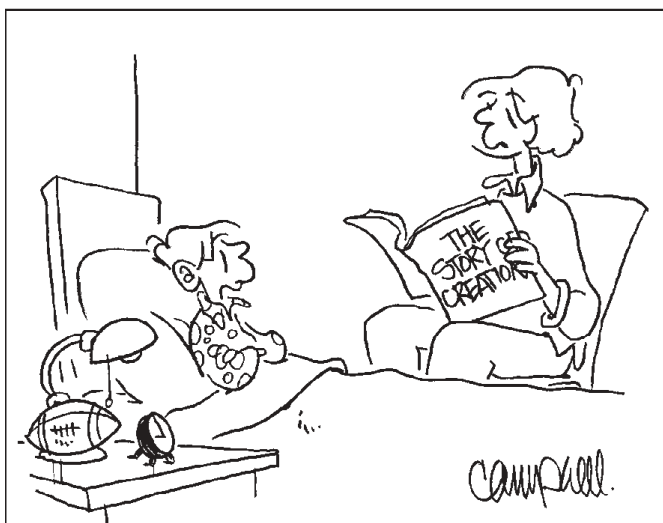
Open House - Our Lady of Good Counsel High School at 52 North Broadway in White Plains on Saturday, **February 5**, 12 PM - 2 PM. Web site: www.goodcounsel.pvt.k12.ny.us.

Catholic Widows & Widowers of Yonkers will be meeting at 7:15pm on Tuesday, **February 15th** in the auditorium of Christ the King School, 740 North Broadway. New members are welcome. Call 476-4436 for more information.

Alumni of St. Joseph's School in Bronxville - we are seeking former students and staff members for a Friends of St. Joseph Alumni celebration in **February 2005**. Please call the school office at 337-0261 with your contact information

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - A Marriage Encounter weekend is a positive, private experience for married couples who want to work at revitalizing their marriage, whether married in a religious or civil ceremony. The weekend is designed to enrich and deepen the joys a couple share and is beneficial to couples of all ages and years married.

Upcoming weekends include February 11-13 at Don Bosco Retreat Center in Stony Point; April 15-17 and June 3-5 at the Comfort Inn in Nanuet; August 19-21 at Mt. Alvernia in Wappingers Falls and November 11-13 at the Don Bosco Retreat Center. Call 378-5464 for more information.



"Of course there's nothing to the theory of evolution. If there were, mothers would have more than two hands by now."

Scholarship - Green Mountain College is looking for ten students who have made a significant contribution to a fellow human or to society to reward them with a full scholarship. Nomination forms and applications can be found at www.greenmtn.edu or call (800) 776-6675 for more information. The application deadline is **February 15, 2005**.

Griffin House Applications - St. Joseph's Medial Center Senior Housing Development (Griffin House) will soon be accepting applications for occupancy on completion of construction in March 2005. An inquiry list is being maintained for anyone interested in receiving an application when available. For further information, please call Richard O'Neill at 969-6159 between 9AM and 4 PM, Monday through Friday.

Foster Grandparent Program - looking for low-income adults 60 years and older to serve 20 hrs./wk as volunteers serving children close to home. Receive a non-taxable, bi-weekly stipend. For more information, call 592-5600.

Lend a Hand - Eastchester's Nutrition Center is looking for caring volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound elderly. The commitment is one or two hours, once a week. If you are interested, please call the Eastchester Senior Citizen Nutrition Program at Lake Isle: 337-0390.

HELP WANTED

House Cleaner - Woman looking for house cleaner who is able to do all chores in an apartment. Needed every 2 or 3 weeks in Yonkers. Please call 968-1465.

Home Health Care Worker - for elderly Italian-speaking woman in Pelham area. 10AM - 1PM Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Prefer English/Italian bilingual. Call (914) 337-6790 in the evening. Car needed to drive to appointments.

POSITIONS WANTED

Cleaning and Shopping - Available in the mornings to do laundry, ironing, cooking and more. Can also take anyone shopping. Call Flor at 337-4553.

Babysitter, Companion, Cook and/or Housekeeper - Young Spanish-speaking woman willing to work evenings, afternoons, and/or weekends. Excellent references. Call Maria at 771-6294.

Certified Home Health Care Worker - looking to care for elderly at night. Call Gloria at 961-1423 or 274-0724 (cell).

Certified Nurse's Aide, with over 20 years experience, seeks job taking care of elderly or special needs children. Clean driving record with own car and excellent references. Call Ruth (718) 993-6521

Child Care - Experienced Mom will care for your toddler in my Eastchester home. Call 961-7872.

Companion Position Wanted PT/FT - Experienced lady to bathe, to prepare a meal, will drive to medical appointments and shopping. Excellent references. Call 961-6440.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 22 Vigil: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 PM Arthur & Caroline Patrizzi (FO)

Sunday, January 23 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 AM Ricky Quintano (FO)

9:00 AM Jerry Cesarini (PW)

10:30 AM The Sanctity of Life (PW)

12:00 PM Frank Segreti (JF)

5:30 PM Delia Horan (VP)

Monday, January 24 St. Francis de Sales

6:45 AM For the Sanctity of Life

8:00 AM Ernest Horn

12:00 PM Premuto Family

7:30 PM Thomas Ronan Carroll

Tuesday, January 25 Conversion of St. Paul, apostle

6:45 AM Christine Marcogliese

8:00 AM James Flynn

12:00 PM Rose Esposito

Wednesday, January 26 Sts. Timothy and Titus, bishops

6:45 AM For the Sanctity of Life

8:00 AM Michael Nardulli

12:00 PM John Verrichio

Thursday, January 27 St. Angela Merici

6:45 AM For the Sanctity of Life

8:00 AM Angelo Ricca

12:00 PM Sister Josephine Scrima

Friday, January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas

6:45 AM For the Sanctity of Life

8:00 AM Deceased Members of Delaney Family

12:00 PM James Alix

Saturday, January 29 Weekday

8:00 AM Filomena Gizzo

9:00 AM Joseph Spada

Saturday, January 29 Vigil: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 PM Kevin Durkin (FO)

Sunday, January 30 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 AM Louis Tucci (JF)

9:00 AM Helen Wood (FO)

10:30 AM Theresa Zillitto (JF)

12:00 PM The Workers of Parish & Their Loved Ones (JE)

5:30 PM Nick Gullo (JE)

Schedule for the Week

Sunday, January 23

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| Mem. | English Class | 8:00 AM | Lower Rectory |
| | CYO | 6:30 PM | Lower Church |

Monday, January 24

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| Mem. | Exposition & Benediction | 12:30 PM-7:15 PM | Church |
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Tuesday, January 25

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| Mem. | Legion of Mary | 12:30 PM | Lower Rectory |
| Mem. | RCIA | 7:30 PM | Lower Rectory |

Wednesday, January 26

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| | Children's Choir | 3:00 - 4:00 PM | Lower Church |
| | Centering Prayer | 7:30 PM | Lower Rectory |
| Mem. | Choir Rehearsal | 7:30 PM | Church |

Thursday, January 27

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| Mem. | Hispanic Ministry | 7:30 PM | Lower Rectory |
| Mem. | Men's Cornerstone | 7:30 PM | Rectory |

Friday, January 28

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| Mem. | Moms & Tots | 9:30 AM | Fr. Fata Hall |
| Mem. | Women's Cornerstone | 8:00 PM | Lower Rectory |

Sunday, January 30

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| 1 st Ann. | English Class | 8:00 AM | Lower Rectory |
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Monday, January 31

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| Mem. | Exposition & Benediction | 12:30 PM-7:15 PM | Church |
| Mem. | Parish Council | 7:30 PM | Lower Church |

Tuesday, February 1

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| | Legion of Mary | 12:30 PM | Lower Rectory |
| Mem. | RCIA | 7:30 PM | Lower Rectory |

Wednesday, February 2

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| 15 th Ann. | Children's Choir | 3:00 - 4:00 PM | Lower Church |
| | Centering Prayer | 7:30 PM | Lower Rectory |
| | Choir Rehearsal | 7:30 PM | Church |

Thursday, February 3

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| Mem. | Men's Cornerstone | 7:30 PM | Rectory |
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January 16, 2005

Attendance: Adults 1162 Children 308 Total 1470

Collection: \$11,628 Last Year: \$11,679

Christmas Collection to date:

\$83,268 Christmas 2003: \$77,850

Thank you, dear parishioners, for your generous love for the Church.

Note: Mass assignments are subject to change. (FO) = Msgr. Oliverio, (JE) = Fr. Emmanuel, (JF) = Fr. Fallon, (PW) = Fr. Walsh, and (VP) = visiting priest

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

Mass Intentions

Sat 1/22 7:30 PM The Sanctity of Life (JF)

Sun 1/23 8:30 AM Maria D'Aversa (JF)
10:30 AM Vincent LaPorta (FO)

Mon 1/24 7:45 AM Teresa Peragrine and Julia & Nicola Longo

Tues 1/25 7:45 AM Luigi Perini

Wed 1/26 7:45 AM Sebastian Schiavone

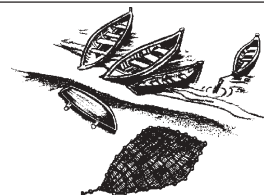
Thur 1/27 7:45 AM For the Sanctity of Life

Fri 1/28 7:45 AM Nicholas Carlini

Sat 1/29 7:45 AM Rosario Spadaro

Sat 1/29 7:30 PM Luigi & Filomena Marcoccia (JE)

Sun 1/30 8:30 AM Rudy Cascia (JE)
10:30 AM People of Parish & Their Loved Ones (FO)



January 16, 2005

Attendance: Adults 265 Children 45 Total 310

Collection: \$1,479 Last Year: \$1,044

Christmas Collection to date:

\$14,665 Christmas 2003: \$15,251

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