



My Brothers, My Sisters,

Wednesday of this week is Ash Wednesday. Consult page 2 for the time ashes will be distributed. We begin a penitential season. Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. Anyone over the age of 14 is obliged to abstain from meat and meat by-products. Anyone between the ages of 18 and 59 must fast, which means only **one** full meal and two smaller meals – and no eating between meals. Next Sunday in the lower church, the movie *The Passion of the Christ* will be shown. **There is no charge.** The first showing will take place at 2:30 PM and we must begin at that time. The second showing will follow the Sunday 5:30 PM Mass. For those who choose to remain, a discussion will follow the second showing. The purpose of showing the movie is to prepare us to make

a holy Lent. In addition to that, our Liturgy Committee has prepared a form, available in the foyer of the Church, for us to fill out with the particulars of our Lenten Sacrifices. Those forms will be part of the gifts (with the bread and the wine) brought to the altar. The gifts will be given to the priest. The forms will be placed by the cross in the sanctuary. All of this is to assist us to enter these next six weeks in a mature way. Realizing what God has won for us, these weeks help constitute our realization of what He has done and our way of not only uniting ourselves with the price He willingly paid but also to speak our gratitude for those great gifts.

The parishes will continue the ancient practice of the Church with the Stations of the Cross at 7:30 PM. We begin this Friday at Immaculate Conception and next Friday with the Church of the Assumption. The complete schedule is on page 7. I encourage you to make the stations on Friday evenings. It is your reflection which can deepen your understanding of the price Jesus paid so that we might be redeemed. It is clear that the Lord God hates iniquity.

Sister Rose Vermette and Father Fallon will be offering special presentations. Look for information in the bulletin. Father Emmanuel has a description of his trip in this bulletin on page 4.

Paul Martin, Canada's Prime Minister, will press ahead with legislation to permit same-sex marriages. It is comforting to know that members of that liberal party have predicted "a long fight". Given the teaching of GENESIS, the issue is resolved for those for whom God's Word ends the discussion. The entire discussion gives us the opportunity to remember Sacred Scripture, that sexual intimacies between husband and wife are **sacred**. That fact is very much ignored. The media sends a very clear message to all of us: sexual intimacy is for consenting individuals. Suggestive dress and over-emphasis on physical attraction are part of that same message. Catholic Christians, faithful to their Baptismal promises, surrender to the voice of a teaching Church. They also remember that personal failures are brought to Jesus in the powerful Sacrament of Reconciliation. We remember that the Catechism called Reconciliation a "Second Baptism." Questions about these matters can be finalized if brought to one of the priests. Part of the Lenten penitential season is to look at the teaching that with the **forgiveness** of personal sin, there remains the debt of temporal punishment. It is also lessened by personal penance, indulgences, Purgatory, and our personal practice of virtue.

Pope John Paul declared, "The Church must dedicate particular attention to those areas where AIDS sufferers do not have health care." He added that health care workers, "...should spread and defend the teaching of the Church in the health care area." Few know that St. Clare's Hospital was the first of all the hospitals to have a special floor for those suffering from AIDS. Fewer know that Cardinal O'Connor brought himself to that hospital to change bed pans personally. It was his way of personal example, of giving meaning to the outreach of the Church to those suffering from the experience. Our Holy Father on January 23 reaffirmed the teaching of the Church that urges abstinence and marital fidelity to stop the spread of AIDS and forbids condoms. Allow me to quote John Paul II directly, "The Holy See believes prevention through education about the sacredness of life and the correct practice of sexuality, that is chastity and faithfulness, is necessary above all other things in order to prevent this disease responsibly." In understanding this teaching, we must be convinced that the teaching of Sacred Scripture is the Lord God's teaching, that sexual intimacy is **sacred**, that marriage has been raised to the level of a Sacrament. I make the parish aware of these matters because the Holy Father has come under fire from AIDS activists because the Church forbids the use of condoms, even to prevent the transmission of the HIV virus.

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.

My prayers these next six weeks will be that you and I will make a holy, sacred Lent. Bless our families, Lord! Much love!

One with you in the Holy Spirit,

James Frank



Mark Your Calendars

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



MARDI GRAS SPAGHETTI DINNER

If you haven't made reservations for this annual event run by the Altar Rosary Society of Assumption Church, time is running out! It is this Tuesday, February 8th at Father Fata Hall from 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM. The cost is \$20 per person and reservations are required. Call Toni Tiso at 779-9021.

BLOOD DRIVE TODAY

Please join us in the Lower Church from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM. There is a blood shortage and we would like to meet our quota. Please bring a picture ID and your Blood Donor card. If you do not have a card, one will be sent to you.



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS



By Glenn CJ Byer, MA SLD - If last week's readings began the preparations for Lent, today we come face to face with the requirements for leading life more in keeping with the will of God. The first reading today makes it plain and simple, "Share your

bread...shelter the oppressed....clothe the naked." This is how we are to live. The Psalm joins this line of thought, reminding us to be lights that shine in the darkness through acts of justice and mercy. Then in the Gospel, we hear the famous passage from the Sermon on the Mount about being light for the world and salt for the earth. Faith, it seems, must be something lived, something done, something acted upon. That is how the power of God will be made known through us in the world.

Perhaps this is also what Saint Paul is talking about when he reminds the people of Corinth that he did not come with eloquence, but armed only with the power of God. Just as he let God act through his work, so God can be made manifest through our lives, so long as we do not let the cares of the world distract us from the only thing that really matters: the love of God in Christ Jesus. © 2004, OCP Publications. All rights reserved. © 2004, OCP Publications. All rights reserved.

Readings for Next Sunday, February 13 - 1st Sunday of Lent: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 (22A); Ps. 51; Romans 5:12-19; and Matthew 4:1-11.



Lent begins

THIS WEDNESDAY IS ASH WEDNESDAY

Ashes will be distributed at all parochial Masses. Special Prayer Services for the Distribution of Ashes will be held at the Church of the Assumption at 7:30pm and at Immaculate Conception Church at 4:00pm and 7:30pm.

WHAT AND WHEN ARE THE DAYS OF ABSTINENCE?

During days of abstinence, Catholics 14 and older do not eat meat or fowl. Ash Wednesday and every Friday in Lent are days of abstinence.

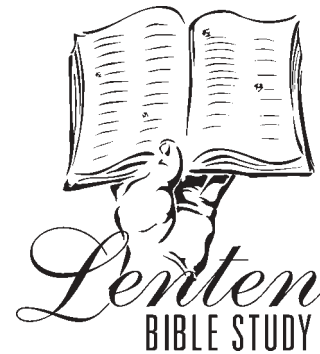
WHAT AND WHEN ARE THE DAYS OF FAST?

During days of fast (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday), Catholics aged 18-59 restrict their food intake to one full meal, two smaller meals, and no eating between meals.

LENTEN SERIES: THE GOSPEL OF ST. MATTHEW

Matthew's Gospel is the third longest book in the New Testament. Which are the two longest? Why can we say Matthew's Gospel is "A"?

Come learn these and even more important facts with Sr. Rose Vermette, RCD each Monday of Lent beginning February 14th. Come *either* 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM *or* 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM in the lower rectory. Don't worry if you cannot make every week. You'll be glad you came!



Parish School of Religion

There are *no PSR classes* this Wednesday (Ash Wednesday), February 9th for 3rd, 4th and 7th graders.

REMINDER

Our 8th grade Confirmation retreat, *An Evening of Recollection*, is scheduled for Tuesday evening, February 15th. Eighth grade Confirmation candidates should report to the cafeteria by 4:45pm. *Please mark your calendars.*

Stations of the Cross - starting this Friday, February 11, Stations of the Cross will be scheduled at 7:30pm every Friday, according to the following schedule:

Assumption: February 18 and March 4
 Immaculate Conception: Feb. 11 & 25 and March 11 & 18
 Good Friday (March 25) which will have a special schedule.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ANNUAL MEN'S COMMUNION BREAKFAST



The Knights of Columbus, Rev. John A. Keogh Council #2108, is sponsoring its annual Sonny Dalton Memorial Mass and Men's Communion Breakfast on Sunday, **February 13, 2005**. Attendees will gather

together for the 7:45 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, with breakfast immediately following at Fogarty's, 60 Kraft Avenue, Bronxville, New York. The Council will use this occasion to present citations to new Honorary and Honorary Life members and to present pins to 50 year members. The speaker will be Father Joseph Emmanuel, a Knight of Columbus and a member of the Keogh Council. Father Emmanuel will tell us of his experiences in the disaster area in his native Sri Lanka and of the progress of efforts to aid the population.

For further information, please contact Fred Salanitro at 793-4662 or Bob Martin at 779-1443. Tickets for the breakfast are \$15.00 per person. All men of the parish are encouraged to participate.

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!



TAX SUBSTANTIATION LETTERS

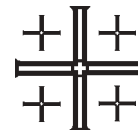


We often receive requests for tax substantiation letters. These letters summarize donations for the tax year. Some people use these letters to prepare their tax returns. Many include the letter with the tax return when it is mailed to the IRS. Some will only request the letter in the event of an audit.

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.

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: 980-2903, or David Gutierrez: 664-7604 for details.



MIDNIGHT RUN - APRIL 8TH

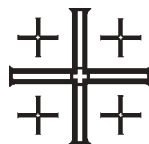
Midnight Run is our outreach program to provide food, clothing and toiletries to the homeless of NYC. The next Run is scheduled for Friday, April 8th. Your generosity in the past is greatly appreciated and requested again.

Donations required:

- o men's sneakers, sizes 8-14
- o white socks
- o used or new men's clothing (mostly large & extra large):
 - o jeans
 - o tee shirts or casual pullovers
 - o lightweight outerwear
 - o baseball style hats
 - o new men's underwear, shirts, and boxers or briefs
- o sample (small) size toiletries such as: combs, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes and disposable razors
- o blankets
- o snack-sized fruit cups and snacks (pretzels, cookies, etc.)

To volunteer or for additional information please contact Kathy Doscher at 337-3356 or Marygrace Marbach at 965-5524.

The Knights of Columbus, Reverend John Keogh Council 2108, will have its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 8 at 8:00 PM at the Chambers on the lower floor of Father Fata Hall located at Assumption Church. All members are encouraged to attend.



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

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"!

PENITENTIAL SUPPER

The Immaculate Conception Parish Council will host a Penitential Supper on Friday, March 18th at 6:00pm in the Lower Church. Soup and bread will be served. After supper, Stations of the Cross will be prayed in the Church. Please plan on joining us!



MY TRIP TO SRI LANKA

The trip to Sri Lanka is a long one: I left at 7:30PM on Friday, January 14 and arrived in Colombo, Sri Lanka on Sunday at 3AM. I spent Sunday recovering from the journey. My first priority for Monday was to change the cash I brought with me into Sri Lankan Rupees and to open a bank account. This took quite some time.

At 5:30 AM on Tuesday morning, I took a bus to my home town of Batticaloa, which is on the Eastern coast (see the map on the right). The 250 mile trip is a long one, over roads that were difficult due to rain. I arrived at 4PM and proceeded to walk to the priest residence (Clergy House). I was assigned a room, left my bags there, and met with Bishop Kingsley Swampillai. We discussed the situation in the diocese. I also met with the priests in charge of Catholic Charities. We also discussed the local problems. Following these discussions, Father Jeeva took me by motorcycle to visit areas affected by tsunami, even though it was pouring rain. Our Lady's Church on the beach was fully destroyed. The other three churches in the parish had relatively minor damage.

I met with the pastor of St. Sebastian parish (my parish while growing up) and a group of people from the parish. During our meeting, I learned that 444 families were affected by the tsunami; they lost homes, belongings, and family members (31 died in a parish less than one-third the size of Immaculate Conception). Most of the people affected by the tsunami were being housed in the local schools (Catholic and public schools) where they were provided with food, clothing and medical assistance. The environment in the schools is not suitable for living over long periods of time. In order to re-open the schools by January 25, they were planning to re-locate families to an old warehouse facility. People in these camps were mainly fishermen who have lost all means of their livelihood (boats, nets, fishing equipment) likewise for masons, carpenters, and day laborers. During the meeting, the people requested money for the school children to return to school; they needed clothing, shoes, books, pens & pencils, etc. The money donated by the children of Immaculate Conception School (\$10,500) was given to Rev. Father Guy Rajanderan, SJ, Superior of the Jesuits, for the immediate purchase of materials for the children. Timely action was taken and supplies were purchased during my stay. I was glad that they were able to put the money to immediate use.

In addition to the children of St. Sebastian's parish school, \$5,000 was given to Bishop Kingsley Swampillai for the children of the diocese who have lost so much. Another \$5,000 was given to parishes with refugee camps. During my visit, I saw my former biology teacher who explained that the people in the area were even without plates, cups and eating utensils. The \$500 I gave him would be used for purchasing these items for needy families. The balance of the money I brought with me, about \$4,500, was earmarked for a children's fund.

Because the fishermen could not work, there was virtually no seafood; what little seafood was available was avoided for fear of contamination. Sri Lankans typically eat seafood as their main source of protein. Meat is eaten about once a week. The price of meat has risen more than 100%. The same is true of vegetables. Bottled water is needed because wells were either destroyed or contaminated by the tsunami.

I visited the spot where the house of my aunt and uncle once stood; only the foundation remains. The house was about 10 yards from the water. Only two bodies were discovered, the other five bodies were never found. Their daughter and her husband and one child survived because they lived further from water. But they lost a son who was visiting his grandparents' to play. Most of the bodies were already buried.

In Sri Lanka about 400 children have been orphaned and these children are living with their extended families. The government is trying to subsidize the upkeep of these children – none are to be adopted outside their extended families.

Infrastructure repairs are underway, but helping the people is more complicated. The government and the Church are trying to figure out the best way to prioritize and solve the many problems of the population.

I take this opportunity to thank, first of all, the students at Immaculate Conception School, along with the principal and staff. I also thank the priests and deacon, the Sisters of Saint Francis, the parishioners of both Assumption and Immaculate Conception, and all the non-parishioners who contributed towards the tsunami relief effort in my homeland. Most of them have been sent individual letters of thanks. I am sure I missed a couple of people, for which I am sorry. Anyone needing a letter for the preparation of their taxes should contact me personally. Thanks also to those who sent Mass cards.

Finally, I would like to thank Mances Kuczma and Chris Catania for helping me with preparations for my trip.

Father Emmanuel



Smudged with Ashes, Smeared with Oil



On a somber Wednesday, February 9th this year, we will gather to smudge every forehead with ashes, admonishing each other to remember that dust returns to dust and that the only way through death to life is Christ. The ashes are made by burning palms - given to us on Passion Sunday a year ago with the invitation to “go forth in peace, praising Jesus our Messiah, as did the crowds who welcomed Him into Jerusalem.”



Our baptismal life is a lifelong pilgrimage with Christ toward Jerusalem. Yet like our best intentions, last year’s palm branches now have become dried and brittle - fodder for the fire. So our pilgrimage leads us into Lent. And a hostile climate of sin and suffering necessitates drastic measures: We are marked with ashes as a sign of our willingness to pray, fast, and give alms.

But this gritty smudge that we accept on our foreheads is not a death sentence. It is not the mark of Cain. A reminder of our fragile mortality, it is nonetheless shaped in the great sign of salvation: The ashes form a cross, a thumb-printed cross that marks the same heads that were smeared with chrism in baptism.



Anointed with that royal oil, we are committed to conversion, to continually setting out for the new Jerusalem, to leaving behind forever our captivity in Egypt. This gritty, ashen sign reminds us that on the way there is soil and toil, sweat and hard work before we come to the oasis in this desert - the Easter bath of baptism. At the font, on a damp and chilly March night, water will wash away soil, and oil will soothe away toil to make new Christians royal: Heirs of the reign of God. The dusty smudges will be gone, and in the light of the paschal candle, the oily heads of the newly baptized will shine like the moon and stars, reminding us of our destiny. What begins in ashes, ends in water and in fire.



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.

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



for the school’s Technology Program. Restaurant vouchers make great gifts for family and friends!

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

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.



“On the far side of every cross we find the newness of life in the Holy Spirit, that new life which will reach its fulfillment in the resurrection. This is our faith. This is our witness before the world.” Pope John Paul II

ATTEND TO THE BASICS

Despite our weakness, failures (slight and grave), many other blessings have come into our lives. Tragedies, yes, but how many blessings? We can see! We can hear! We can love! We can serve! Those are all blessings! So much joy in all of that and a moment's reflection can reveal the specific blessings!

Because of that, how shall we respond? "What shall I give to the Lord for all He has given to me?" The Church proposes that we do the basics to begin with as signs of our love for all of His love:

- 1) *Mass on Sundays.*
- 2) *Love and patience for those around us.*
- 3) *Forgiving and asking for forgiveness.*



What a Lent this could be if we *try* to make a commitment to attend to the basics! Remember, however, that God will continue to love us at all times if *we never attend to any of the basics*, even if we make the poorest of Lents. Such is His love!

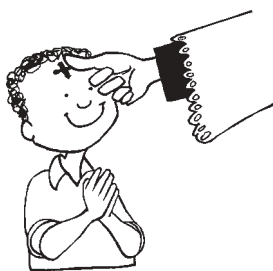
Please consider joining us at some or all of the many services we are offering for this Holy Season!

OUR PARISH LENTEN SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

WHAT IS ASH WEDNESDAY?



*Briefly, it is the story of God's love regardless of our track record, our failures, our weaknesses, our sin (slight or serious). This loving God continues to love us. The Church, aware of that message, uses these weeks of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday, to call all of that to mind. We receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our **humanness**. Because of our humanity we are not perfect, and often fall into sin, all of us. The ashes remind us of the human weakness and call us to repent and draw more closely to our loving and merciful Savior if for no other reason, because He cares for us so much.*

The ashes we receive are made from burned Palm, the same Palm that was distributed last Palm Sunday.

Schedule: Ashes will be distributed at the Parish Masses and at Lenten Services in the Church of the Assumption at 7:30pm and in Immaculate Conception Church at 4:00pm and 7:30pm. Please come, all of you, even if you have been away for years.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Church also proposes Stations of the Cross, which will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 7:30pm according to the following schedule:

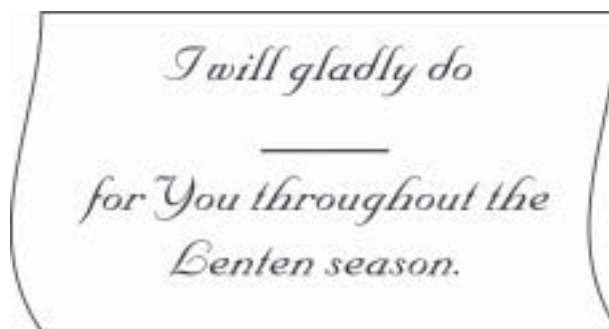
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LENTEN PRACTICE SLIPS

There will be Lenten Practice Slips at each Church. Parishioners are asked to make their own individual offering to Jesus by way of some voluntary acts of self-denial and/or to extend ourselves in service to others.



LENTEN DISCUSSIONS

Several Lenten Discussions are planned throughout the Lenten Season. Sister Rose Vermette will offer discussions on *The Gospel According to Saint Matthew*. These discussions will be in the lower rectory on Mondays with a *choice* of times: 1:30 PM and 7:30 PM. You need not attend each week. Father Fallon will be offering discussions on *The Year of the Eucharist*. Dates and times will be published when finalized.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SACRIFICE OR SERVE OTHERS

There are many opportunities for us to sacrifice in ways that will benefit others. In this bulletin, read about the Cardinal's Appeal which focuses on Sharing God's Gifts (pages 9-10), Midnight Run (page 3) which serves the homeless of New York City (although the next Run is April 8, much of the preparations will be done during Lent), H.O.P.E. (Help Other People Eat) which prepares food for those in need (Lenten schedule includes February 9, 15 and March 9, 15), and the Father Patrick Walsh Commemorative Scholarship Fund (page 5) helping students in our school. There are also many opportunities to help the unfortunate victims of the tsunamis. Ask Father Emmanuel for some ideas. He knows first hand how desperately help is needed (page 4).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

In addition to the discussions offered by the parish, consider attending a mini-retreat (men still have time to register for our Men's Cornerstone), taking part in a prayer group, or making a point to see *The Passion of the Christ*, which will be shown in the Lower Church at Immaculate Conception on Sunday, February 13 at 2:30 PM and 6:30 PM. Think of ways to improve your relationship with God!

Women's Cornerstone Alumnae

A day, a date, a time and a place for Cornerstone alumnae sisters
to share a

Day of Reflection

at

the Immaculate Conception School Cafeteria

Clean out the clutter. Dump the junk. Brush away the cobwebs.

Saturday, February 12th, 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

(Time together will include Mass)

Bring a bag lunch and a dessert to share with your alumnae sisters.

Suggested donation: \$5.00 (Make checks payable to Immaculate Conception Church, Women's Cornerstone)

For more information or answers to questions contact:

Ronnie Mellon at (914) 771-7910,

(Macaulay Consulting)/ Carol Diane Trester at (914) 961-1626, or

Sr. Rose Vermette, 961-3643

or e-mail r.vermette@assumption-immaculate.org

Register by February 5, 2005 with your completed form below mailed to:

Immaculate Conception Rectory

Women's Cornerstone

53 Winter Hill Road

Tuckahoe, NY 10707

Please complete and return this form with your suggested donation by February 5, 2005

WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE ALUMNAE DAY OF REFLECTION REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ **Phone:** () _____

Address: _____ **Parish:** _____

City, State, Zip: _____



Please Respond By February 5, 2005

Women's Cornerstone Alumnae

2005 Cardinal's
Annual Appeal



The Annual Appeal Supports Our Seminaries!



The 2005 Cardinal's Appeal supports the young men of our Archdiocese who are preparing for their vocation to the priesthood.

Your gift will help provide \$1,250,000 for the formation of the more than 50 young men in our Seminary programs. Your gift is an investment in the future of our Archdiocese.

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

2005 Cardinal's
Annual Appeal



***The Cardinal's Appeal helps support
our Neediest Parishes and Schools!***



The 2005 Appeal will dedicate at least \$5.5 million to our parishes and Catholic schools.

In 2004 alone the Archdiocese provided more than \$17 million in grants to our most needy parishes and schools.

It is through your support that these vital ministries are able to continue to serve our Catholic communities, many of which count on the Church as a source of faith and hope.

***Support the Annual Appeal as a way to ensure the
Church's presence in all of our communities***

Community Notes

Open House for 7th & 8th grade girls - Our Lady of Victory Catholic girls High School in Dobbs Ferry on **February 6** from 1PM to 3PM.

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.

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.greenmntn.edu or call (800) 776-6675 for more information. The application deadline is **February 15, 2005**.

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.

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.



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, February 5

6:45 PM	Our Lady of Loretto	Trinity	8 th grade Boys
7:45 PM	St. Pat's - Armonk	Trinity	6 th grade Girls

Friday, February 11

7:15 PM	St. John's White Plains	Chapel	7 th grade Boys
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Saturday, February 12

2:30 PM	Bronxville CCD	Chapel	5 th grade Boys
4:30 PM	St. Pat's - Bedford Green	Trinity	6 th grade Boys
5:30 PM	Sacred Heart Mt Vernon	Trinity	8 th grade Girls
6:45 PM	Sts. John & Paul	Trinity	7 th grade Girls

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.

Catholic Relief Services - Thousands have lost their lives. Millions more remain homeless. Catholic Relief Services is helping those who need it most. Respond to the Tsunami disaster. Visit www.HelpCRS.org or call 1-877-435-7277.

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, February 5 Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:30 PM Parishioners & Their Loved Ones (JF) Mem.
Sunday, February 6 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:45 AM Helen Schnaars (JE) Mem.
 9:00 AM Thomas Fitzpatrick (JF) Mem.
 10:30 AM Leslie Ashby (JE) Mem.
 12:00 PM Domenico Troncone (JF) Mem.
 5:30 PM Robert Emmet O'Donnell (FO) Mem.
Monday, February 7 Weekday
 8:00 AM Anna DiGioia Mem.
 12:00 PM John Varrichio Mem.
 7:30 PM Henry Recine Mem.
Tuesday, February 8 St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita
 8:00 AM Margaret & Bill Fisher Mem.
 12:00 PM Sal & Doris Sonshine & Family Mem.
Wednesday, February 9 Ash Wednesday
 8:00 AM Dana Hall Mem.
 12:00 PM Mary Scanlon Mem.
Thursday, February 10 St. Scholastica
 8:00 AM Matthew W. Peterson 7th Ann.
 12:00 PM Mary & Frank DiPietro Mem.
Friday, February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes
 8:00 AM Ersilia Marino Monni Mem.
 12:00 PM John Brennan 38th Ann.
Saturday, February 12 Lenten Weekday
 8:00 AM Carl Marlow Mem.
 9:00 AM Fr. Patrick Walsh Living
Saturday, February 12 Vigil: 1st Sunday of Lent
 5:30 PM Kevin Durkin (JE) Mem.
Sunday, February 13 1st Sunday of Lent
 7:45 AM Parishioners & Their Loved Ones (JF) Mem.
 9:00 AM Gaetano DiCarlo (JE) Mem.
 10:30 AM James R. Croughan, Jr. (JF) Mem.
 12:00 PM Doris & Sal Sonshine (FO) Mem.
 5:30 PM Maddalena Rogliano (VP) Mem.

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

Schedule for the Week

Sunday, February 6
 English Class 8:00 AM Lower Rectory
 Blood Drive 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM Lower Church
 CYO 6:30 PM Lower Church
Monday, February 7
 Exposition & Benediction 12:30 PM-7:15 PM Church
Convivencia 7:30 PM Lower Church
 Liturgy 7:30 PM Lower Rectory
Tuesday, February 8
 Legion of Mary 12:30 PM Lower Rectory
 RCIA 7:30 PM Lower Rectory
 Rosary Society 7:30 PM Lower Church
Wednesday, February 9 Ash Wednesday
 Ashes Distributed at all Masses and at Services at 4:00 PM and 7:30 PM
 Dinner Served to the HOPE Community
 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 10
 Men's Cornerstone 7:30 PM Rectory
Friday, February 11
 Moms & Tots 9:30 AM Fr. Fata Hall
Saturday, February 12
 Women's Cornerstone 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM Cafeteria
Sunday, February 13
 English Class 8:00 AM Lower Rectory
 The Passion of the Christ 2:30 PM Lower Church
 The Passion of the Christ 6:30 PM Lower Church
Monday, February 14
 Exposition & Benediction 12:30 PM-7:15 PM Church
 Lenten Series 1:30 PM Lower Rectory
 Lenten Series 7:30 PM Lower Rectory
Tuesday, February 15
 Dinner Served to the HOPE Community
 Legion of Mary 12:30 PM Lower Rectory
 RCIA 7:30 PM Lower Rectory

January 30, 2005
Attendance: Adults 1178 Children 289 Total 1467
Collection: \$12,033 Last Year: \$19,585
 Thank you, dear parishioners, for your generous love for the Church.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

Mass Intentions

Sat 2/5 7:30 PM Ana De Luise (FO)
 Sun 2/6 8:30 AM Dec'd Members of Zometsky Family (FO)
 10:30 AM Generosa Conte (VP)
 Mon 2/7 7:45 AM Linda & Tommaso Burlando & Carlo Ferrari
 Tues 2/8 7:45 AM Eleanor Squillante
 Wed 2/9 7:45 AM William Schmidt & Family
 Thur 2/10 7:45 AM Patsy & Quintalina Carapella
 Fri 2/11 7:45 AM William Hefferon
 Sat 2/12 7:45 AM Joseph Spada
 Sat 2/12 7:30 PM Parishioners & Their Loved Ones (JF)
 Sun 2/13 8:30 AM Reverend John Casale (FO)
 10:30 AM Pinto & Coppola Families (JE)



January 30, 2005
Attendance: Adults 191 Children 45 Total 236
Collection: \$1,841 Last Year: \$1,409
 Thank you, dear parishioners, for your generous love for the Church.