

My Brothers, My Sisters,

The content of this column concludes the discussion initiated in last Sunday's column. Please bear in mind the point of last week. Doctor Robert Spitzer, who identified himself as an "atheistic Jew," has been for most of his professional life a practicing psychologist. Doctor Spitzer helped to remove homosexuality from the Diagnostic Manual of Mental Disorders and was Professor of Psychiatry at Columbia University. He has helped to promote the idea that homosexuals are born as homosexuals and therefore cannot do anything about their orientation. Doctor Spitzer has changed his mind. On May 9, 2001, at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association (APA), he released his study of 204 former homosexuals who have experienced significant transformations to heterosexual life-styles and have maintained that transformation for at least five years.

Doctor Spitzer said, "Like most psychiatrists, I thought that homosexual behavior could be resisted, but sexual orientation could not be changed. I now believe that is untrue – some people can and do change." In the 204 homosexuals who did change to a heterosexual life-style, they attributed their success to prayer, therapy, and a strong desire to escape a life-style they abhorred. A widespread understanding that environmental factors such as early childhood experiences, parental relationships, and cultural conditioning contribute to the development of homosexuality or work to prevent its development. This fact would cause a significant social revolution in America. Parents might feel at first threatened and then outraged by flagrant promotion of homosexuality in classrooms, on television and in the movies. Basically, the above is a review of last week's column. I might add that the above was a heated debate in the 60's when a definitive work of professionals fed the results of their studies to Doctor Finischel whose book declared that from the studies performed, homosexuality is a learned behavior.

It would seem that the myth that homosexuality is genetic and unchangeable should warrant an immediate rejection of the homosexual agenda which includes: the right to marry, the right to adopt and raise children, repeal of the sodomy laws, affirmative action statutes the give them a legal weapon with which to intimidate others, the right to serve openly in the military, and a lowered age for legal consent of sexual behavior.

So what is the truth?

1. Whatever the cause, the teaching Church, based on several Bible passages in both the Old Testament and the New Testament, asserts that homosexual behavior is a direct violation of the Eternal God's order that He has ordained for His world.
2. Homosexual sins, like every other sin, is brought to the Sacrament of Reconciliation for healing so that the individual may return to the Eucharist.
3. No sin is beyond the Lord's mercy.
4. Every oppressive act against any homosexual or gay person is also in violation of the Eternal God's order that He has ordained for His world. This sin also must be brought to Reconciliation.
5. Scientific evidence does not indicate a "gay" gene. Highly touted studies, including the brains of 35 male cadavers by Simon Le Vay (1991) and the heralded study of 40 pairs of homosexual brothers by Dean Hammond (1993) have not stood up to rigorous scientific scrutiny.
6. The widely respected Dr. Joel Gelernter of Yale University, in an article in *Science*, made this observation about various studies attempting to link gene with complex human behavior: "All were announced with great fanfare, all were greeted unskeptically in the popular press; all are now in disrepute."

Studies of identical twins are especially revealing. Identical twins, unlike fraternal twins, have precisely the same genetic makeup. If same-sex orientation were genetically determined, one could expect identical twins to always have the same sexual orientation. Dozens of studies prove they do not.

The bottom line is this: no child is born to be a homosexual. Homosexuals are made and can be unmade. This is the truth that American citizens need to know, parents of young children need to hear, and politicians need to understand.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. The Gospel is the Passion of Christ.

One with you in the Holy Spirit,

*James Frank*

**I AM** the  
resurrection  
and the life.  
Those who  
believe in me,  
even though  
they die,  
will live . . ."

John 11:25

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## Mark Your Calendars

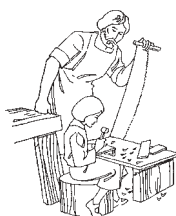
Mass in Italian in Honor of St. Joseph - March 18 7:30 PM  
Passion (Palm) Sunday - March 20  
Easter Sunday - March 27  
Divine Mercy Sunday - April 3  
Ascension of the Lord - Thursday, May 5  
Pentecost Sunday - May 15  
Corpus Christi Sunday - May 29

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. Come *either* 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM *or* 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM in the lower rectory (revised schedule). Don't worry if you cannot make every week. You'll be glad you came!

**St. Joseph Day Mass** - will be celebrated in Italian this Friday, March 18, at 7:30 PM at Assumption. The traditional St. Joseph's bread will be distributed after the Mass to all who attend. Stations of the Cross will not be held due to the celebration



**Village Elections This Week** - the Villages of Bronxville and Tuckahoe will have elections this Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to acquaint yourself with the issues and where the candidates stand. If you are eligible to vote, please take your responsibility seriously.



# DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS



A Reflection on the Scriptures

This day Jesus weeps for his dead friend Lazarus. He asks Martha, "If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live. Who ever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" After Martha's yes, Jesus raised Lazarus, and we are witnesses.

Paul adds: "If the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies." Resurrection is the key to our witness and our faith in Jesus.

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**Readings for Next Sunday, March 20 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion:** Gospel at the Procession: Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-7; Ps. 22; Philipians 2:6-11; and Matthew 26:14 - 27:66.



## Wedding Banns

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*James De Angelis & Sharon Mitchell*

### HOLY WEEK



### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The Holy Week Schedule is on page 7 of this bulletin. Some minor revisions have been made since the Lenten mailing. Also, the copies of *The Magnificat*, mentioned in the mailing, were not received due to supply shortages. We apologize for any inconvenience or disappointment this may cause.

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Ministry of Consolation and Healing is providing a Bereavement Support Group for anyone in the community who is mourning the loss of a loved one. This six week program will provide a safe, *confidential* and caring environment with the support needed to move through the pain of grief towards hope and healing.

The group will meet on Monday evenings, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the lower rectory, March 28, 2005 through May 2, 2005. For additional information contact Jeanne Perlman at (914) 961-8034 or leave a message at the Immaculate Conception rectory at 961-3643, and we will return your call.



**Stations of the Cross** - are scheduled at 7:30pm for the remaining Fridays in Lent at Immaculate Conception *only*. See page 7 of this bulletin for the Good Friday schedule of Stations of the Cross.

On Monday of Holy Week, March 21, the **Stations of the Cross in Spanish** will follow the 7:30 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception. Please extend an invitation to all who might be interested in attending.



**How To Become A Catholic.** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which people become members of the Catholic Church. This is a flexible process that respects the faith development of each individual while maintaining the ideals and vision of the Catholic community. We are an ongoing process here at Immaculate Conception. There is no "set" time to inquire, except when the time is right for YOU! Call Kathy and Tom McAteer, 961-8952 or Sr. Rose Vermette, 961-3643

## Parish School of Religion

There are *no* PSR classes this Thursday evening, March 17<sup>th</sup>, for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. We have given the catechists the evening off to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! All other classes are in session for the week.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER



The Rev. John A. Keogh Council #2108 of the Knights of Columbus is holding its annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Sunday, March 13, 2005 from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Father Fata Hall. This popular annual tradition includes a complete Irish dinner of

corned beef and cabbage with all the trimmings, wine, beer, soda, coffee, tea and dessert. Live entertainment will be provided, including Irish Step Dancers and the Peter Lawrence Trio. All are welcome to attend this festive occasion.

This year, the Knights will be honoring Al Fenzel on the occasion of his 90th birthday and for his dedicated and exemplary service to the Knights of Columbus.

The price of admission is \$30.00 for adults and \$12.00 for children under 14. Seating is limited at this popular event, so please make your reservations no later than Thursday, March 3, 2005. Contact John Larkin at 472-4359 for your reservations, and may the luck of the Irish be with you always!



### 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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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.)

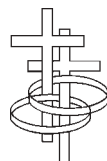
To volunteer or for additional information please contact Kathy Doscher at 337-3356 or Marygrace Marbach at 965-5524.

**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.



## ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING JUBILEE MASS

Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary any time during 2005 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Egan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on Sunday, April 10, 2005 at 2:00 PM. Pre-registration is required. Please call the rectory to register. The closing date for registration for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass, sponsored by the Family Life † Respect Life Office, is Monday, March 28.



**Couples celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage** will be honored at Assumption on June 5 at the 10:30am Mass and at Immaculate Conception on June 12 at the 10:30am Mass.

### PROSPECTIVE GODPARENTS AND SPONSORS

We encourage all parishioners to use the envelope system, although it is not required. However, when people come to us because they have been asked to be a godparent at a Baptism or a sponsor at a Confirmation, we must attest to the fact that that person is a practicing Catholic. It is very difficult for us to make that assertion unless we can see that the individual is using envelopes regularly or taking an active part in a parish ministry. If you are not using the envelopes, we ask you consider doing so. You are also most welcome to help in any of our many ministries.

### ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGINNING SOON!

Are you a Baptized adult or older teen Catholic who has received First Communion but who somehow missed the sacrament of Confirmation? Adult Confirmation classes will begin March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 PM. Please call Sr. Rose Vermette 961-3643 for registration information.



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the garden of Gethsamani, Jesus said, "My heart is filled with sorrow to the point of death." (Mt. 26:38). Jesus came to give Himself to humanity through the gift of the Holy Eucharist, yet so many would reject His Eucharistic love. He called on His apostles to comfort Him, but they preferred to sleep. Today, Jesus calls out to you "Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mt. 26:40). He looks to you to comfort Him now!

Our Holy Father wrote the following regarding Eucharistic Adoration, "Let us take time to kneel before Jesus present in the Eucharist in order to make reparation for the acts of carelessness and neglect, and even the insults which our Savior must endure in many parts of the world."





### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

All PSR and ICS students in grades 2 and up are invited to join the Children's Choir, which sings at the 9:00 AM Mass on Sundays. Practice is on Tuesdays or Wednesdays (your choice) in the Lower Church. See page 8 for additional information.

### PENITENTIAL SUPPER

The Immaculate Conception Parish Council will host a Penitential Supper on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 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!



**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!

### WHAT IS "THE NEW EVANGELIZATION"?

The "Good News" (which is what "evangelization" means) is truly meant to address the heart and soul of all of us. Though the call to evangelization comes from the Pope, the head of the Catholic Church, it is intended to be a call to men and women of all religions, all cultures, in all parts of the world. What is "New" is the emphasis that all of us are on a journey from God and towards God, and that each of us at once has a part to play in the world's journey and needs guidance on the way.

The call to the New Evangelization takes place in the face of many divisions in the world, especially religious divisions. There are active Catholics and there are Catholics, who for a host of reasons find themselves apart from active life in the Church. There are literally hosts of other Christian and non-Christian religions throughout the world, and there are those who, by choice or by chance, do not participate in any particular religious tradition. To all of these, the Catholic Church extends herself with the offer of God Himself: the depth of His love, the depth of His compassion, the depth of His mystery.



**B** During the month of February, we welcomed into our Parish Family the following newly baptized:  
**A** *Kaitlyn Rose Gui Capone*  
**P** *Andrew Louis Costa*  
**T** *Isabella Maria Iannitti*  
**I** *Ryan Thomas O'Meara*  
**S** *Caris Noelle Romano*  
**A** *Alyssa Michelle Romeo*  
**M** *Giovanna Elena Ruvolo*  
**S** *Steven Christopher Solano*  
*Sydney Kelly Tyler*



**Saint Patrick's Parade** - The Eastchester Irish American Club is the proud sponsor of Eastchester's first St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 13. The parade starts at Immaculate Conception Church at 2:30 PM (rain or shine) and continues north on White Plains Road to Lake Isle Country

Club. The Grand Marshall is Rev. Patrick Walsh, who serves as the club's chaplain. The parade will feature six pipe bands, three military bands, two school bands, Irish step dancers, antique cars, and many community groups. Visit the club's web site at [www.eastchesterirish.org](http://www.eastchesterirish.org) for more information.

**Our Children on Parade** - Please come and cheer on Immaculate Conception School, which will be marching in the first Saint Patrick's Day Parade.



### FASHIONABLE VERSUS COUNTER-CULTURAL PART 2

Yes, it seems to be "fashionable" to arrive late for a party, but, there does seem to be an exception when we know a "VIP" will be present! Then, we arrive early! So, it is both fashionable *and* counter-cultural to arrive in time for Mass, that is, before Mass begins, because we will be with the greatest "VIP" of all, Jesus Christ our King! And, our brothers and sisters in Christ!

### LENTEN RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

**Lenten Days of Recollection** - "Drawn by Love - Into Love" with Sr. Marie Regina, IHM at the Passionist Spiritual Center in Riverdale. **March 15 or 16** (9:30 AM - 3:00 PM). The \$25 cost includes Continental breakfast, Lunch, conference and Mass. Call (718) 549-6500 or visit [www.passionists.org](http://www.passionists.org).





ANNUAL REPORT 2004  
LEGION OF MARY  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
CHURCH  
TUCKAHOE, NY

Our branch of the Legion is a small group consisting of seven active members that meets once a week, on Tuesday afternoon. In 2004 we met 50 times. (Two meetings were missed due to conflicts with the Church calendar.) Our primary activity is weekly visitation in teams of two at Sunrise Assisted Living, the Jackson Avenue Senior Apartments and Lawrence Hospital.

At Sunrise we pray the Rosary and sing hymns. Not all who attend are Catholics but in spite of this they look forward to seeing us and joining in our spiritual devotion. At Jackson Avenue we visit with people in their apartments and share their concerns. We encourage them if the need is there to call the rectory and ask to see a priest. We pray with them and ask them to please remember the Legionaries in their prayers. At Lawrence Hospital we visit the sick of our parish who are glad to see us. We pray with them where possible and in general offer comfort to them. When it is not possible to pray with them, we pray for them in silence.

At each place we visit we distribute Rosaries with medals, brown and green Scapulars, Divine Mercy Leaflets, the Memorare with a picture of the Blessed Mother, CD's and tapes of the holy Rosary. We purchase these religious articles with the monies contributed through the Secret Bag collection held at each meeting. Those with whom we visit lovingly receive them.

In 2004 we saw and visited with 3015 people. We feel blessed to be able to keep doing this great work. Our Pastor and Spiritual Direct Msgr. Francis Oliverio is with us at our meeting as often as he can attend. He has to be excused at times to attend to his other duties which we all understand. Please pray for this very special ministry and in particular that more people will join us as active members. We are truly hoping that a few more people will join us in this vital work for our Lord and Savior and for Mary, His Mother.

Auxiliary Members: 29

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elizabeth Lockhart, Secretary

THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST  
SPECIAL INDULGENCES

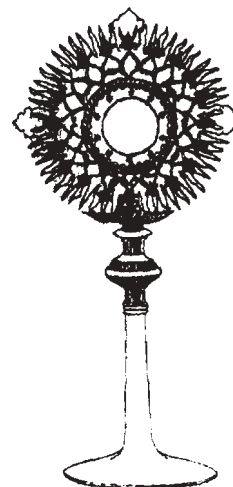
In establishing this year as the Year of the Eucharist, Pope John Paul II authorized special indulgences for Catholics for Eucharistic Adoration and Prayer before the Eucharist. An indulgence is a remission of the temporal punishment due for sins committed. According to Cardinal J. Francis Stafford, who heads the Apostolic Penitentiary, the purpose of establishing these indulgences is to encourage in the faithful "a deeper knowledge of and a more intense love" for the Eucharist. On January 14, the Vatican published the Cardinal's statement announcing the indulgences and outlining the requirements for receiving them.

The special Year of the Eucharist indulgences include the normal requirements set by the Church for all plenary indulgences:

Within a reasonably short period of time, the person goes to confession, receives the Eucharist, and prays for the intentions of the Pope, all in a spirit of total detachment from the attraction of sin.

Special plenary indulgences, according to Cardinal Stafford, would be given to those who fulfill the normal requirements in conjunction with participating "with the attention and piety in a sacred function or a pious exercise carried out in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, either solemnly exposed or preserved in the tabernacle."

Additionally, those who recite the Vespers and compline prayers of the Liturgy of the Hours in a church or chapel where the Eucharist is present in the tabernacle will receive a plenary indulgence.





Faithful Parishioners,

Thank you so very much for your generous Christmas donations to the Elinor Martin Residence for Mother and Child and the Pregnancy Care Center. You have been wonderful supporters of our organization for some time now and we want you to know how much it means to have your support.

It is a tremendous source of encouragement to us as we do our best to help women who are dealing with very real problems and have nowhere else to turn. We at the Pregnancy Care Center and the Elinor Martin Residence are committed to helping women who are facing crisis pregnancies with many services and personal assistance. Our most valuable asset is the ability to offer help after the baby is born; that is why this residence was established, and this is why we appreciate the help you were so happy to give to us. It is because of parishes like yours that we are able to continue to serve these women and children. We would like to say a special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Humphries for organizing this collection and for their spirit and dedication.

We are looking forward to moving into our new home: the Convent at Holy Family Church on 86 Mayflower Ave. in New Rochelle. It is a new and exciting endeavor. We will continue to keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers and hope that you will do the same for these young families.

Sincerely,  
Rosemary O. McBrien  
Residence Manager

Dear Lucretia,

I am writing to send my heartfelt thank you from the children and staff of Cardinal McCloskey Services and to express my personal appreciation for all that you and your parish did to make Christmas wonderful for our children. The gifts that were donated made this Christmas a very special time for our many children.

I know from the social workers that helped make sure the gifts were under the tree on Christmas morning that the children really enjoyed their gifts. One social worker told me about a little girl who was recalling Christmas morning during one of her therapy sessions, *"I got a doll - one that looks just like a real baby. I don't know how Santa knew I wanted a doll. I guess Jesus must have told him."*

I can't say thank you enough for helping us create these kind of magic moments for the children in our care. It is with deepest gratitude that I send my warmest wishes to you and the families of your community for a happy, healthy and blessed New Year. You have a special place in our hearts and our prayers.

Sincerely,  
Kari Miller Willis  
Director of Development & Community Relations

Enclosed was a Certificate of Appreciation awarded to Assumption Church in "Grateful Recognition of Your Generosity and Thoughtfulness".



# Holy Week Schedule



## MASS SCHEDULES: PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

### CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> Vigil Mass - 7:30pm  
Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>  
8:30am and 10:30am

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> Vigil Mass - 5:30pm  
Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>  
7:15am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm and 5:30pm  
11:05am in the Lower Church

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

### CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> - after Mass  
Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> - after Mass  
Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> - 11:00am  
Saturday, March 26 - 11:30am  
Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Communal Penance Service at Immaculate Conception

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> - after all Masses  
Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> - after all Masses  
Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>:  
Communal Penance Service - 7:30pm  
Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> - 3:00pm  
Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> - 3:00pm

## THE EASTER TRIDUUM

### CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

#### HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>

Morning Prayer - 10:30am  
Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Supper - 7:30pm  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - follows Liturgy of  
the Lord's Supper until midnight  
Fr. Fata Hall

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

#### HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>

Morning Prayer - 10:00am  
Holy Mass - 11:00am  
Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Supper - 7:30pm  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - follows Liturgy of  
the Lord's Supper until midnight  
Lower Church

#### GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>

Morning Prayer - Lamentations - 10:30am  
Stations of the Cross - 3:00pm  
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - 7:30pm

#### GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>

Morning Prayer - Lamentations - 10:00am  
Children's Stations of the Cross - 1:00pm at flagpole  
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - 3:00pm  
Stations of the Cross - 7:30pm

#### HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>

Morning Prayer - 10:30am

#### HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>

Morning Prayer - 10:00am

## MASS SCHEDULES: EASTER SUNDAY - RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

### CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> Vigil Mass - 7:30pm  
Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>  
8:30am and 10:30am

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> Vigil Mass - 7:30pm  
Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>  
7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm  
9:05am and 11:05 in the School Cafeteria  
*There will be no 5:30pm Mass on Easter Sunday*

# Immaculate Conception Children's Choir

featured at the 9:00 AM Family Mass



## Interested in Joining the Children's Choir?

An additional day of Choir Practice has been added to accommodate ICS and PSR students in grades 2 through 8. Rehearsals are in the Lower Church. Choose the day that is best for you:



Tuesdays: 3:45 PM - 4:30 PM or  
Wednesdays: 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM



Please consider joining the Children's Choir. Each member is required to attend one practice session per week. If you feel inspired, you may attend both!

If you have any questions, contact Maria Cocucci ([mardango@verizon.net](mailto:mardango@verizon.net)) or Joanne Api ([apij@aol.com](mailto:apij@aol.com))

## WHAT IS DIVINE MERCY?

It is the devotion to Jesus and His “Divine Mercy” based on the diary of St. Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun. The diary is composed of revelations she received directly from Jesus. He expressed His desire to grant “unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in His Mercy. The essence of the devotion to the Divine Mercy is *trust*. *Divine Mercy “Heal the hurts and unforgiveness that prevent us from drawing closer to You.”*

A hundred years ago the world was consecrated to the Sacred Heart. Today there is greater need to experience God’s love and forgiveness. In the turmoil of the world today, mankind needs to turn with trust to His Divine Mercy and the sacraments of forgiveness and Eucharist. On May 23, 2000, Pope John-Paul II fulfilled Jesus’ desire to establish the feast of the Divine Mercy. This feast is to be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Today, more than ever, we need to accept and live Jesus’ message of mercy.

## THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

Jesus commissioned Saint Faustina to have an image painted of Him as He appeared to her in a vision: with red and pale rays coming from the area of His heart. The rays represent the blood and water which flowed from His pierced side on the cross. His right hand is raised in blessing and His left hand points to His merciful heart which is open to all. The image was to be signed “Jesus, I Trust In You”.

## THE CHAPLET

In His revelation to St. Faustina, Our Lord made it clear the chaplet was not only for her, but also for the whole world. He attached extraordinary promises to its recitation. “Through the chaplet, you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will” (diary 1731). The chaplet is prayed on rosary beads. Pamphlets with explanation of how to pray the chaplet can be found at the entrance of the church.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Immaculate Conception will be hosting a Divine Mercy Service on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> (Divine Mercy Sunday) beginning with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:30 PM with Recitation of the Chaplet at 3PM.

## PLENARY INDULGENCE

A special plenary indulgence includes recitation of the Chaplet and the reception of the Eucharist on Divine Mercy Sunday, along with the recent reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A Lenten Reconciliation would cover the requirement. The recipient must be in the state of grace. Let us not miss out on His outpouring of Mercy.



**ALL ARE INVITED TO A**



# **PENITENTIAL SUPPER**

**HOSTED BY**

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
PARISH COUNCIL**

The Immaculate Conception Parish Council will  
host a Penitential Supper on

Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>  
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!

## Community Notes

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

**Going to the St. Patrick's Day Parade in NYC?** Consider taking the train and not worrying about traffic.

**Volunteers Needed** - The Jansen Memorial Hospice provides compassionate and supportive care to terminally ill patients who wish to live their last days in peace and dignity in the comfort of their home. Volunteers are a vital part of the hospice team. Training begins **March 23**, 2:30 - 4:30 PM and runs for 7 consecutive Wednesdays at the Jansen Memorial Hospice, 69 Main Street in Tuckahoe. Call Didi Marcal, CSW at 961-2818 ext. 355 for more information.

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world, indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.*

Margaret Meade

**Dominican College** - two Open House dates are scheduled for prospective students. An Information Session for adults interested in undergraduate and graduate programs will be held on Wednesday, **April 6** from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM in the Hennessy Center. An Open House for High School and Transfer Students is scheduled for Sunday, **April 17** from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Granito Center. For more information, contact the Office of Admissions at admissions@dc.edu or toll-free at 1-866-4DC-INFO.

**Regina Coeli Alumni and Parents of Alumni** - Help us celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Contact Kathy Laurentiev (845) 229-1435 or the rectory at (845) 229-2134 to update our alumni list.



**Higher Achievement Program (HAP)** - St. Catharine Academy in the Bronx is offering the HAP for young women currently in grades 6-7 preparing for the Admissions Test into Catholic High School (TACHS). The program runs **June 27-July 29**. For more information, call (718) 882-2882 ext. 124.

**The Catholic Mass - A Guided Tour** lecture will be given at the Church of Our Lady of Fatima on Wednesday, March 16 at 7:30 PM as part of the weekly Lenten Series. Monsignor Hugh F. McManus will conduct this one hour presentation in a seminar setting. Questions will be encouraged. People of all faiths are welcome to attend this informative "walk through" and perhaps satisfy their curiosity about the central observance of Catholicism. This "Tour" is designed to answer "Why do Catholics do that?" It is also an opportunity for Catholics to deepen their understanding of the Mass in a non-sacramental setting. The lecture will be held in the Church at 5 Strathmore Road, Scarsdale. For more information, please call Anna Marie Reinthaler at 723-7421.

### 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.

Pregnant? Need Help? 914-235-0505 or 1-800-640-0767.  
Absolutely Confidential - Total Services Free.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 12 Vigil: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

5:30 PM Essie Rice (B)

Sunday, March 13 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

7:45 AM For the Health of Irene Mozoia (JF)

9:00 AM Jennie DeMaria (JE)

10:30 AM Sophia Lino Costa (\*)

12:00 PM Mildred McCombe (\*)

5:30 PM Parishioners & Their Loved Ones (JE)

Monday, March 14 Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Anna DiGioia

12:00 PM Jams, Margaret & Jim Sheedy

7:30 PM Dorothy Giangreco

Tuesday, March 15 Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Pauline Dineen

12:00 PM Carmine A. DiPonte

Wednesday, March 16 Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Dec'd Members of the Doody Family

12:00 PM Jean Aquino

Thursday, March 17 St. Patrick

8:00 AM Francesco Segreti

12:00 PM Angelo & Teresa Cardamone

Friday, March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:00 AM Frank Nestor, Jr.

12:00 PM Josephine Volpe

Saturday, March 19 Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of Mary

8:00 AM Michael & Mary Vallaro

9:00 AM Luigi Maltese

Saturday, March 19 Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

5:30 PM Anthony Thomas Cannata

Sunday, March 20 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Masses at 7:15 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 11:05 PM (Lower Church), 1:00 PM and 5:30 PM

## Schedule for the Week

Saturday, March 12

	7 <sup>th</sup> Ann. Men's Cornerstone Reunion	9:00 - 11:00 AM	Lower Church
	Confirmation Rite Mass	5:30 PM	Church

Sunday, March 13

	Mem. English Class	8:00 AM	School
	Mem. Altar Rosary Sunday	10:30 AM	Church
	Mem. Confirmation Rite Mass	12:00 PM	Church
	Confirmation Rite Mass	5:30 PM	Church
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Church

Monday, March 14

	Mem. Exposition & Benediction	12:30 PM-7:15 PM	Church
	Mem. Lenten Series	1:00 PM	Lower Rectory
	Mem. <i>Convivencia</i>	7:30 PM	Lower Church
	Liturgy	7:30 PM	Rectory
	Mem. Lenten Series	8:00 PM	Lower Rectory

Tuesday, March 15

	Dinner served to the HOPE Community		
	Legion of Mary	12:30 PM	Lower Rectory
	Mem. RCIA	7:30 PM	Lower Rectory

Wednesday, March 16

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

Thursday, March 17

	Mem. Men's Cornerstone	8:30 PM	Rectory
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Friday, March 18

	Mem. Moms & Tots	9:30 AM	Fr. Fata Hall
	Penitential Supper	6:00 PM	Lower Church
	Stations of the Cross	7:30 PM	Church
	Mem. Evangelization	8:00 PM	Rectory
	Women's Cornerstone	8:00 PM	Lower Rectory

Saturday, March 19

	Mem. Rosary Society Retreat	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Lower Church
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Sunday, March 20

	English Class	8:00 AM	School
	CYO	6:30 PM	Lower Church

Monday, March 21

	Exposition & Benediction	12:30 PM-7:15 PM	Church
	Lenten Series	1:00 PM	Lower Rectory
	Spanish Stations of the Cross	8:00 PM	Lower Church
	Lenten Series	8:00 PM	Lower Rectory

## March 6, 2005

**Attendance:** Adults 1221 Children 415 Total 1636

**Collection:** \$11,717 Last Year: \$14,965

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

# CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

## Mass Intentions

Sat	3/12	7:30 PM	Bill Liucci (JE)
Sun	3/13	8:30 AM	Luigi Perini (B)
		10:30 AM	Parishioners & Their Loved Ones (JF)
Mon	3/14	7:45 AM	Maria & Giani Gizzo
Tues	3/15	7:45 AM	Eleanor & Ida Perrone & dec'd members of the Farbo Family
Wed	3/16	7:45 AM	Rose Gallo
Thur	3/17	7:45 AM	Raymond Butler
Fri	3/18	7:45 AM	Marco & Patricia Del Nero
		7:30 PM	St. Joseph - Italian Mass
Sat	3/19	7:45 AM	Mary & Andrew Jaroszewski
Sat	3/19	7:30 PM	Giustino Bucciarelli
Sun	3/20	8:30 AM	Giuseppe Marcoccia
		10:30 AM	William Ciamarra & Maria Concetta Pinto



### Memorial Flame:

Stanley Kobylack

From: Jim Celestino



## March 6, 2005

**Attendance:** Adults 320 Children 52 Total 372

**Collection:** \$1,870 Last Year: \$1,584

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