

# CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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*Year of St. Paul*



March 1, 2009

First Sunday of Lent

### Assumption

**Masses:**

Saturday Evening Mass: 7:30pm  
Sunday Masses: 8:30 and 10:30am  
Italian Mass: 8:30am on the first Sunday of the month  
Spanish Mass: 12:00pm *todos los Domingos*  
Mondays - Fridays: 7:30am  
Saturdays - 8:30am  
Holy Days: 7:30pm in Vigil and 7:30am on Holy Day

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):**

Saturday: 7:00-7:30pm

**Recitation of the Rosary:**

Saturday: 8:00am

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

A Holy Hour begins after the 7:30am Mass on the first Friday of each month. Benediction and Reposition occur at 9:00am.

### Immaculate Conception

**Masses:**

Saturday Evening: 5:30pm  
Sunday: 7:45, 9:00, 10:30am, 12:00 Noon and 5:30pm  
Monday - Friday: 8:30am & 12:00 Noon  
Saturday: 8:30am  
Holy Days: Anticipated Mass: 7:30pm  
Solemnity: 8:30am, 12:00 noon and 7:30pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):**

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:00pm, 6:15 - 6:45pm

**Miraculous Medal Novena:**

Mondays after 12:00pm Mass and 7:30pm Benediction

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Mondays and First Fridays after 12:00 noon Mass.  
Reposition and Benediction is at 7:00pm

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**Pastor: Reverend Eric P. Raaser**

**Rev. Joseph Emmanuel • Rev. Kevin Malick • Deacon Anthony Viola**

**Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Msgr. Francis Oliverio**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**

Saturday, February 28 Vigil: First Sunday of Lent  
 5:30 PM Ann Marie Riniti Mem.  
Sunday, March 1 First Sunday of Lent  
 7:45 AM Anthony Thomas Cannata  
 9:00 AM Parishioners and Their Families  
 10:30 AM Joseph Di Pippo Mem.  
 12:00 PM Frank Pisano Mem.  
 5:30 PM Beloved Deceased of the Casagrange Family Mem.  
Monday, March 2 Lenten Weekday  
 8:30 AM Agnes Gaughan Mem.  
 12:00 PM Christopher J. Cade Mem.  
Tuesday, March 3 St. Katharine Drexel  
 8:30 AM Said Soliman Mem.  
 12:00 PM MaryGrace Sullivan Mem.  
Wednesday, March 4 St. Casimir  
 8:30 AM Leo Popoli Mem.  
 12:00 PM Maria & Joseph Villani Mem.  
Thursday, March 5 Lenten Weekday  
 8:30 AM Stephen Nigro 4<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
 12:00 PM Jack Stack Mem.  
Friday, March 6 Lenten Weekday  
 8:30 AM Carmela Amato Mem.  
 9:15 AM School Mass  
 12:00 PM Joseph Maltese Mem.  
Saturday, March 7 Saints Perpetua & Felicity  
 8:30 AM Louis & Mary Medico, Sr. & Louis Medico, Jr. Mem.  
Saturday, March 7 Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent  
 5:30 PM Gino Battista Mem.  
Sunday, March 8 Second Sunday of Lent  
 7:45 AM Knights of Columbus  
 9:00 AM Francesco Segreti  
 10:30 AM Parishioners and Their Families  
 12:00 PM Domenico Richichi Mem.  
 5:30 PM Antoinette Mower Mem.

**Bread & Wine - Immaculate Conception**

*In Memory of Alan Jackson*  
 From: Frances Jackson & Family

**CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION**

Sat 2/28 7:30 PM Gaetano Viola  
 Sun 3/1 8:30 AM Jenny Lore  
 10:30 AM Parishioners and their Families  
 12:00 PM *La Comunidad Hispana*  
 Mon 3/2 7:30 AM Margaret Rice  
 Tues 3/3 7:30 AM Donato Caputo  
 Wed 3/4 7:30 AM Mary Rose Marcoccia  
 Thurs 3/5 7:30 AM Josephine & Camillo Di Falco  
 Fri 3/6 7:30 AM Giovanni & Maria Gizzo  
 Sat 3/7 8:30 AM Di Camillo & Petronio Families  
 7:30 PM Parishioners and their Families  
 Sun 3/8 8:30 AM Adolph Fattorusso  
 10:30 AM Dec'd Members of Piro & Rossi Families  
 12:00 PM *La Comunidad Hispana*



*Wedding Banns*

III  
*Joseph Chiazzese & Lori Iovine*

*Collection for February 22*

Church of the Immaculate Conception: \$12,714  
 Church of the Assumption: \$1,857

*Please Remember to Pray for the Sick:*

Noel Corbett • Carole Fagella • Thomas Fusco  
 Caroline Denning Inello • Tina Lavista • Jeannine Le Bloas  
 Reina Luardo • Gloria Petrucci • Kathleen Rasmussen  
 Sr. Theresa Ruth • Antonia Nina Yanni

*and for the Departed:*

Margaret Di Santo

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: MARCH 2 -MARCH 8**

**Mon:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps. 19; Matt. 25:31-46  
**Tues:** Isaiah 55:10-11; Ps. 34; Matthew 6:7-15  
**Wed:** Jonah 3:1-10; Ps. 51; Luke 11:29-32  
**Thurs:** Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps. 138; Matt. 7:7-12  
**Fri:** Ezekiel 18:21-28; Ps. 130; Matthew 5:20-26  
**Sat:** Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Ps. 119; Matt. 5:43-48  
**Sun:** Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps. 116;  
 Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10

**B** During the month of February, we welcomed into  
**A** our Parish Family the newly baptized:  
**P** *Hailey Noelle Avella, Logan Scott Bogetti,*  
**T** *Catherine Mary Brody, Aldo Antonio Buonocore,*  
**I** *Julianna Marie Landers, Camilla Elvira Massucci,*  
**S** *Madison Rose Mazzella, Sophia Rose Porpora,*  
**M** *Lily Rose Riedl*

**Memorial Flame - Immaculate Conception**

*In Memory of Kathy & Tom McSteer*  
 From: Anita & Charles Giangreco

**The Sacrament of Baptism:**

Baptisms are scheduled at 1:30 PM every Sunday at Immaculate Conception. Baptisms are scheduled by request at Assumption for parishioners. Call the rectory as soon as possible to make arrangements. Baptismal catechesis (instruction) is offered on one Thursday of each month.

**The Sacrament of Matrimony:**

Please make an appointment with a member of the clergy at least six months in advance, prior to any other plans for your expected wedding date.

**Communion Calls for the Homebound:**

Weekly or monthly. Please call the rectory to arrange visitations.  
**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:** Anytime day or night. Call 961-3643.

**Registration:** New Parishioners may register by visiting one of the priests or by calling the rectory: 961-3643.

One of the more remarkable contributions of Vatican Council II was the re-introduction of the ancient rites of the Catechumenate (RCIA). These very beautiful, indeed awe-inspiring, rites and prayers totally disappeared during the 6<sup>th</sup> century, when infant baptism became the norm for all in the Roman Church. The Council restored the Rite for the Universal Church.

Pastor's  
Message  
for Lent



Since Vatican Council II, all those who seek Baptism over the age of reason must enter into these sacred rites, always within the community of believers. Those who witness these rites at the 10:30 Sunday Mass can testify to their beauty, and even the renewal of their own sense of faith.

Today, those who have been known as catechumens will now be known as the “elect.” Like life itself, there are *stages and periods* in the Rite of Christian Initiation. A *stage* is a heightened moment, a step; whereas a *period* is a measure of time, a maturation process, marked with various liturgical rites.

The first stage is the entrance into the Catechumenate; it is the choice of the person to seek God and to become a catechumen. As of today, it is the Church, through the person of the bishop (or his delegate) who chooses or elects the person to enter into the second stage — as a candidate for the sacraments which they will receive on Holy Saturday at the Great Vigil of Easter (the third stage).

The next 6 weeks of Lent our Electi will intensify their studies, their prayers, and their generosity so as to be ready for their Baptism on April 11. I ask all our parishioners to pray for our newly Elect: **Ray Graves, Teunti Lee, Lindsey Amanda Castillo, and Brandon Rosado**. I invite you to come and journey with them at the 10:30 Solemn Choir Mass every Sunday.

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. Since Ash Wednesday, we have been preparing for the 40 days of Lent which begin today (depends on how one reckons 40 days) ending on Holy Thursday evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper. As has been our tradition, we will hear and sing more of the Gregorian Chant at our Masses. We already know the *Kyrie*, and the *Sanctus* and *Agnus Dei*; this year the cantor will chant the communion antiphon before we sing the communion hymn together.

Gregorian chant has pride of place in our liturgical music; the translation of the Latin texts can be found in the missalette. Chant is, by its nature, unlike any other type of music we know or sing. Therefore it necessarily leads us to the other world of sanctity, to eternity, to God.

Also, as we begin Lent, I encourage all our parishioners to **pray** more (come to Mass during the week a few times, if not daily), **fast** from things (like meat, radio, TV, cell phones, ignorance), and to be more **generous** to those less fortunate (support a missionary religious order, soup kitchens).

On the ushers’ tables are leaflets entitled *St. Paul Guides Us Through Lent To Easter*. Please take a copy home and reflect more on St. Paul’s letters.

*Father Raaser*

## SCHEDULE

<u>Sunday, March 1</u>			<u>Thursday, March 5</u>		
Hospitality Sunday	after AM Masses	Fr. Fata Hall	Legion of Mary	7:30 PM	Meeting House
RCIA	11:30 AM	Lower Rectory	<u>Friday, March 6</u>		
<u>Monday, March 2</u>			Holy Hour	8:00 - 9:00 AM	Assumption
Exposition & Benediction	12:30 - 7:00 PM	Immaculate Conception	Stations of Cross	following noon Mass	Immaculate Conception
8th Grade Parent Meeting	7:30 PM	Lower Church	Exposition & Benediction	1:00 - 7:00 PM	Immaculate Conception
<u>Tuesday, March 3</u>			Evangelization	7:00 PM	Meeting House
Choir	7:30 PM	Immaculate Conception	Stations of the Cross	7:30 PM	both Parishes
Rosary Society	7:30 PM	Lower Church	<u>Saturday, March 7</u>		
Hispanic Team	7:30 PM	Meeting House	Cenacles	9:00 AM	Immaculate Conception
Knights of Columbus	8:00 PM	Fr. Fata Hall	CYO Retreat	10:00 AM	Lower Church
<u>Wednesday, March 4</u>			<u>Sunday, March 8</u>		
Centering Prayer	10:00 AM	Lower Rectory	RCIA	11:30 AM	Lower Rectory
Youth Choir	6:30 PM	Immaculate Conception	Knights’ St. Patrick’s Dinner	3:00 - 7:00 PM	Fr. Fata Hall
Bereavement Support	7:00 PM	Meeting House	<u>Monday, March 9</u>		
Bible Study	7:30 PM	Lower Rectory	Exposition & Benediction	12:30 - 7:00 PM	Immaculate Conception
			<i>Convivencia</i>	7:30 PM	Fr. Fata Hall

## RCIA

This Sunday during the 10:30 Mass at Immaculate Conception, we celebrate the *Rite of Election* with our four Catechumens. Henceforth, they will be called Elect, those chosen by God to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter Vigil.

Next Sunday, we will have the *Rite of Sending* our four Candidates to the Cathedral to join other Candidates in the Archdiocese for Cardinal Eagan to call them to *Continuing Conversion*.



## ICS OPEN HOUSES: MARCH 2 AND MARCH 3

Immaculate Conception School will hold an Open House on Monday, March 2 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Tuesday, March 3 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Join us for a tour of our beautiful school. Administrators, staff, and members of our Home School Association will be present to answer any questions. Applications will be accepted PreK-3 through 8 grade for the 2009-2010 school year. To download an application, go to our website at [www.icschoolonline.org](http://www.icschoolonline.org). For more information, please call 961-3785.

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next session of the Bereavement Support Group will be on Wednesday **March 4** at 7:00 - 8:30 PM in the Meeting House on Winter Hill Road. Meetings are confidential and involve prayer and dialogue as one journey's from grief to healing and hope. Anyone who has endured the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend.

## 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 8** from 3:00 - 7:00 PM at Father Fata Hall. This year's honorees are Nick and Hilda Ruffalo.

This popular annual tradition includes a complete Irish dinner of corned beef and cabbage with all the trimmings, unlimited wine, beer, soda, coffee, tea and dessert. Live entertainment will include Irish Step Dancers and the Peter Lawrence Quartet. All are welcome to attend this festive occasion. The price of admission is \$30.00 for adults, and \$12.00 for children between the ages of 6 and 17. Children under 6 years of age are free. Seating is limited at this popular event, so please make your reservations no later than Monday, March 2, 2009. Contact John Larkin at 472-4359 for your reservations, and may the luck of the Irish be with you always!

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight Saving Time for 2009 begins on Sunday, **March 8** at 2:00 AM and ends on Sunday, November 1, at 2:00 AM. Please remember to advance your clocks.



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## THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST

There will be a three-part presentation of *The Passion of the Christ* with discussion by Rev. James Villa, OFM on the following evenings:

Saturday, March 14 - Lower Church  
Saturday, March 21 - Lower Church  
Saturday, March 28 - ICS Cafeteria

Following the 5:30 PM Mass, there will be a Lenten Dinner of soup and bread. At 7:00 PM, there will be a viewing of a part of *The Passion of the Christ*. Instruction and a Q&A period on that evening's segment will begin at approximately 7:45 PM.

Fr. Villa is a Bronx native who became a Franciscan brother in 1961. He was ordained a priest in 1969 and received a Doctorate in Ministry in 1980 from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He resides in Mount Vernon and is on the regular faculty of St. Joseph's Seminary forming the permanent diaconate.

## PALM CROSSES

Will be available for purchase after all Masses at Assumption & Immaculate Conception Churches  
The weekends of:



March 21st & March 22nd,  
March 28th and March 29th, and  
April 4th and April 5th



Prices are \$10.00 per Palm Cross  
All proceeds benefit the children of Immaculate Conception School

## ICS News

School resumed on Monday after an enjoyable mid-winter respite. On Tuesday, many in the school community wore beads to celebrate Mardi Gras, and all participated in a "burning the palm" service; the resulting ashes were used on Ash Wednesday. Ashes were distributed at a special school prayer service. On Friday, grades 5 - 8 took part in the Stations of the Cross, a weekly Lenten observance.

## Parish School of Religion

### ATTENTION PARENTS OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: PSR AND ICS

There is an informative parent meeting this Monday evening, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30pm in the lower church. The topic is your child's Confirmation and your attendance is mandatory (parents only).

**PARISH BLOOD DRIVE - SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

Our parish blood drive will be held in the lower church on March 29 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Our last appointment will be at 12:45PM. Anyone in good health between 17 and 75 years of age can be a donor, as long as your prior blood donation was made before February 3 (56 days prior to our drive). There is an acute shortage of blood. Please try to donate. You could save a life. Sponsored by: Knights of Columbus Keogh Council #2108.

**“BEHOLD THE LAMB” DAY TRIP**

Please join the Assumption Rosary Altar society on Thursday, **May 7** on a trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania to experience the sight & sound play, “Behold the Lamb,” an extraordinary play of Easter. The greatest words ever spoken ... the greatest miracles ever done ... and the greatest sacrifice ever given. Let the greatness and glory of the life of Jesus Christ fill you with His life-changing love. “Behold the Lamb” is a powerful presentation of the timeless message of the Savior, that “whoever believes in Him, shall not perish, but have eternal life!” The cost is \$100 per person, which includes bus, play and full smorgasbord dinner. The bus leaves Assumption Church at 9:30 AM and returns at 9:30 PM. Reservations are on a first come basis. **Reservations must be in by April 5.** Please call Michele Pinto: 337-7901

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross are scheduled at 7:30 PM every Friday in Lent at each parish and after the Friday noon Mass at Immaculate Conception. There will be a special schedule for Holy Week.

**DAYS OF ABSTINENCE AND FAST**

During days of abstinence, Catholics 14 and older do not eat the flesh of an animal. Ash Wednesday and every Friday in Lent are days of abstinence.

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

**CHILDREN’S LENTEN PRACTICES**

You may have noticed the small baskets on the ushers’ tables holding slips of papers called *Lenten Practices*. We encourage all our parish children, ages 6 and older, to take one slip every weekend and to carry out the suggested practice the following week. We also encourage, after the practice has been completed, for the children to sign (first names only) the slip of paper and place it into the collection basket as their official Lenten offering to Jesus.

**CYO TEAMS**

**6TH GRADE BOYS BASEBALL**

**6TH - 8TH GRADE GIRLS SOFTBALL**

The Immaculate Conception CYO has openings in its 6th Grade Boys Baseball Team and 6th-8th Grade Girls Softball Team. To join the team, call Joe Annunziata at 804-7554 or e-mail nycon123@aol.com.

**MATCHING GIFT PROGRAMS**

Many companies sponsor matching gift programs to encourage employees to support charitable institutions. If your gift is eligible, simply request a matching gift form from your employer and send it, completed and signed along with your gift to: Campaign Office, Immaculate Conception Rectory, 53 Winter Hill Rd, Tuckahoe, NY 10707. If you have any questions or need help completing the form, please call the rectory and ask for Chris. ***Please note: some companies will match the Gym Campaign and not the Church projects. Please read your company’s policy carefully.***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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My total pledge will be: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please send reminders:

Annually  Semi-Annually

Quarterly  Monthly

*Please make checks payable to your parish's Bicentennial Campaign and return this card to your parish office.*

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