



## ....From Father Joe

Often as a priest, I am in contact with individuals who are diagnosed with a life-threatening disease. In an instant his/her life takes on a dramatic turn, as he/she faces the possibility of a shortened life. It is comforting for me to hear any of them say: "I can honestly say I have no regrets." The Gospel today invites all of us more deeply into such a relationship with God, where we too can say we are ready at any moment, with no regrets. The Gospel also underscores God's patience in waiting for us to repent and "bear fruit." The process of transformation begins with God's gracious initiative. It is a sober reminder, however, to realize that our time to respond is limited.

**Congratulations** are extended to four of our Diocesan priests who are specially recognized by our Diocesan Chancery: Msgr. Charles Brown, Msgr. George Brubaker, Msgr. John Hopkins and, our former pastor, Msgr. Daniel McGlynn all received a papal honor with the title "Monsignor." Best of everything to them with our prayers and continued support.... **Ad Multos Annos**

**Stations of the Cross** are celebrated during Lent at Immaculate Conception Church on Fridays at 7 PM and at St. Jude Church on Wednesdays at 7 PM. **Shadow Stations of the Cross** will be held at Immaculate Conception Church on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. These stations are celebrated with our parish Youth Group who portray the stations behind a screen that allows the congregation to visualize Christ's Passion. Please take this opportunity for a prayerful experience with the youth of our community.

**Next weekend**, Mount Aviat Academy is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the 5 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception Church with Bishop Malooly as celebrant. To allow more room for this anniversary Mass, there will be an extra **4 PM Mass on Saturday, March 13**. Confessions will be at 3:15 PM. that afternoon. Please take advantage of the earlier Mass although the public is invited to join the Academy in its Golden Jubilee.

Tickets to this year's **Survivor Dinner Dance** are all sold. A word of appreciation goes out to everyone who purchased a chance to win \$10,000. A special word of appreciation goes to Tony Sniadowski for selling the most tickets and to his family for putting this major fund raiser together. So on March 13<sup>th</sup> the winners will become a reality. **The chance to win \$1,000 (as mailed to parishioners) will also be picked at the Survivor Dinner. Please make sure that you support the parish by taking a chance for the \$1,000 prize.** Your cooperation in purchasing a chance is not only appreciated but needed.

Mark your calendars for the **Parish Lenten Penance Service** on Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at Immaculate Conception Church. A Deanery Penance Service, at St. Joseph's Church in Middletown, DE, will be on Sunday, March 28 at 7 PM.

This Week's Lenten Opportunities		
<b>Daily Mass Schedule:</b> (Masses at ICC)		
Mon., Wed., Fri.	8:30 AM & 12:15 PM	
Tues., Thurs., Sat.	8:30 AM	
<b>Liturgy of the Hours:</b>		
Monday – Friday	8:00 AM	Ch
<b>Stations of the Cross:</b>		
Wednesday	7:00 PM	SJ
Friday	7:00 PM	IC
<b>Confessions:</b>		
*Monday 3/8 ICS Service	10:00 AM	IC
*Wednesday, 3/10 Rel Ed Service	6:30 PM	IC
Saturday 3/13 (Special time)	3:15 – 3:45 PM	IC
Sunday	8:30 – 8:45 AM	SJ
<b>Other:</b>		
Miraculous Medal Novena	Monday, 9AM	Ch
Blue Army Holy Hour	Tuesday, 9 AM	Ch
Rosary Crusade	Wed-Sat, 9 AM	Ch



Offertory	February 28, 2010	Fiscal Budget
Immaculate Conception	\$10,186.43	\$11,300.00
St. Jude's	\$ 1,487.00	\$ 1,960.00
	\$11,673.43	\$13,260.00
<b>2009-2010 Fiscal Year to Date</b>	<b>Deficit</b>	<b>-\$12,974.35</b>

Building Maintenance Fund:	
Collected	\$99,913.77
Expenses	\$96,307.26
Balance	\$ 3,606.51

### Parish Community News

**We extend our condolences and prayers to the families of those who have recently died:**  
Mary Banas



Mass Intentions

<b>March 8, 2010</b>	8:30 AM	Lorraine Hirshorn
	12:15 PM	Laura and Earl Koch
<b>March 9, 2010</b>	8:30 AM	Tandurrella Giuseppe
<b>March 10, 2010</b>	8:30 AM	Delfin Castro
	12:15 PM	Ellen Cole
<b>March 11, 2010</b>	8:30 AM	Cornelius Perrone
<b>March 12, 2010</b>	8:30 AM	Anne and Edward Weber
	12:15 PM	Gail Gwiazdowski
<b>March 13, 2010</b>	8:30 AM	Zygmunt Brathkowski
	4:00 PM IC	Rose Kowalski
	5:00 PM	Danny Sanchez (Living Intention)
<b>March 14, 2010 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	7:00 AM	People of the Parish
	8:30 AM	Carl Gustafson
	9:00 AM SJ	Gerald Heffernan
	10:15 AM	Lt. Corporal Lawrence Branigan
	12:00 PM	Gina and Peter Lamonica

# Liturgy

## Attention to Prayer and Liturgy.

Lent invites us to pare back, strip away all but the essentials; musically, as in every other way. These Forty Days of desert retreat, of unadorned clarity, of musical simplicity and starkness, are an excellent time to join one of our musical ensembles. Liturgical music for the season is a deep and abundant treasure trove of repertoire that is rich in imagery and emotional content. Preparation for and leadership of our parish's sung prayer is marked with seriousness, attentive listening to the word of God, and "with the gladness of spiritual desire [to] await holy Easter" (*Rule of Saint Benedict*, 49). Visit [www.iccparish.org/music.php](http://www.iccparish.org/music.php) for opportunities for you and your family's Lenten journey, not only to be inward and individual, but also outward and social.

## Readings for Next Week: 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

**First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12** – The people enter a new stage in their relationship with God: the manna ceases and they eat the produce of the Promised Land.

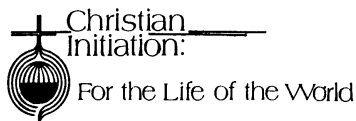
**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21** – God appeals to the world through us: come back to him.

**Gospel: Luke 15:1-2,11-32** – Jesus reveals God to be a forgiving Father who expects his children to forgive as he does.

## Vocations –

God called Moses from the burning bush. Is His voice burning within your heart? Is He calling you to live out your Catholicism as a priest, deacon, religious sister or religious brother? If you've felt that holy fire and aren't sure what to do next, call or write Fr. Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, [jcocucci@cdow.org](mailto:jcocucci@cdow.org)). Be sure to visit our website: [www.CalledByTheLord.com](http://www.CalledByTheLord.com)!

**The Parish Adoration for Vocations** is usually held the first Sunday of each month in the Immaculate Conception Chapel. Adoration for Vocation will be held this Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:30– 7 PM. Take this opportunity to spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to pray for priestly and religious vocations. Benediction begins at 6:30 PM.



**RCIA Meetings are on Thursday from 7 -8:30 PM.**

**The topic for this week: Church Tradition & the Saints**

## RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) -

RCIA is the process by which baptized Christians and those who are unbaptized become members of the Catholic Church. It is also the process by which baptized Catholics who never received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation receive those sacraments. The RCIA sessions are held Thursdays at 7pm in the Parish Center.



**Fr. Stanislao's  
Heavenwards School of Prayer**

**Simply Praying Simple Prayers**  
Week two

**Focus:** "Make an agreement with the Lord"

In order to make our prayer time more fruitful, we should spend the whole day thinking about the Lord and fill our days with ways in which we can deepen our relationship with Him.

I learned this from St. Alphonsus (a Neapolitan saint!!!) He said that one way to deepen our relationship with God and keep Him present throughout the day is to make an "agreement" with Him in the morning. During our Morning Prayer, we can decide that every time we do a certain thing (like looking at a picture, or when we hear the clock chiming the hours, touch our eyeglasses, or your wedding ring or any other thing we can do in private), we do it as a way of saying to God, "I am thinking of you."

**In the Morning, as you bathe:** ask the Lord to wash away everything that happened yesterday and give you the strength to live your Baptism anew; what happened yesterday is gone – the person who hurt you, the disappointment you felt, etc. Jesus made you a new creation and your relationships must start again: everybody is worthy of your love.

**At Lunch time:** take a walk if you can, or try to exercise or even stretch. Do it slowly: as you stretch your legs, arms, neck ... praise the Lord for having made you in such a wonderful way (regardless of how you feel about your body!)

**In the Evening:** think of all those people who have been involved in preparing that meal for you. The baker, those who distributed the bread, those who work at the store. Ask the Lord to bless all those people who work "secretly" for you.

**At Bed Time:** Think about the day. Thank the Lord for all the people you met, you spoke to, or even those whom you remember throughout the day. Was there something you heard in the News that needs extra prayer? Keep writing on your cards or in your prayer journal all the things you are thankful for.

Send your prayer ideas to  
[iccSchoolOfPrayer@gmail.com](mailto:iccSchoolOfPrayer@gmail.com)

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

**Special Note:** This year Children's Liturgy will be for Ages 5 & 6 and Ages 7 & 8 **ONLY**. Children who do not fall into these categories are asked to remain in church.

**Catechists for Sunday, March 14 Children's Liturgy of the Word are:**

CLW 1 Virginia Ferver CLW 2 Becky Stewart

# Christian Formation

## Religious Education

### Religion Classes:

Religion Classes today, Sunday, Mar 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM grades 1-8.

Religion Classes this Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 PM for grades 1-8.

Students in Grades 2-8 will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation beginning at 6:30 PM in the Church.

Preschool Classes today, Sunday, Mar. 7 at 10:15 AM.

Registration For 2010-2011: Beginning March 14<sup>th</sup> through April 14<sup>th</sup> Registrations will be accepted for next year's parish religious education and Sacramental programs. Details of process will follow.

First Communion Program: Anyone who was not present at the Parent/Child meeting that was conducted last Sunday is reminded that they must contact the parish religion office to obtain the makeup packet. This must be completed to continue in the program.

Church Tour Schedule: Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm: Gr. 2 Rel. Ed and above & any students from Mt. Aviat. (Rel. Ed students DO NOT REPORT FOR CLASS IN THE MORNING); Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>: 1pm for ICS students; Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>: 6:30pm for Wednesday night Rel. Ed. Students and any students from Mt. Aviat)

Gospel Champions: Have you received our parish code to download this fun filled interactive computer game? If not, Contact the religion office at (410)392-3551 OR email us at [re@iccp parish.org](mailto:re@iccp parish.org). Did you know that these games change monthly, and have 3 skill levels?

Have You Visited Our Parish Website during this Season of Lent? Updated weekly are downloads for personal prayer and reflection, Scripture puzzles for children, etc. Also, if you scroll down on the right you will find many links that provide you with a variety of resources and prayers to enrich your Lenten journey. Take time to take advantage of all that our website has to offer. Remember: If you do not have internet access, contact the religion office to receive a hard copy of each week's offerings. **REMEMBER:** Our parish library located in the parish center has many additional resources in the form of books, DVDs, and Videos to borrow at no cost. (VCRs are available to borrow if you no longer own one)

## Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry email address: Youth Ministry's email address is [youthministry@iccp parish.org](mailto:youthministry@iccp parish.org)

Middle School Youth Ministry - Activities are planned throughout the year. Keep checking this Sunday bulletin and see [www.schoolnotes.com](http://www.schoolnotes.com). for details.

High School Youth Ministry - All high school students are welcome to spend time with peers and adult leaders discussing the issues we face and choices we make as we live our Catholic faith. Our CTM gatherings are informal, social, and insightful. There is no cost, and you can attend as often as suits your schedule. We meet weekly on Sunday evenings in the parish center youth room. Always check [www.schoolnotes.com](http://www.schoolnotes.com) for the most up-to-date Youth Ministry news.

**March 7** – CTM 6-8:00 PM Parish Center

Shadow Stations of the Cross - High school students who would like to participate in Shadow Stations this year, please email [youthministry@iccp parish.org](mailto:youthministry@iccp parish.org). We will do Shadow Stations on March 12<sup>th</sup> and March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in IC church.

Snow make-up class for Confirmation - Please visit [www.schoolnotes.com](http://www.schoolnotes.com) for all weather related closings and make-up lessons.

### Important Dates for Confirmation

April 25 – Confirmation rehearsal, 4 PM IC Church

April 29 – Confirmation Mass, 7 PM, IC Church

## Adult Education

Adult Education Committee Meeting: Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the parish center.



### "Lord, Teach us how to pray"

#### A School of Prayer -Session 3

**Come to any of the sessions!!**

Lent is a season of prayer! But, have you ever experienced frustrations and boredom during prayer? Or, you know

that it's important, we are all supposed to pray but have no idea what this is all about? **Father Stanislaw** has begun a **School of Prayer**. The School of Prayer is an opportunity for all those who are interested to learn the basic and fundamentals of prayer. As a guide, we will meditate on the **Lord's Prayer** (the "Our Father"). This 'School' is opened to all who want to deepen their relationship with God through prayer; it is especially designed for beginners. **We will meet each Sunday in Lent at 7 PM in Immaculate Conception Church.**

## Immaculate Conception School News

**Monday, March 8:** Reconciliation for Grades 2-8

**Thursday, March 11:** Special Persons' Luncheon-Gr 2.

**Friday, March 12:** Grade 8 makes lunches for Winter Emergency Rotating Shelter.

**Thursday, March 11th:** ICS Sewing Club, 2:30 p.m.

**Terra Nova week is March 15-19.** Please ensure that your student has a hearty breakfast and a good night's sleep.

## Social Concerns

**Outreach - The Parish Outreach** is grateful to all those who continue to support this essential ministry – both materially and in their prayers.

**The Pantry is in need of** jelly, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, baked beans, soup, sugar, tea, hot chocolate, cereal, juice, toilet paper, dish detergent and laundry detergent.

**Catholic Social Teaching:** In his letter to the Philippians, Paul tells us that we are to be transformed to be like Jesus himself. Jesus, the champion of the poor and marginalized, stands transformed on the mountain with Moses, the one who led the oppressed Israelites out of Egypt, and Elijah, the prophet who spoke on behalf of the downtrodden. After Peter offered to build tents for the three, Jesus returned to Jerusalem to continue his mission. For us to be like Jesus, we must become champions of the poor and marginalized now, before our final transformation after death. For more information on Catholic social teaching contact Andy Zampini at Catholic Charities at 302-472-0636.



**The Second Vatican Council** reminded the entire Church that we are to be a leaven for the world's transformation. ... Recently, we have tried to be such a leaven in the debate about health care. It is not for us to speak to particular means of delivering health care; it is our responsibility, however, to insist, as a moral voice concerned with human solidarity, that everyone should be cared for and that no one should be deliberately killed. ~ Cardinal Francis George, Presidential Address to General Meeting of U.S. bishops, Nov. 16, 2009

### ROTATING SHELTER -



Our parish will be operating the rotating shelter this week. **SPECIAL NEED: We still need a man and a woman to serve as night monitors for Saturday night, March 13.** Please call Mary Ann Hopkins at 443-553-4604 if you can serve in this position. Please pray for those who are staying in the shelter and for all those who have given their time, talent and treasure to support this important undertaking. God Bless You.

## Parish and Family Life

**Parish Coffee:** Join us today, Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> for a Parish Coffee after the 9 AM Mass at St. Jude's and also

next Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup> after the 10:15 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception. Hope to see you there.

## Parish Events / Information

**ICAA is happy to offer you a way to order Immaculate Conception Hawks apparel.** We have partnered with a company called: You Name It. They offer several different types of apparel and other products with the Hawks logo. A portion of the sale will go back to the ICAA that will help us to continue funding sports, activities, and other events. Visit our Athletic store at [www.ShopYouNameIt.net](http://www.ShopYouNameIt.net) Click on the Showroom Tab; Select Immaculate Conception; Enter the password - faith; you can also place a phone order by calling 302-376-5945. Thank you for your support.

**The Annual Sports Banquet will be held on Friday, May 21, 2010!** ICAA is in need of volunteers to help plan this event. Our first meeting will take place on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 6:30pm in the School Gym! It's imperative that we have volunteers attend this meeting to help with this event. If we do not have volunteers, we will not be able to have a Sports Banquet this year. If you cannot attend the meeting, but still want to be a part of the planning committee, please send an email to [melindadelia@msn.com](mailto:melindadelia@msn.com). Also, if you have any team action/group pictures please send them to the same email address asap.

### **It's Time to Wake Up!**

*Do you want to learn more about the Catholic Faith?* Consider joining us for the **Awakening Faith** program to help you reconnect with your Catholic Faith. A different staff member from Immaculate Conception will lead discussions about faith topics each week. Sessions are on Mondays 9:15-10:45am or Tuesdays 6:30-8pm. There is no cost to attend. Acknowledgement is requested but not mandatory. [re@iccp parish.org](mailto:re@iccp parish.org) or (410) 392-3551. Check the website for cancellations due to weather.

**March 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – Can Mass Make My Life Meaningful?**

**– with Fr. Stanislaw Esposito**

**March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> – Who is the Church?**

**–with Mary Kirkwood**

Check back each week for session topics.

**Operation Rice Bowl: The Burning Bush and the Call of Moses** –Today we hear the call of Moses to lead his people from oppression to freedom. God promises to be with them as they journey to a new life. Our participation in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl unites us in prayer, fasting, and giving with the millions of people throughout the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war, disease, and lack of education and other opportunities..

## This Week's Calendar:

### Sunday, March 7

8:30 AM Rel Ed/TOC (gr 1-8) - S  
10:00 AM Confirmation Class – PC  
10:00 AM Parish Coffee - SJ  
10:15 AM Preschool Rel Ed – S  
1:30 PM Adoration for Vocations - Ch  
6:00 PM CTM – PC6

### Monday, March 8

9:00 AM Novena – Ch  
9:15 AM Awakening Faith Session- PC  
10:00 AM ICS Reconciliation Service - IC  
6:30 PM Confirmation - PC6  
7:00 PM Book Discussion Group – PC2  
7:00 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting - PCL

### Tuesday, March 9

9:00 AM Holy Hour – Ch  
10:00 AM Adult Education Committee – PC2  
6:00 PM Children's Choir - PC4  
6:30 PM Awakening Faith Session - PCL  
7:00 PM Contemporary Ensemble- IC  
7:00 PM ICAA Board Meeting – PC2

### Wednesday, March 10

9:00 AM Rosary Crusade – Ch

### Wednesday, May 10 cont.

1:00 PM Leisure Club - PCL  
6:15 PM Religious Education (Gr 1-6) - S  
6:15 PM TOC - PC3,L,6  
6:30 PM Rel Ed Reconciliation Service- IC  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross – SJ

### Thursday, March 11

9:00 AM Rosary Crusade – Ch  
11:00 AM Calvert Nursing Home Liturgy  
6:30 PM Cubscout Mtg– caf  
7:00 PM RCIA - PCL/3  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal – IC  
7:00 PM Boy Scouts – RB

### Friday, March 12

9:00 AM Rosary Crusade – Ch  
9:30 AM Proverbs 31 Women's Group - PC6  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross – IC

### Saturday, March 13

9:00 AM Rosary Crusade – Ch  
12:00 PM New Proclaimer Training - IC  
**3:15 PM** Confessions – IC  
4:00 PM Mass – IC  
5:00 PM Mass for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mt. Aviat  
6:00 PM Survivor Dinner at Singerly Hall

## Community Events / Information



**Knights of Columbus**  
**Bishop Becker Council 2427**  
**410-398-8615**  
**or 410-398-2427**

**Meetings:** 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

**Membership Information:** call 410-398-2427 o

**KC's Pub:** Now Non-Smoking. Open Friday and Saturday 5 PM to 12 AM.

**K of C Texas Hold-em Tournament:** Held 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the Month.

**K of C Flea Market:** Every Saturday 7 am – 3 pm.

**K of C Bingo:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month. Doors open at Noon. Bingo begins at 2 PM. Food available.

### VIA CRUCIS

The annual production of **VIA CRUCIS** (Way of the Cross) will be presented in St. Anthony of Padua Church during Lent, 2010. The local tradition is marking its golden anniversary this year, but the tradition is much older than 50 years because the presentation is done in the style of a medieval Europe 'mystery play', when drama was frequently used as a vehicle for imparting the Word of God. This year's production includes about 100 children and teens from several different parishes, schools and home schools in the greater Wilmington area. They portray in pantomime scenes from the Bible accounts of the suffering and death of Jesus from Palm Sunday through the Crucifixion and His burial while a narrator speaks the corresponding Biblical passages.

In re: Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, Inc.;

Case No. 09-13560

**YOU MAY HAVE A CLAIM AGAINST  
THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON, INC.**

On October 18, 2009, the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, Inc. (the "Debtor") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Bankruptcy Court").

**THE LAST DAY TO FILE AN ABUSE CLAIM AGAINST THE  
DEBTOR IS APRIL 15, 2010 AT 4 PM (Prevailing Eastern Time).  
IF YOU WERE ABUSED BY ANY MEMBER OF THE CLERGY OR  
ANY OTHER PERSON CONNECTED WITH THE CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON, INC. YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM BY  
APRIL 15, 2010 AT 4:00 P.M. (PREVAILING EASTERN TIME).**

For more information, including a complete list of all parishes and schools within the geographic territory of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, or to receive a proof of claim form and associated documents, please (1) visit the Debtor's website at <http://www.cdow.org>; (2) visit the Claims Agent's designated website at <http://www.cdowreorganization.com>; (3) call the Claims Agent at (800) 761-6220, (4) write to The Garden City Group, Inc., Attn: CDOW Bankruptcy Administration, P.O. Box 9561, Dublin, Ohio 43017-4861; or (5) call the official committee of unsecured creditors appointed in this case at (888) 570-6269.

### Calling All Young People: Take Up Your Cross!

Bishop Malooly invites youth and young adults from all parishes and schools to join him as we come together for the inaugural Pilgrimage on Saturday, March 27. Young people from across the diocese will carry the diocesan pilgrimage cross through the streets of Wilmington with the bishop as a representation of Jesus' entry to Jerusalem and his journey on Good Friday to Calvary. Registration opens at 9:30 and the day concludes with an optional concert with Catholic musician Steve Angrisano, our emcee. Don't miss this great opportunity to wrap up your Lenten journey with hundreds of your peers. Cost for the day is \$15 (bring your own lunch). To register, please contact Ruthie Patterson (410-392-3551).