



## ....From Father Joe

In this First Sunday of Lent, we see Jesus relying on the Word of God to guide and strengthen Him during His temptation in the desert; a battle with the devil and a sobering reminder that anyone can quote Scripture to their own purposes. Jesus unmasks the false allure of believing in a God who would prove divine love by acting like an indulgent parent. He exposes the untruth of believing in a God whose power is displayed in ostentatious empires or in manipulating the laws of nature. Lent provides us an opportunity to embrace anew such struggles as Jesus faced, so that when great trials shake our self-understanding and cause us to question our reliance on God we may remain faithful.

The road leading to St. Jude Church parking lot has been impassable during the severe snows. This road belongs to the parish and is plowed with the adjoining parking lot. Often, before the plowers arrive, the road is already impacted by local vehicles and dropping temperatures solidify this ice. Sorry for any inconvenience. The snow removal company will specifically address this problem with ice melt in future situations.

March 13, **Mount Aviat Academy** is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Immaculate Conception Church with Bishop Malooly as celebrant at the regular 5 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass. To allow more room for this Anniversary Mass, there will be a 4 p.m. Mass that Saturday afternoon for everyone's convenience. Please take advantage of the earlier Mass although the public is invited to join the Academy in its Golden Jubilee.

Reminder that **Stations of the Cross** are celebrated during Lent at Immaculate Conception Church on Fridays at 7 p.m. and at St. Jude Church on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. The **Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence** from meat. All those who are fourteen years old are bound to the law of abstinence. The law of fast binds all who are eighteen years old and not yet fifty-nine years old. **Extra Masses** are also scheduled for the weekdays of Lent on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:15 noon in Immaculate Conception Chapel.

A **Deanery Prayer Service** for Vocations will be celebrated at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 345 Bear-Christiana Road, Bear, DE at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24. All are invited to pray for vocations.

**Pirates** are the theme of this year's **Survivor Dinner Dance**. 299 limited tickets (\$100 each) are being made available for the nearly 29 chances of winning back the cost of the ticket and finally the grand prize of \$10,000. The chance to win \$1,000 (as mailed to parishioners) will also be picked... Dinner, open bar and dancing are included in this fun night which will be on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at the Slingerly Fire Hall. Please phone the Parish Center at 410-398-1100 to obtain a ticket. This event is the second largest fund raiser for our parish. Your cooperation toward the dinner and/or chances is not only appreciated but needed.

## Our Weekly Offering

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>February 14, 2010</u>	<u>Fiscal Budget</u>
Immaculate Conception	\$15,641.06	\$11,300.00
St. Jude's	<u>\$ 1,898.87</u>	<u>\$ 1,960.00</u>
	\$17,539.93	\$13,260.00

**2009-2010 Fiscal Year to Date**    Deficit    -\$13,194.94

### Building Maintenance Fund:

Collected	\$99,501.77
Expenses	<u>\$96,307.26</u>
Balance	\$ 3,194.51

## Parish Community News

**Congratulations to those who have recently been baptized:**

James Henry Steltzer  
Zachary Emerson Mushtare  
Sophia Marianne Corigliano  
Hailey Rhiannon Green  
Leila Anika Marquez

### Operation Rice Bowl: Jesus' Temptation

In Luke's story of the temptations of Jesus we see how we can be tempted by wealth, power and esteem just as He was. Lent calls us to focus on our faith life by living it in deeper ways. As we begin our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, let us pray and sacrifice so that through our faith life we can make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in need.



## Mass Intentions

### **February 22, 2010 –The Chair of St. Peter, apostle**

8:30 AM        Anne Saunders  
12:15 PM      Frank Ventura

### **February 23, 2010**

8:30 AM        Clara Blair

### **February 24, 2010**

8:30 AM        Anthony Sniadowski (Living Intention)  
12:15 PM      Delfin Castro

### **February 25, 2010**

8:30 AM        Fran Sedgwick

### **February 26, 2010**

8:30 AM        John Heffernan  
12:15 PM      Deacon John Seador

### **February 27, 2010**

8:30 AM        Sylvia McLaughlin  
5:00 PM        People of the Parish

### **February 28, 2010 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

7:00 AM        Gail Gwiazdowski  
8:30 AM        Rosario Domingo  
9:00 AM SJ    Arthur R. Barker, Jr.  
10:15 AM      Carl Gustafson  
12:00 PM      John and Connie Farrell

# 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

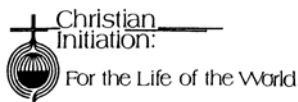
**First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12,17-18** – God entered into a covenant with Abraham, and answered doubt with a firm promise, sealed with fire.

**Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1** – Heaven is our homeland. We shall enter into this promised land transfigured as Christ was transfigured.

**Gospel: Luke 9:28-36** – The chosen disciples were given a glimpse of the divine life shining through Christ's humanity.

**Vocations** – In today's gospel, Jesus rebukes the devil, saying "you shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." Sometimes we have a sense of where God is calling us, but our reluctance leads us to test God by asking for ever more clear signs. Do you think God might be calling you to a religious vocation? Instead of "testing" God, let's move toward discernment – a humble, grace-filled listening for the promptings of the Spirit. Contact Fr. Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly & Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, [jcocucci@cdow.org](mailto:jcocucci@cdow.org); [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. The next Adoration for Vocation will be held next 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 is: Precepts of the Church**

## 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.

## A Scout is Reverent: Scout Sunday Observance

On February 8, 2010, the Boy Scouts of America celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, our centennial, and the Sunday that falls before February 8 has been designated as "Scout Sunday" in which Scouts of all faith groups will take time to commemorate the founding of the Boy Scouts and the strong relationship with our Churches and Synagogues across the United States. On the weekend of February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Boy Scout Troup 444 and Cub Scout Pack 444 celebrated the founding of the Boy Scouts of America and invited family members and fellow parishioners to join them in commemorating their anniversary.

The Boy Scout movement was founded in Great Britain by British Lord Robert Baden-Powell and Scouting came to the United States when during a visit to London in 1909, millionaire Chicago publisher William Dickson Boyce, became lost and was approached by a boy of about 12 carrying a lantern who offered to guide him to the address he was seeking. When Boyce produced a shilling, the boy replied, "No, sir, I am a scout. Scouts do not accept tips for good turns." After finishing his errands, Boyce and the unknown scout went to British Scout headquarters where they met Lord Robert Baden-Powell, to find out more about the Scouting movement. From that moment forward, Boyce's interest in Scouting grew and Boyce came home determined to start Boy Scouting in America and on February 8, 1910, Boyce and a group of outstanding leaders filed incorporation papers for the Boy Scouts of America in the District of Columbia. The purpose, he said, "shall be to promote, through organization, and cooperation with other agencies, the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others, to train them in Scoutcraft, and teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues, using the methods which are in common use by Boy Scouts."

Throughout the year 2010, the Boy Scouts of America will celebrate its centennial and the adult volunteer leaders, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church will draw upon 100 years of tradition, success, and life-long learning to promote leadership and character development among our Parish's youth members.

By Ben Feril .

**Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday to  
the Boy Scouts of America!!**

## 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, February 28<sup>th</sup> Children's Liturgy of the Word are:**

CLW 1 Lynn O'Brien CLW 2 Lisa Kaminski

# Christian Formation

## Christian Formation

**Christian Formation Committee Meeting:** Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center.

## Immaculate Conception School News

**Congratulations** to the Immaculate Conception School Declamation Team! The team, consisting of Garret VanHorn, Mel Madarang, Analise Kaminski and Nicholas Pautler, took the first place trophy at the St. Mark's Spartan Speech Classic! This is an event where elementary school students from our Diocese gather to speak on various topics.

**Immaculate Conception School is hosting the annual Scholastic Book Fair in the school library on:** Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 10am - 1pm; Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8am – dismissal; Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8am – dismissal; Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 8am – noon, \*\*And 6:00pm until 7:30pm\*\*, Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 8am – dismissal. **Please come and support our library!**

**On February 23rd our 4th grade students** have accepted the invitation to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress testing. We know they will shine like the stars they are.

## Religious Education

### Religion Classes:

**Religion Classes** today, Sunday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 AM for grades 1-8.

**Religion Classes** this Wednesday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 PM for grades 1-8.

**Preschool Classes** today, Sunday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:15 AM.

**First Communion Program:** The next meeting in this program, for those who attended an Orientation Meeting, will be a Parent/Child meeting to be held Next Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 5:30pm in Church. Every family enrolled in the program is to attend. Contact the Religion Office at (410) 392-3551 with any questions.

**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?

### Don't Forget During the Season of Lent that...

On our parish website at [iccp parish.org](http://iccp parish.org) you will find many enriching resources in terms of downloads and links for personal prayer and reflection, family prayer and activities, etc. Many downloads are updated weekly. Continue to visit our website during this holy season as we journey together closer to the Lord. If you do not have internet access, please contact the parish office for a hard copy of available resources. **Also remember that additional resources for Lent** are available (books, videos and DVDs) in the Parish Library, located in the Parish Center. There are no fees.

## 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.

February 21 – CTM 6-8:00 PM Parish Center

February 28 – Vera Bradley Bingo 1 PM K of C Hall

February 28 – No CTM

**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

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

#### A School of Prayer



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?

Starting on **Sunday, Feb 21 at 7pm, Fr. Stanislao** will start a **School of Prayer**, 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.

**Who is a beginner?** The beginner is the one who still does not know how important prayer is, who is tremendously bored during prayer, who gets lost if he or she doesn't have written prayers or memorized ones; the one who thinks that work is more important than prayer; who has been frustrated with it for many years, starting and then giving it up; who uses it as "good luck charm" or to get what he/she wants from God; who seeks to hide from life.

\*\* For Suggestions for ways to "Pray to the Father in Secret" please view the parish website [www.iccp parish.org](http://www.iccp parish.org).

## 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. We also need an infant's car seat.

**Catholic Social Teaching:** In Luke's gospel today, Jesus delivers the famous sermon on the plain—the Beatitudes. How often we hear these beatitudes without realizing they are a prescription for just living. Blessed are the poor, Jesus says, for theirs is the kingdom of God. Even those of us who do not want economically can stand with the poor and work with the poor to change the structures that keep people poor, for example. You might reread the Beatitudes at home, meditating on how each of them applies to God's justice. For more information on Catholic social teaching, contact Andy Zampini at Catholic Charities at 302-472-0636 or [azampini@ccwilm.org](mailto:azampini@ccwilm.org)



**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 Mtg of U.S. bishops, Nov.2009



### ROTATING SHELTER -

An information meeting was held on **February 15<sup>th</sup>**. This parish will be operating the rotating shelter on the week of March 8<sup>th</sup>. It takes many volunteers to make the endeavor work. Please pray about your decision. We are extremely grateful for all the help you have given in the past years. If you did not make the meeting and would like to volunteer please call Mary Ann Hopkins at 443-553-4604 or Dennis Duckett at 410-398-9446

## Parish and Family Life

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

after the 10:15 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception on March 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Attention All Track Members!** It's that time of the year again to sign up for Spring Track at ICAA. Registration dates are as follows: Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30-8pm and Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2:30pm-5pm and 5:30-8pm in the gym hallway for Grades 3-8. Kids in Grades 4-8 should register through the CYM website. Track practice begins first week in March. For more information contact John Gonzalez at 410-620-3162 (H) or 443-350-3869 (C) or email to [john.gonzalez@landmarkengineering.com](mailto:john.gonzalez@landmarkengineering.com)

**Adult Education Survey:** Tomorrow is the last absolute last day to give us your input to let us know what you would like to see offered in our parish. The link for this survey will not be available after tomorrow. If you haven't done so, let us know what you think.

### This Week's Lenten Opportunities

<b><u>Daily Mass Schedule:</u></b>		
Mon., Wed., Fri.	(Masses at ICC) 8:30 AM & 12:15 PM	
Tues., Thurs., Sat.	8:30 AM	
<b><u>Liturgy of the Hours:</u></b>		
Monday – Friday	8:00 AM	Ch
<b><u>Stations of the Cross:</u></b>		
Wednesday	7:00 PM	SJ
Friday	7:00 PM	IC
<b><u>Confessions:</u></b>		
Saturday	4:15 – 4:45 PM	IC
Sunday	8:30 – 8:45 AM	SJ
<b><u>Other:</u></b>		
Miraculous Medal Novena	Monday, 9AM	Ch
Blue Army Holy Hour	Tuesday, 9 AM	Ch
Rosary Crusade	Wed-Sat, 9 AM	Ch
<b><u>Private Prayer:</u></b> Chapel is open 7:30 AM – 3PM Mon-Fri		

### Vera Bradley Bingo

Sunday, February 28th, K of C Hall on Rt. 40 in Elkton. Doors open at Noon. Bingo starts at 1:00. Call 443 350 4627 or 410 392 3551 for \$20 advance tickets. Tickets are \$25/door. Includes 20 regular games & door prizes. Also, available: food, raffles, specials, 50/50. Bingo winners win Vera Bradley handbags filled with extra prizes.

## This Week's Calendar:

### Sunday, February 21

8:30 AM Rel Ed/TOC (gr 1-8) - S  
10:00 AM Confirmation Class – PC  
10:15 AM Preschool Rel Ed – S  
6:00 PM CTM – PC6

### Monday, February 22

9:00 AM Novena – Ch  
9:15 AM Awakening Faith Session- PC  
6:30 PM Webelos – PC6  
6:30 PM Confirmation - PC6  
6:30 PM MD Right to Life – PCL  
7:00 PM Book Discussion Group – PC2  
7:00 PM Rotating Shelter Meeting –OR

### Tuesday, February 23

9:00 AM Holy Hour – Ch  
6:00 PM Children's Choir - PC4  
6:30 PM Awakening Faith Session - PC  
7:00 PM Contemporary Ensemble – IC

### Wednesday, February 24

9:00 AM Rosary Crusade – Ch  
6:15 PM Religious Education (Gr 1-6) - S  
6:15 PM TOC - PC3,L,6  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross – SJ

### Thursday, February 25

9:00 AM Rosary Crusade – Ch  
6:30 PM Cubscouts Pack Mtg– caf  
6:30 PM CFC – PC2  
7:00 PM RCIA - PCL/3  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal – IC  
7:00 PM Boy Scouts – RB

### Friday, February 26 -

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

### Saturday, February 27

9:00 AM Rosary Crusade – Ch  
4:15 PM Confessions – IC

## Community Events / Information



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

**In re: Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, Inc.;**  
**Case No. 09-13560**

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

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

**Membership Information:** call 410-398-2427 or  
[kofc.elkton@comcast.net](mailto:kofc.elkton@comcast.net)

**KC's Pub:** 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.

**S.A.C.R.E.D.** – Salesian Adult Christian Religious  
Education Day; Saturday, February 27, 2010 at  
Salesianum School. Hope you will consider joining us  
for an energizing, uplifting program sponsored by the  
Oblates of St. Francis DeSales. Please visit our website  
for information on schedule and registration.  
<http://www.salesianum.org/about/events/sacred/index.php>

**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.

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 4:00 P.M. (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.cdw.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.