



## ....From Father Joe

Prodigal means: recklessly extravagant. This Sunday's famous parable portrays two sons who display a sense of entitlement. They have calculated what they have coming to them. When the father hands

over his considerable wealth to his sons, one would think they would be happy. But both end up miserable. The younger one squanders everything, while the older one hoards it all.

As a figure of the divine, the father offers a gift of reconciliation that shatters the too-narrow vision of children vying for a bigger piece of the pie, when all along the whole of the inheritance is offered to each and all, with no bounds. The father's unflinching love seeks both sons out and flings open forgiveness. This heritage cannot be earned and it is never depleted, even by our most egregious misuses. Lent is the time for us to receive our inheritance and opens our capacity to be transformed by the giver; the source of grace and compassion will wait as long as it takes for transformative love to do its recreative work.

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

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. **Congratulations** to Mount Aviat Academy as they celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. May God continue to bless this noble ministry of the Oblate Sisters of St. Francis de Sales.

### 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>			
Saturday	4:15 – 4:45 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
<b>Private Prayer:</b> Chapel is open			7:30AM – 3 PM Mon-Fri

## Our Weekly Offering

Offertory	March 6, 2010	Fiscal Budget
Immaculate Conception	\$11,629.55	\$12,120.00
St. Jude's	\$ 2,714.00	\$ 2,000.00
	\$14,343.55	\$14,120.00

**2009-2010 Fiscal Year to Date**    **Deficit**    -\$ 8,833.89

### Building Maintenance Fund:

Collected	\$99,913.77
Expenses	\$98,416.61
Balance	\$ 3,606.51

### Operation Rice Bowl: The Prodigal Son –

The story of the Prodigal Son helps us refocus on the meaning of Lent. This is a time to change our ways, to turn back to God our Father, and to appreciate and share the gifts we have received. As we begin the second half of our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, we remember that we are called to be stewards of what God has given us, and we connect our prayers and fasting with our giving.

### Parish Community News

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

Donald Sentman, Sr.



## Mass Intentions

### March 15, 2010

8:30 AM Stanley Gosciniak  
12:15 PM Betty DeNucci

### March 16, 2010

8:30 AM Valeri Davies

### March 17, 2010

8:30 AM Lillian Siconolfi and Julia Cappozoli  
12:15 PM Marie Kelleher

### March 18, 2010

8:30 AM Mary Jane Bathon

### March 19, 2010–St. Joseph, husband of Blessed Virgin

8:30 AM Sisters of St. Joseph  
12:15 PM Jean Chicosky

### March 20, 2010

8:30 AM John McCarthy  
5:00 PM Lorenzo & Mildred Alagia

### March 21, 2010 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

7:00 AM People of the Parish  
8:30 AM Alex Monarrez  
9:00 AM SJ Shelby Boone  
10:15 AM Carl Gustafson  
12:00 PM Thomas and Bertha Huminski

# Liturgy

## FANFARES AND FLOURISHES

Brass players are being sought to add to the festive music of our Easter celebrations! If you know of someone in the congregation who can play trumpet, French horn, baritone, trombone or tuba, please put them in touch with our Director of Music Ministry, Mike Bareham. If we can't find anyone in-house, we will have to seek outside players. Might you consider a donation to the Music Ministry to fund the hiring of guest musicians? Let Mike know if you are willing and able to help with a gift--perhaps it could be in honor or memory of someone special!

## Readings for Next Week: 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

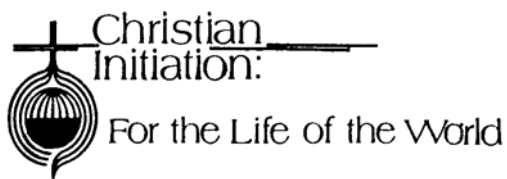
**First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21** – Even in the wilderness there are signs of God's presence. The way of the Lord is being prepared.

**Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14** – For Paul, Christ is everything. He longs to share Christ's resurrection and to win the heavenly prize.

**Gospel: John 8:1-11** – Jesus teaches the people by how he responds to sin in a loving, accepting way.

**Vocations** –“We are ambassadors for Christ,” St. Paul tells the Corinthians in today's second reading, “as if God were appealing through us.” In every generation, God calls some men to serve in a formal way as His ambassadors, preaching the good news, celebrating the Sacraments, leading His holy people as they strive to grow closer to their Lord. If you are a man between the ages of 18 and 49 and believe that God might be calling you to serve as a priest, call or write Fr. Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and 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 Sunday, April 4<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: Mary & The Rosary**

## 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. Stanislaw's  
Heavenwards School of Prayer**  
**Simply Praying Simple Prayers**  
Week three

**Focus: “Do not grumble as some of them did”(1 Cor 10:10)**

**Grumbling:** to murmur or mutter in discontent; complain sullenly.

*This week we hear that Saint Paul invites all of us to stop grumbling. It's a particularly strong invitation for all of us who live in a society that accept grumbling and complaining as normal. “Everybody does it!”*

*God doesn't agree with us and He always seemed to have a very strong reaction towards those who keep grumbling. He even destroyed the Israelites camp because they would not stop grumbling (see Numbers 11:1-2). When we grumble, we complain against the Lord.*

In the **Morning**, as you see yourself in the mirror say “Lord, thank you for making me who I am. Today I live this day as your child!”

**Throughout the day**, whenever you encounter a situation that makes you complain, resist. Instead, say “Thank You, Lord, because you want me to behave as your child *especially* in this situation.” When you meet someone who is upsetting you, or taking too much of your time, think about the Lord, who is “hidden” in that person.

At **Lunch**, spend some time in silence thanking the Lord that even though you may think you don't have enough in life, you still have some. Pray for those who have less than you; pray for those who are not able to eat because of illnesses or permanent disability.

In the **Evening**, if you can, take a walk around your neighborhood or in a park. As you pass by a house or if someone crosses your path, smile, and silently, ask the Lord to bless those who live in the house or that person, and his/her family and friends.

At **Bed Time**, write down on your cards the many blessings the Lord has given you. At the end, put them with those of your previous week and go through them quickly—say to the Lord “Thank you for loving me so much!” Smile, and go to sleep

**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 21 Children's Liturgy of the Word are:**

CLW 1 Michelle Willis CLW 2 Justine Quirk

# Christian Formation

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

**Christian Formation Committee Meeting:** Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the parish center.

### Immaculate Conception School News

**It's Terra Nova testing week for grades 1-7 at ICS!**  
Please go to bed early and eat a healthy breakfast to be fully prepared.

**Tuesday, March 16:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade retreat to Jesus House

**Wednesday, March 17:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade quilting bee to benefit Quilts for Kids.

**Thursday, March 18:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade welcomes Door of Hope. Happy birthday, Father Joe!

**Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** is the Feast of St. Joseph. Third grade will attend mass.

## Religious Education

### Religion Classes:

**Religion Classes** today, Sunday, Mar 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM grades 1-8.

**Religion Classes** this Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 PM for grades 1-8.

**Preschool Classes** today, Sunday, Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 AM.

**Registration For 2010-2011:** Beginning Today, 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. Go to the parish website at [iccp parish.org](http://iccp parish.org) under religious education for the forms. Complete forms online.

### First Communion Program- Church Tour Schedule:

**Today, 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. Check [www.schoolnotes.com](http://www.schoolnotes.com) for the most up-to-date Youth Ministry news.

March 14 – CTM 6-8 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 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in Immaculate Conception Church.

**Take up Your Cross Pilgrimage -** Students in grades 6-12 who wish to participate in the Take Up Your Cross Pilgrimage with Bishop Malooly on March 27<sup>th</sup> in Wilmington should email [youthministry@iccp parish.org](mailto:youthministry@iccp parish.org) to register. Students must be registered in advance. See [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org) or [www.schoolnotes.com](http://www.schoolnotes.com) for more information.

### 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 -  
Session 4

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 Stanislao** 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.**

## Social Concerns

### Outreach –

The Parish Outreach is grateful to all those who continue to support this essential ministry – both materially and in their prayers. Please continue to remember those who are less fortunate by donating to the poor boxes after Mass.

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. **Special Need:** Baby crib and crib mattress.



**Mother Teresa said that Christ** comes to us in the distressing disguise of the poor. She also said that it is a terrible poverty that a child must die so that people might live as they wish. Taken together, I believe that the poorest of the poor are those whose poverty lies in the loss of a child. We should consider them the face of Christ in our lives and help them with a kind word, a listening ear, a healing embrace. Only love can overcome the tragedy of abortion, and that love must begin with each of us.  
~ Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight, Knights of Columbus, Address at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Project Rachel

## Parish and Family Life

**Parish Coffee:** Join us for a Parish Coffee on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> after the 9 AM Mass at St. Jude's and also

after the 10:15 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception. (SJ: April 4 is Easter.) Hope to see you there.

## Parish Events / Information

**It's Time to Wake Up!** *Do you want to learn more about the Catholic Faith?* Join 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. 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 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> – Who is the Church? – with **Mary Kirkwood****

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> – Spirituality: What's the Buzz? – with **Sarah Hofkes****

Check back for the announcement of more session topics.

**Clothing Drive April 18<sup>th</sup>** - Cleaning out your closet to get ready for Spring? We'll take anything you don't want to keep. Bring your unwanted clothing, linens, shoes, etc. on Sunday, April 18th 9 AM-Noon to the ICS gym. Tax receipts available. If needed, call 410 392 3551 for pickup if needed. Keep shoes in a separate bag. Thank you!

**HANDBELLS ARE A SOUND DECISION** Looking for an opportunity to support the ministry of music or simply recognize a loved one with a gift dedicated to their honor or memory? A two- to three- octave sets of handbells would add another dimension to music making here in the parish, as well as outreach into the community. If you would like to know more about this purchase, contact Mike Bareham, Director of Music Ministry for more details about products and the package deals that manufacturers offer. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have the support of handbells as we march in procession with palms on Passion Sunday? Or how about joyous tintinnabulation during the singing of the Gloria at the Easter Vigil?

### CONTINUING FAITH TRADITIONS:

On Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, you are invited to come to the school cafeteria from 6:30 to 8pm to start or continue a family tradition by learning about:

1. Making crosses using Palm branches in preparation for Palm Sunday

**\*Note** if you are available to come and help to show others how this is done, contact Sr. Grace in the religion office OR

2. View a demonstration and have some hands-on experience using the ancient Ukrainian art of decorating Easter eggs with bees wax and dye, known as Pysanky. (This activity is not suitable for children)

Please call the office at 410-392-3551 or email us at [re@iccp parish.org](mailto:re@iccp parish.org) to let us know if you will be coming. This will help us to prepare. Hope to see you there!

### **FREE TO LOVING HOME**

Due to the generous donation of a gently used Chickering console piano by parishioners, the current choir room piano is available to anyone that is willing to move it out of the parish center. This Kimball spinet piano and bench would make a great starter instrument for a student! Contact Mike Bareham, Director of Music, if you are interested in it for your home.

### **Christian Yoga returns!**

Would you like to feel refreshed, renewed, and relaxed? Come join us for an hour and a half of meditative and gentle stretching Hatha Yoga. Classes are: **Mondays 3/29 to 5/3 from 7 - 8:30pm in ICS gym. Shay Robb is returning by popular demand.** Bring a towel or yoga mat. You may attend all or any of the classes. A \$5 per class offering is suggested. Call 410-398-1100 with questions.

## This Week's Calendar:

### Sunday, March 14

8:30 AM Rel Ed/TOC (gr 1-8) - S  
10:00 AM Confirmation Class – PC  
10:15 AM Preschool Rel Ed – S  
11:15 AM Parish Coffee – caf  
2:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Church Tour- IC  
6:00 PM CTM – PC6

### Monday, March 15

9:00 AM Novena – Ch  
9:15 AM Awakening Faith Session- PC  
5:30 PM Girlscouts – caf  
6:30 PM Webelos – PC3  
6:30 PM Confirmation - PC6  
7:00 PM Baptism Class - PCL  
7:00 PM Book Discussion Group – PC2

### Tuesday, March 16

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

### Wednesday, March 17

9:00 AM Rosary Crusade – Ch  
1:00 PM ICS Gr. 2 Church Tour - IC  
6:15 PM Religious Education (Gr 1-6) - S  
6:15 PM TOC - PC3,L,6  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross – SJ  
7:00 PM Pastoral Council – PC2

### Thursday, March 18

9:00 AM Rosary Crusade – Ch  
10:30 AM Sunbridge Nursing Home Liturgy  
2:30 PM Girlscouts – PC^  
6:30 PM Cubscout Mtg– caf  
7:00 PM RCIA - PCL/3  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal – IC  
7:00 PM Boyscouts – RB

### Friday, March 19

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 20

9:00 AM Rosary Crusade – Ch  
2:00 PM Wedding - IC  
4:15 PM Confessions – IC

## 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:** 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.

**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.

**Eat to End Homelessness:** Meeting Ground Chili's Day. Eat at Chili's on Rt. 40 on March 25th from 11am-10pm and Meeting Ground will get 10% of the proceeds. Bring your family, friends, and/or coworkers. All you need to do is eat at Chili's and hand in one of our flyers. Help in the fight to end homelessness in Cecil County!

**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.

**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 is 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 is \$15 (bring your own lunch). To register, please contact Ruthie Patterson (410-392-3551).