



....From Father Joe

The readings for this Sunday remind us that Christian discipleship demands honesty, the willingness to suffer ("take up your cross"), generosity ("to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice to God"), and readiness to follow Jesus by obeying his commandment of love. Today's readings explain how this Christian mission should be accomplished.

Second Collection this weekend for Africa Relief: Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas, chairman of Catholic Relief Services, have asked the bishops of the United States to encourage pastors and parishioners to support emergency relief efforts in the Horn of Africa, possibly by taking up a second collection. In light of this, Bishop Malooly is asking all parishes to do what we can. This weekend, August 28, a second collection will be taken at all Masses in our parish for this purpose.

Never Forget...Always Remember 9/11: Remembrance & Tribute hosted by First Assembly of God Church, Elkton. Saturday, September 10th at 6 p.m., Elkton High School. Guest Speaker: WTC Survivor, Nicole B. Simpson. It will be an opportunity for our community to recognize those who lost their lives that day and show appreciation for all of our local first respondents who put their lives in harm's way every day. All are invited.

Welcome to I.C.S. with former teachers and students & many new faces. The enrollment is very promising with around 250 children. The Pre-Kindergarten Center has helped to gear children to our school. Our Parish School opens its doors for a new academic year on Monday, August 29. The staff and student body are ready to begin. *May God Bless their days ahead.*



Christmas Bazaar 2011

Our Parish has been blessed 'once again' to find a cheerful & enthusiastic volunteer to chair our 37th Annual Christmas Bazaar, "Christmas on the Rhine", November 12th and 13th. We welcome and give thanks to Janice White for accepting the Chair Position for this IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER for our Parish. Janice looks forward to meeting and working with the Christmas Bazaar Team that is currently being formed. There are numerous areas that need your help. Kindly consider sharing your talents and skills by joining the Christmas Bazaar Team.

Our next Bazaar Team meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 13th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center. But don't wait to express your interest. Please contact Janice at janwhite@joimai.com or 410-378-3493. She would be delighted to hear from you & to share her ideas on making our first German Theme Bazaar a huge success.



Offertory	August 21, 2011	Fiscal Budget
Immaculate Conception	\$10,007.07	\$11,450.00
St. Jude's	\$ 1,939.00	\$ 2,100.00
	\$11,946.07	\$13,550.00

2011-2012 Fiscal Year to Date Deficit -- \$11,028.01

Building Maintenance Fund:

Collected	\$132,345.34
Expenses	\$135,977.48
Balance	Deficit \$ 3,632.14

Stewardship: In today's second reading, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to total stewardship. Brothers and sisters, he urges, "... offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God." See Romans 12:1

Parish Office Hours:

Beginning Tuesday, September 6th the Parish Office will be open from 8 AM – 8 PM Monday – Thursday, and 8 AM – 4 PM on Fridays.

Parish Community News

Congratulations to those who have recently been baptized in this parish:

Brayden Keeth Smith

Addyson Michele Catharine Smith

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

Frank Lepore



Mass Intentions

August 29, 2011 – Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist
8:30 AM Daniel Eugene Nicoletti

August 30, 2011
8:30 AM Harry F. Johnson

August 31, 2011
8:30 AM Victoria Sanchez (Living Intention)

September 1, 2011
8:30 AM Francis Okoniewski

September 2, 2011
8:30 AM Jule and Walter Myer

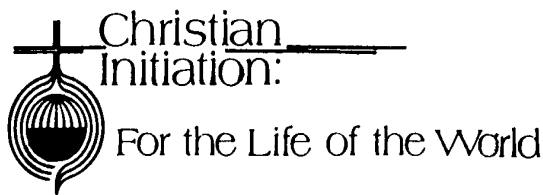
September 3, 2011–St. Gregory the Great, pope & dr.
8:30 AM Joseph Lutz
5:00 PM Roger Burris

September 4, 2011– 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:00 AM Lisa Gottemoller
8:30 AM John R. Hopkins
9:00 AM SJ James Campbell
10:15 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM Hugh Reilly

Liturgy

VOCATIONS – St. Paul's words in today's second reading are as timely for us as they were for the Romans to whom he originally addressed them: "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God." The most important thing we can do is discern God's will for our lives and then work toward carrying it out. And that requires allowing God to transform our minds, so that the most important question changes from "what do I want to do with my life" to "what do You want me to do with my life, Lord?" If you think God might be inviting you to priesthood or religious life, please call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; jcocucci@cdow.org; www.CalledByTheLord.com).

The Parish Adoration for Vocations is usually held the first Sunday of each month in the Immaculate Conception Chapel. Adoration for Vocations will be held next Sunday, September 4th, 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 pm.



Less than one month left until the start of RCIA for 2011-2012

Are you unbaptized and have a desire to be baptized? Are you a baptized Christian interested in becoming a Catholic? Are you a baptized Catholic who never received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation? If you answer yes to any of these questions then RCIA is for you!!

A new RCIA program will be starting September 22nd. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) 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. Do you feel being called to have a deeper relationship with God? If so, please call the Parish Office at 410-398-1100 or email rcia@iccp parish.org to learn more about RCIA and to schedule an interview with Deacon Joe to register for RCIA. The RCIA process is a wonderful way to have a greater understanding of the Catholic faith and become closer to God in the process.

Sponsors are also needed to walk with those who are learning about the Catholic faith through the RCIA process. Do you love your Catholic faith? Do you want to share it with others? Please consider being a sponsor for RCIA. Call the Parish Office at 410-398-1100 to sign up. It requires a small amount of effort yet yields large rewards.

Does our label say: Made for Heaven?

Recent studies have shown that many Americans are unaware that the vast supplies we purchase are not made in the U.S.A. Yes, today most of our furniture does not come from the Carolinas and clothes are rarely fabricated in New England. Even our staple foods are not really local. Read the fine print and loads of beef and vegetables are from other countries. Fuel...well, you know. We are losing our own power to support ourselves and seemingly destroying ourselves. Profit for the CEOs and stock holders are what the bottom line for the business world is; and we know that when it comes to money...loyalty is a non issue.

Today's Gospel is a lesson from Jesus about Christian authenticity. Jesus is clear when He says to be His disciple; to be truly good is not necessarily easy. In fact, one may expect misunderstanding, ignorance and even death because the Gospel is controversial and not comfortable for everyone. In many cases, a Christian may not be accepted by others and even more painfully, by oneself. An individual may have to deny his/her will, likes and dislikes for the better part. Why? Because the profit is greatest. "What profit would a man show if he were to gain the whole world and ruin himself in the process" (Mt. 16). How true!

Often in running for what we want in life and gaining what we have we lose sight of what is really important. We see it every day where people are willing to lose (even kill) family or friends to gain something. Decency is somehow equated with being old fashioned. Innocence is really a thing from the past where now the marital gift is exploited at all levels.

Real T.V. rewards the person who lies, steals or cheats to win the contest. Selfishness comes naturally to every human. Eventually a conscience awakening should take place but sadly does not for kids (all ages) who feel entitled. Even worse, scandals and disappointments have created even more confusion resulting in Christians looking elsewhere for answers. Too many individuals are overcome by the world around them and in wanting it all, he/she is willing to lose a relationship with Christ. In the end, what have they gained?

Our Gospel is telling us to be cautious and genuine in whom we say we are. Be authentic followers of Christ at all cost because it offers the greatest profit...Eternal Life with Christ.
Father Joe

Readings for Next Week: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9 - The prophet is invited by God to name wrong and calls the people to repentance.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10 – Love builds up relationships and is at the heart of the commandments.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20 – The beatitude 'Blessed are the Peacemakers' is lived out in acts which bring about reconciliation in the community.

Christian Formation

Immaculate Conception School News

WELCOME BACK! The first day of school is MONDAY, AUGUST 29th! ☺ Doors open at 7:25 A.M. School begins at 7:50 A.M. Wear warm weather uniform.

Grades Preschool - 8: Monday, August 29 – Noon Dis.
Tuesday, August 30 – Noon Dismissal
Wednesday, August 31 & Thursday, Sept 1– Full Day
Fri. Sept. 2 through Mon. Sept. 5 - Closed
Tuesday, Sept. 6– Full Day (with Aftercare)

Sunday, Aug. 28 –

Preschool Open House (10:00 a.m. – Noon) in classroom
Kindergarten Open House (10-Noon) in Franciscan Center

Please be advised: All students, grades Preschool through 8, report on Monday, August 29th.

Religious Education

Religious Education Classes for this year begins

Sunday, Sept. 11th: 8:30am (Gr. 1-8)

Sunday, Sept. 11th: 10:15am (Pre-3, 4 & Kind)

Wednesday, Sept. 14th: 6:15pm (Gr. 1-8)

Only those registered will be admitted to class and No registrations can be taken the first night of class. There are **ONLY 2 Weeks** left to register and attend the first class.

IF YOU STILL NEED TO REGISTER...Go to the parish website at www.iccparish.org and follow instructions under Forms. Don't have internet access? Contact the Office.

****IMPORTANT TO NOTE:** If your child will be attending First Grade in the Fall and will not be attending a Catholic School, you Must Register for Religion classes. Completion of First Grade is mandated in order to enroll for Second Grade and Celebrate First Communion. Call the office at 410-392-3551 with any questions.

With Last Minute Enrollments Coming In It Is Now Necessary To Add An Additional 6th Grade Class On Sunday Morning. To be able to have all classes ready to begin in September, THE FOLLOWING CATECHISTS AND ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED:

Preschool: 1 Catechist for 3 year old class;

1 Assistants for 3, 4, and 5 year old

Gr. 1-6, Sunday AM: 1 Catechist; 2 Assistants for Gr. 6

1 Assistant for Gr. 3

Wednesday Evenings: Assistant for Gr. 5

Know that training and an abundance of resources are provided. If you can respond to the Lord's call for this ministry, contact Sr. Grace at (410) 392-3551 or via email at dre@iccparish.org.

First Reconciliation Sacrament Program: Information regarding Sacrament preparation is being sent to Parish families of children who are in grade 2 or above and...

-Are registered in a religion class through the parish program, ICS, OR Mt. Aviat.

-Have completed the previous year's religion class.

Contact the religion office with any questions or if you do not receive the mailing by next week.

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry email address: Youth Ministry's email address is youthministry@iccparish.org

Middle School Youth Ministry - Activities are planned throughout the year. Keep checking this Sunday bulletin and see www.schoolnotes.com for details.

Catechists & Assistants Needed for 7th grade - We have a fantastic team of volunteers teaching our 7th & 8th grade students. We have tons of resources available including books, videos, skits, music, etc. to make teaching and learning our faith an interactive experience. We need catechists and assistants for Wednesday evenings from September through March from 6:45-7:15 in the Parish Center. Please contact Ruthie Patterson at youthministry@iccparish.org if you'd like to join our team. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to share your faith. Training and resources provided. Come join us!

High School Youth Ministry - All high school students are welcome to join us on Sunday evenings from 6-8:00 PM in the parish center.

August 28: No gathering.

September 4: No gathering. Labor Day

September 11: 6-8 PM, Youth Room

September 18: Open house 6-8 PM, Youth Room

Confirmation 2012 for grades 9-12 - If you will be in high school and have not received the sacrament of Confirmation, you may receive this sacrament in the spring of 2012. **Those attending a Catholic high school** are confirmed in their parishes, not their schools. **Confirmation will be March 25, 2012 at 2 PM.** Those attending a non-Catholic school must register for a high school religion class in addition to registering for Confirmation. Visit the parish website at www.iccparish.org

High School Religious Education Orientation - If you are registered for high school religious education and did not attend the August 16th orientation meeting, please see News/Youth Ministry on the parish web site at www.iccparish.org for information on the make-up meeting and picking a class date and time.

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) - All high school students are welcome! Come celebrate your faith with 22,000 other young Catholics at NCYC! This is an AWESOME experience! Join Fr. John Solomon and other adults and teens from throughout our diocese as we travel to Indianapolis, IN November 17-20, 2011. For more information, see the promo video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=AreovABFn_w and for travel plans, fees, accommodations, etc., see www.cdowcym.org/events/detail/ncyc-2011/ Deadline is **Sept. 20th**. To register, please contact Ruthie Patterson at youthministry@iccparish.org or call 410 392 3551. Fundraising will help with the cost. **There is a \$100 discount for the first 12 students who sign up!**

Social Concerns

The Parish Outreach Pantry is in need of ALL FOOD ITEMS,

especially jelly, soup, cereal, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned spaghetti, rice, tuna, SPAM, macaroni and cheese, canned chicken, pork and beans, pudding and peanut butter. All non-perishables may be left at the entrances to each church or may be dropped off at the Parish Center during regular office hours. Thank you for your continued support and generosity – both financially and in your prayers

School Supply Shelf Update – We had another successful year at the School Supply Shelf. Although there was a decrease in donations, we were able to provide supplies and backpacks to 511 students. This is the tenth and last year that a Kemp Kid will be managing the shelf. The generosity of our parishioners and the support of our priests and Outreach Center have made it possible for thousands of children to start the school year better prepared. I am proud to be a member of this caring community. Thank you. Bryson Kemp

Parish and Family Life

Parish Coffee: Join us next Sunday, Sept. 4th after the 9 AM Mass at St. Jude's for our next Parish Coffee.

The next Parish Coffee at ICC will be Sunday, Sept. 11th after the 10:15 PM Mass. Hope to see you there!!

Parish Events / Information

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume on Sunday, September 11th. Enjoy the rest of the summer!!

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Help Wanted!

We are looking for people who would like to share the Word of God with our little ones. Training and lesson preparations are provided. Time involvement is very minimal. If you are interested or have some questions, please call Gwen at 410-392-8078 or 302-354-1924.

“Marriage and Family Life Corner”

Marriage Moments (by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net)

Sunday, August 28th: "Try praising your wife, even if it does frighten her at first." (Billy Sunday) A compliment carries more weight if it's specific and true. Make it a daily habit to look for a way to compliment your beloved. This works with kids too.

Parenting Pointers (by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net)

"I was a stranger and you made me

"Dear God, I bet it's very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can't do it." (Nan) You have to love Nan's sincerity. Love doesn't mean always being happy with everyone, but wanting what's best for them.

Volunteer needed to Organize Parish Participation in the CROP Walk. The CROP Hunger Walk is held to further the eradication of hunger and poverty, and promote peace and justice around the world. A portion of the donations will go to local community agencies. If you are interested in serving in this position please contact the parish office at 410-398-1100 or office@iccp parish.org. Thank You!!

M.O.M. Group

Mothers On a Mission: to know God, love God and to serve God and our families. Motherhood is a vocation, one that is not for the faint of heart! As sisters in Christ, God calls us to fellowship with one another to strengthen us for the mission he has set before us. Please join us for an evening of celebrating motherhood and a time of food and fellowship on **Thursday, September 22nd at 6pm in the Parish Center.** This will be the first meeting of the Immaculate Conception M.O.M. group. Come and discover the amazing graces that abound when mothers of faith gather to support one another!

More information will be posted on the bulletin boards outside of the church. If you are a mother of an infant, feel free to bring them along! There will be activities planned for children 3 and up. Please contact Elizabeth Stevens at estevens@udel.edu for more information. If you are interested in joining the group but are unable to attend the first meeting, please email Elizabeth your contact information and she will add you to the contact list.

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Middle School Dance

Attention All Middle School Students (Grades 6th, 7th, and 8th)! The first Middle School Dance will be held on **Friday, September 16th from 7pm-10pm** in the Gym. Cost for admission is **\$8**. Please be sure to bring your completed **Form G: Code of Conduct for Youth form**, which can be located at this website: <http://www.iccp parish.org/PDF/AppFourFormG22.pdf>. Send all song requests to Ms. DeLia at melindadelia@msn.com before September 12th. Also, remember to bring a canned good for our Parish Pantry and receive a free drink ticket.

This Week's Calendar:

Sunday, August 28

8:30 AM Confessions – SJ
1:30 PM Baptisms - SJ

Monday, August 29 ICS 1st Day of School –Noon Dis.

9:00 AM Novena – Ch

Tuesday, August 30 – ICS Noon Dismissal

9:00 AM Holy Hour – Ch
6:30 PM Marriage Committee Mtg - PCL

Wednesday, August 31 – ICS Full Day

9:00 AM Rosary Crusade/St. Jude Novena – Ch

Thursday, September 1 – ICS Full Day

9:00 AM Rosary Crusade – Ch
9:15 AM Cantor Rehearsal – IC
10:30 AM Laurelwood Nursing Home Mass
7:00 PM Boy Scouts - RB

Friday, September 2 – ICS No School

9:00 AM Rosary Crusade – Ch

Saturday, September 3

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

Attention Liturgical Ministers: Schedules for the months of September, October and November are in the church this weekend. The online version is available also. Thank you for your generous service to the Parish. Please note that there are some 'unfilled' spaces on the schedule. Please contact the office if you are able to fill a space.

Altar Servers Needed At Both

Immaculate Conception and St. Jude's

Our parish is inviting all 4th grade or higher students to assist us as altar servers. There are 2 training sessions scheduled:

Monday, Sept. 19 6 PM Immaculate Conception
Sunday, Oct. 10 after 9 AM Mass St. Jude's

If you are interested please contact Deacon Mike at 410-398-0009 or the parish office at 410-398-1100.

Adult Education

DID YOU KNOW THAT SOME PRAYERS OF THE MASS ARE CHANGING?

Our parish Adult Education Committee is offering everyone an opportunity to learn about it and discuss with other parishioners. From September through November two sessions will be offered each month at different times to try and be flexible with everyone's busy schedule. Each session is the same; so, hopefully you will find a time that you can attend. Beginning next week the Days and Dates will be posted on the bulletin boards in church, on the parish website and in the bulletin.

MARRIAGE COMMITTEE:

Meeting on Tuesday, August 30th at 6:30pm in the Parish Center.

THE YEAR OF MARRIAGE: www.foryourmarriage.org sponsored by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, a site worth visiting.

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY –

Scripture sharing on **Galatians and Romans** will begin on Tuesday evening, September 13, 2011 in the parish center at 7 PM. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please call Mary Ann Hopkins at 443-553-4604.

Christian Yoga returns!

All are welcome to join in an hour and a half, Christ centered meditative and gentle stretching Yoga class. Classes begin **Monday Sept. 12th** and continue for 6 weeks. Come and be refreshed and renewed. Time: 7 - 8:30. Location: ICS school gym. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat and towel for class. A suggested \$5 per class offering is suggested. Come to one or all classes and feel free to bring a friend! Call parish center with any questions you may have.

Community Events / Information



**Knights of Columbus
Bishop Becker Council 2427
410-398-8615 or 410-398-2427
www.kofc2427.org
bishop.becker@kofc2427.org**

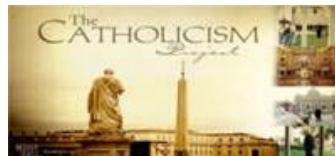
Membership Information: call 410-398-2427

KC's Pub: Open Friday and Saturday 5 PM to 12 AM.

KofC Texas Hold-em Tournament: 2nd & 4th Fridays

K of C Flea Market: Every Saturday 7 am – 3 PM

Communion and Liberation –Are you a young adult seeking to encounter Christ in your life and grow in faith with others who share your desire? Organized by local young adults, Communion and Liberation brings together young people for discussion and fellowship Tuesday nights at 7:45 in the Holy Family Parish Religious Education Center in Newark. All are welcome! Contact Ky at kbertoli@gmail.com for more information.



**Preview Screening Of
Fr. Robert Barron's
Highly-Anticipated
Catholicism
Documentary**

Holy Family Catholic Church is pleased to announce a screening of the first episode of Fr. Robert Barron's upcoming ten-part *Catholicism* documentary, called "the best-ever film about the Catholic faith" by the scholarly website [The Catholic Thing](http://TheCatholicThing.com). It will be Thursday, September 8th at 7pm at The Holy Family Parish Hall, Holy Family Church, 15 Gender Road, Newark, Delaware. Admission: Free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit Fr. Barron's Word on Fire ministry. To register: **Call the Holy Family Religious Education Center at 302-368-8976 or email rgarland@hollyfamilynewark.org.**