



...From Father Joe

This First Sunday of Lent always brings us, in the Gospel, to the 'desert experience' that enabled Jesus to confront his temptations successfully. Every one of us is tempted to seek sinful pleasures, easy wealth and a position of authority, power, glory, and to use any means, even unjust or sinful ones, to gain these things. Lent allows each of us to enter the desert and confront our demons. To what are we attracted that is not good for us? Perhaps an addiction or sharp tongue or prejudice is keeping us from being truly who we are as a child of God. Lent is a time to rely on Christ's powerful lead of prayer, penance and meditation to conquer sin within each one of us.

Parish Lenten Practices: Daily Mass (as normal) Monday-Saturday at 8:30 A.M. in Immaculate Conception Church. An addition Daily Mass is offered at 12:15 noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during Lent in the chapel of Immaculate Conception Church. Stations of the Cross are prayed at 7 P.M. every Friday evening at Immaculate Conception Church. Shadow Stations, with our Youth Group, will be next Friday, March 2 at the same time and place as the regular stations.

Please keep the recently mailed schedule of Lenten and Easter events handy. This brochure can help you plan your Lent and know what is happening in the parish.

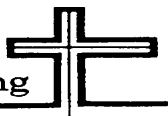
Remember that Catholics are asked to **abstain from meat** all throughout Lent on Fridays. All those who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to the law of abstinence. It is our Church's way of uniting in penance and prayer.

Parish Community News

Congratulations to those who have recently been baptized:

Mason Taylor Roe
Gianna Marie Newth
Maximilian Jack Redding
Quinn Avery David

Our Weekly Offering



Offertory	February 19, 2012	Fiscal Budget
Immaculate Conception	\$ 9,926.80	\$11,625.00
St. Jude's	\$ 1,668.00	\$ 1,960.00
	\$11,594.80	\$13,585.00

2011-2012 Fiscal Year to Date Deficit -- \$25,126.58

Building Maintenance Fund:

Collected	\$143,417.34
Expenses	\$141,908.04
Balance	\$ 1,509.30

This Week's Lenten Opportunities

Daily Mass Schedule: (Masses at ICC)
Mon., Wed., Fri. 8:30 AM & 12:15 PM
Tues., Thurs., Sat. 8:30 AM

Liturgy of the Hours:
Monday – Friday 8:00 AM Ch

Stations of the Cross:
Friday (Shadow Stations) 7:00 PM IC

Confessions:
Saturday 4:15 – 4:45 PM IC
Sunday 8:30 – 8:45 AM SJ

Other:
Miraculous Medal Novena Monday, 9AM Ch
Blue Army Holy Hour Tuesday, 9AM Ch
Rosary Crusade Wed-Sat, 9 AM Ch

Private Prayer: Chapel is open 7:30 AM – 3PM Mon-Fri



Mass Intentions

February 27, 2012

8:30 AM Rosario Domingo
12:15 PM Dorothy Archibald

February 28, 2012

8:30 AM Theresa Beach

February 29, 2012

8:30 AM Special Intention
12:15 PM Daniel Branigan

March 1, 2012

8:30 AM Rev. John Sarro (Living Intention)

March 2, 2012

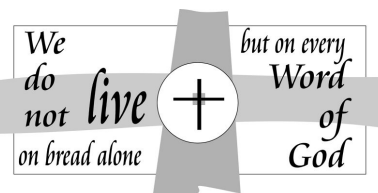
8:30 AM Julia Krauss
12:15 PM Michael Buchanan

March 3, 2012

8:30 AM Cecilia Gnanes (Living Intention)
5:00 PM Donald Sentman, Sr.

March 4, 2012 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

7:00 AM Kazimierz Biedrzycki
8:30 AM John and Laura McCarthy
9:00 AM SJ Yvonne Fortin
10:15 AM Pat Delaney (Living Intention)
12:00 PM Hugh Reilly



Liturgy

Readings for Next Week: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

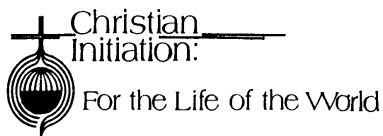
First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 - God ordered Abraham to take his beloved only son to Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice. Abraham built an altar and took out a knife to sacrifice his son Isaac. But God called out to him and told him of blessings that would be bestowed on him and his descendants because he had been willing to do what God had asked.

Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34 - Paul reminds the people that God did not spare his only Son, but gave him up for the sake of all people. This proves God views us all as his children, and that no person can harm or condemn us because God will protect us.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10 - Jesus led Peter, James and John up a high mountain, where he conversed with Elijah and Moses. A voice proclaimed 'This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to him.' Then Jesus was alone and warned them not to tell anyone what they had seen until he had risen from the dead.

Vocations –“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: ‘This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.’” Today, priests, deacons, religious sisters and religious brothers spread that same proclamation through lives of dedicated ministry. If you think God might be calling you to serve in one of these vocations, please call or write Fr. Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; jcocucci@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: 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, March 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.



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 Thursday evenings at 7pm in the Parish Center.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The ages of the children for Children's Liturgy will be: 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 4th are:

CLW 1 Justine Quirk CLW 2 Louis Najera

From Fr. John

Dear Parish Members,

I am writing to make you aware of some changes that are occurring in the parish. Firstly, you may have noticed that when the lector and cantor approach the altar has changed slightly. So what we now have is the lector going up by themselves, reading the first reading, and then sitting in their usual seat behind the ambo (the place where the Gospel is read). Then the cantor comes and sings the responsorial psalm, after which they return to their seat. The lector then reads the second reading and then returns to their pew with the congregation. The cantor then leads the Alleluia verse from the cantor's stand, not the ambo, while the priest or deacon processes to the ambo for the Gospel. After the creed it is the lector, not the cantor that reads the prayer of the faithful if there is not a deacon present.

Secondly, there will be an upcoming change regarding the hosts that we use at Mass. It is a current prerogative that we will change hosts from wheat colored to white and from plain hosts to ones with a cross on them. This was a change proposed by myself and the reasons are as follows. A white host recalls the fact that it was the unblemished lamb that was to be offered for the Passover in Egypt and by whose blood the Angel of Death passed over the houses of the Israelites. The unblemished lamb is seen as a prefigurement of Christ, who himself is the spotless victim by whose blood we are saved. These new hosts, instead of being plain, have a cross on them. Additionally, the priest's hosts have an image of Christ on the cross that is quite beautiful. Furthermore, the priest's host is scored so that it is easier to break, something that is not the case now. This change in the hosts will not happen immediately. We have extra hosts that we need to use first. So probably after Easter, we will see the new hosts.

The final change is in regards to the Gloria that we use. And here I must ask your forgiveness. The official diocesan recommendation was that we use the Mass of Christ the Savior (which we use), but that the Gloria that is used be from the Heritage Mass. This is because the Heritage Mass Gloria goes straight through, unlike the setting from the Mass of Christ the Savior which has a refrain. The idea is that when it is once through, we as a congregation will sing together, as opposed to us just repeating a refrain and letting the cantor do the verses. So the result is that we need to learn a new Gloria. We can start anew for Easter

Thank you for your patience with all of this. These aren't the biggest of changes, but my feeling is that you should be made aware of even the little things that happen, as this parish is home for all of us. Know of my prayers for all of you and please keep your priests in your daily prayers.

In Christ,
Fr. John

Christian Formation

Immaculate Conception School News

It is Open Enrollment time at Immaculate Conception School in Elkton, Maryland! If you haven't already done so, visit the ICS website at www.icschoolweb.org for information regarding our school's history, policies and tuition. We have limited openings in grades Preschool through Eight. Immaculate Conception School is in the Diocese of Wilmington and is accredited with the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Elementary Schools. As a gesture of goodwill, Sacred Heart families receive the "in parish" tuition rate. Please call our school's office at 410-398-2636 to schedule a tour. We look forward to seeing you!

Fri., March 2: End of marking period.
Mon., March 5: Reconciliation for grades 2-8.
Wed., March 7: Report cards distributed.
Thu., March 8: Grade 2 Special Persons' Luncheon.
Mon., March 12: Diocesan Professional Development Day. No school.
Mon, March 19-Fri, March 23: Terra Nova testing week.

Religious Education

Religion Classes Today, February 26th For:

Gr. 1-8: 8:30AM

Preschool: Classes today at 10:15AM

Religion Classes This Wednesday, February 29th

for Gr. 1-8: 6:15 PM

Registration for Religious Education Programs:

On Line Registration for all of next year's religious education and sacramental programs begins this Thursday, March 1st. Go to the parish website at www.iccparish.org and look under resources to complete forms.

Registration will be open during the month of March. A late registration fee will go into effect after April 15th.

No Internet Access – Contact the Religion Office to obtain forms.

First Communion Sacrament Program:

The Parent and Child meeting will be held TODAY, Sunday, February 26th from 4 to 5:30pm in Church.

Church Tours will be conducted:

This Wed., Feb. 29th: 6:30pm (during Rel. Ed)

Wed., Mar. 7th at 1pm for ICS

Sun., Mar. 11th for Sun. Rel. Ed Students

(Do not go to class in the morning)

Mt. Aviat students attend whichever date is most convenient.

Youth Ministry

Please visit the parish web site at www.iccparish.org. See the **News, Faith Formation** and **Ministries** pages for more detailed information on **YM events and opportunities**. To contact the YM office, call 410 392 3551 or email 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.

The next First Friday event is **March 2nd**. Come be a part of **Shadow Stations of the Cross!** Pizza afterwards! Email youthministry@iccparish.org to RSVP.

Lenten Lockin March 2nd - After Shadow Stations, 7th & 8th graders are invited to join our high school students for a Lenten Lockin. Our high school students will be facilitating an interactive prayer service. The activities planned will focus on the Lenten season of prayer, fasting and alms giving. **Please RSVP so that we have enough chaperones and supplies.** Email youthministry@iccparish.org to sign up no later than Wednesday, February 29th. Chaperones needed. Please email if you can help.

High School Sunday Night Gatherings - All high school students are welcome to join us on Sunday, evenings 6-8 PM in the Parish Center Youth Room. We typically have students from 8-10 different high schools attend. Bring a friend! Attend as often as you can. No RSVP needed. Drop-ins welcome.

February 26 – Meeting 6-8 PM in the Parish Center

Confirmation News - Please mark your calendar for the following important dates.

March 18 – Rehearsal, 4:00 PM, ICC Church

March 25 – Confirmation, 2:00 PM, ICC Church

Please see the parish website under News/Youth Ministry for class times and other reminders.

Adult Education

Adult Education Committee Mtg: Tuesday, March 13th at 10am

Looking for Resources for Prayer and Reflection During This Lenten Season? ...

Visit our Parish Website at www.iccparish.org to avail yourself of:

- Lent Resources for Personal Prayer and Reflection, For Families Adults and Children
- There is even a link posted so that as a Family You can Pray together the Stations of the Cross

THE 10 GREAT DATES PROGRAM: Session 6: Friday, March 2nd at 7 PM in the Parish Center.

CATHOLICISM – The acclaimed DVD program with creator and host Father Robert Barron continues here at Immaculate Conception in the Parish Center. No charge!!

This week's sessions: Mon. Feb. 27th - 7 to 9pm and repeated Tues., Feb. 28th: 9:15-11:15am

This Week's: The Communion of Saints.

Attendance at previous sessions not required. Come to any or all of the remaining sessions. Each week a different member of our parish staff will facilitate the session.

Next Week's Topic: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit

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 help the poor by donating to the poor boxes after Mass. **The Pantry is in need of the following** items: peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix, pancake syrup, cereal, pork and beans and rice. Non perishable items may be left at the exits of the church on Sunday or at the parish office during regular office hours.

The Immaculate Conception Outreach is a United Way Donor Choice. Our agency number is #4320. Please consider us when making your choice.



ROTATING SHELTER 2012

There is still a need for many volunteers. Almost every position has places to be filled. There is still a need for 6 men night monitors and 5 women night monitors. Meal preparation has many openings along with serving the meals. We need evening hosts & hostesses, intake help, and early morning volunteers (6:00 AM to 7:15AM). If you would like to volunteer, or find out more about what is needed, please call Mary Ann Hopkins at 443-553-4604. The date the parish will be hosting the shelter is March 19- 26, 2012. It starts on Monday evening and ends the following Monday morning.

Parish and Family Life

Parish Coffee: Join us next Sunday, March 4th after the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Jude's and on Sunday, March

11th after the 10:15 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception for a Parish Coffee. Hope to see you there!

Parish Events / Information

“Marriage and Family Life Corner”

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

A good argument can be a labor of love. Have something sensitive or difficult to talk about with your spouse? Try holding hands and maintaining direct eye contact when you are having a discussion about a disagreement.

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

Don't downplay your teen's troubles even if you think they are trivial. Teens are working on the skills they need to become functioning adults. Offer support in the form of listening. What may seem small to you may be very big to your teen. Actually this same maxim works for children of all ages.

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 March 5th** and continue for 6 weeks. 7 - 8:30 PM in ICS school gym. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat and towel. A \$5 per class offering is suggested. Come to one or all classes and feel free to bring a friend!

Parish Youth Ministry Clothing, Shoe & Toy Drive

Our Youth Ministry families are planning a clothing drive for Sunday May 6th. We're also collecting shoes, hard toys (no stuffed animals) and bicycles. See information on the parish web site for details. Contact youthministry@iccp parish.org if you would like to donate and need someone to pick up items at your home.

'IRISH FOR A NIGHT'



Saturday, March 17th, 2012
Singerly Fire Hall,
6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Tickets are \$25 per person

(*Ticket purchased in February receives a **COUPON FOR A FREE DRINK**).
Choice of TWO Dinner Entrees, DJ/Dancing,

Tickets for “Irish for a Night” will be on sale after each of the Masses this weekend. They are \$25 apiece which includes choice of 2 entrees, dancing, games, door prizes, assorted gift baskets and the “Pot o Gold” \$1000 prize.

This is our parish's spring fund raiser and your help is needed. Tickets will also be on sale at the Parish Center Office from 8 a.m to 8 p.m. not only for the tickets but also for chances on the various gift baskets and the \$1000 prize. Any questions, please contact Janie at the Parish Center, 410-398-1100.

Please come out on March 17th at the Singerly Fire Hall and enjoy being “Irish for a Night”

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

Do You Want Vacation Bible School This Summer In Our Parish? Last call to submit the form about Bible School to the parish religion office. Form is available on the parish website if needed.

This Week's Calendar:

Sunday, February 26

- 8:30 AM Confessions - SJ
8:30 AM Rel Ed (Gr 1-8) – S
8:30 & 10 AM Confirmation Class – PC
10:15 AM Preschool Rel Ed – S
4:00 PM 1st Communion Parent/Child Mtg- IC
6:00 PM Confirmation Class– PC
6:30 PM High School Gathering - PC

Monday, February 27 – Prevention Health Screenings

- 9:00 AM Novena – Ch
6:00 PM Confirmation Class – PC
6:30 PM Girlscouts – caf
7:00 PM 'Catholicism' Program – PC
7:00 PM Liturgy Committee - PC

Tuesday, February 28

- 9:00 AM Holy Hour – Ch
9:15 AM 'Catholicism' Program – PC
6:15 PM Wolf Scouts – caf
7:00 PM Contemporary Ensemble Reh – IC

Wednesday, February 29

- 9:00 AM Rosary Crusade/St. Jude Novena – Ch
6:15 PM Religious Education (Gr 1-8) – S/PC
6:30 PM 1st Communion Church Tour - IC
6:30 PM Confirmation Class – 255 Justice Way

Thursday, March 1

- 9:00 AM Rosary Crusade – Ch
9:30 AM Cantor Rehearsal – IC
10:30 AM Laurelwood Liturgy
7:00 PM Boy Scouts - RB
7:00 PM RCIA - PC
7:30 PM Cantor /Choir Rehearsal - IC

Friday, March 2

- 9:00 AM Rosary Crusade – Ch
7:00 PM 'Shadow Stations of the Cross - IC
7:00 PM "10 Great Dates" Program - PC
8PM-8AM YM Lenten Lockin

Saturday, March 3

- 9:00 AM Rosary Crusade – Ch
4:45 PM Confessions – IC

ICAA SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION TIME!

Spring Registration is going on Now for Baseball (Gr 6-8) and Track (Gr 3-8) and ends Wednesday, Feb 28, 2012! Registration Process: All athletes in CYM sports (Gr. 3-8) must first register through the CYM website. To register go to this website: <http://www.cdow.org/cymathletics.html>. Print out the registration form and bring it to first practice.

Next, all athletes must go to the online ICAA registration site and register: www.iccparish.org/aaregform.php. Once you complete the registration process, continue to pay your registration fee online. If you are unable to pay your fee during the online registration process, please bring it to the first practice. In addition, there will be a \$50 uniform deposit fee due prior to receiving a uniform. No uniforms will be distributed, without the deposit fee.

Currently, we are in need of **Track and Baseball Head coaches**. If you are interested, please send an email to melindadelia@msn.com before February 20, 2012. If we do not get enough athletes or coaches for a team, we will not be able to offer that sport.

Registration Fees:

Parishioner Rates in Gr 3-8: 1 Athlete = \$90; 2 Athletes = \$160; 3+ Athletes = \$230

Non-Parishioner in Gr 3-8: 1 Athlete = \$100; 2 Athletes = \$170; 3 Athletes = \$240;

There is a \$10 late fee for registrations received after February 28, 2012.

If you have any questions, please email: Melinda DeLia – ICAA President: melindadelia@msn.com. Please visit ICAA websites frequently for information regarding practice times, upcoming ICAA events, and other sports registration information: www.schoolnotes.com click on Athletic Association and Parish website at <http://www.iccparish.org/ministries/youth-ministry/athletic-association/>

Community Events / Information



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

Cecil County Pregnancy Centers is happy to announce our New Location at 117 Ryan Dr., in Rising Sun, MD. **The Grand Opening is March 1st** from 12 – 4PM. Free Refreshments! All are welcome to join us in celebrating this great event.

VINTAGE VEGAS CASINO NIGHT. Looking for a swingin' time? Make the scene at Christ the Teacher's Vintage Vegas Casino Night on Sat., March 10th at 6:30 PM at Christ the Teacher School, 2451 Frazer Rd, Newark. Featuring delicious food, music from the Rat Pack and friends, a Silent Auction and games of chance this night is guaranteed to be an 18-karat good time. Visit www.VintageVegasNight.com. Proceeds benefit Christ the Teacher Athletics.

Diocesan Healing Mass to be held March 2nd - Rev. John Grimm, Administrator of Holy Spirit Parish in New Castle will be presider and homilist at the Diocesan Healing Mass at Holy Angels Church, 82 Possum Park Rd, in Newark on Friday, March 2 at 7 PM. There is a reserved seating area for the aged and infirm and ushers are available to provide assistance if needed. Holy Angels is handicapped accessible. Additionally, Fr. Grimm will go into the reserved seating area, and prayer teams will also visit all who cannot come forward to the altar for prayers. Confessions will be heard after Mass.

St. Anthony of Padua Parish invites you to attend Via Crucis (Way of the Cross). An hour-long Lenten devotion performed in pantomime by children from kindergarten through high school, it will be presented at 7:30 p.m. every Friday during Lent in the church at 9th and Du Pont Streets in Wilmington. There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be taken.