

# *“Immaculate Conception is a Stewardship Parish”*

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT [‘B’]

FEBRUARY 22ND, 2015

*“This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand.”*

[The Gospel according to Mark 1:14b]

The **Community will gather for Eucharist** this week at the following times.

Come, join us! **[MASSES in ST. MARY’S HALL, 64 Hunns Lake Rd.]**

Saturday, 2/21	5:00 P.M.	{only at St. Anthony’s}
Sunday, 2/22	10:30 A.M.	{available}
Monday, 2/23	No Mass	{
Tuesday, 2/24	No Mass	{ Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.
Wed’day, 2/25	No Mass	{ Mass at 8:30 A.M. at St. Anthony’s
Thursday, 2/26	No Mass	{
Friday, 2/27	No Mass	{
Saturday, 2/28	5:00 P.M.	{only at St. Anthony’s}
Sunday, 3/1	10:30 A.M.	{available}



## Ministers of the Liturgy

<b>February 22</b>	<u>5:00 P.M.</u>	<u>10:30 A.M.</u>
<b>Servers/</b>		Nicholas Ferreri
<b>Acolytes</b>		Melissa Leach
<b>Readers</b>	at St. Anthony’s	Pat Scully
<b>Eucharistic</b>		Tracey Ferreri
<b>Ministers</b>		Chris Ferreri
<b>Ministers of</b>		Michael Hardner
<b>Hospitality</b>	_____	Joseph Salvia

<b>March 1</b>	<u>5:00 P.M.</u>	<u>10:30 A.M.</u>
<b>Servers/</b>		_____
<b>Acolytes</b>		_____
<b>Readers</b>	at St. Anthony’s	Check your e-mail!
<b>Eucharistic</b>		_____
<b>Ministers</b>		_____
<b>Ministers of</b>		_____
<b>Hospitality</b>	_____	Joseph Salvia

## Stewardship Team Meeting

Thursday, February 26th

at 7:00 P.M. in St. Mary’s Hall

All parishioners are invited and welcome to attend.

## The Paschal Candle 2015

If you are interested in donating the Easter Candle for this year in memory or in honor of someone, please let Fr. White know as soon as possible.



Our NEW Parish website!!

**Insert <iccbangall.org> into address bar.**

{For the Newsletter *click on the page itself* and a PDF copy will come up.}

**STEWARDSHIP** – Last week’s collection totaled **\$0.00**. Our weekly Sunday collection total for the new fiscal year has reached **\$20,834.63 - 57%**. In order to meet our budget we need each week **\$1,650.00**, which would bring us to a total **\$36,275.00**. The children’s collection - **0** envelopes. **Thank you for your generosity!**

**Last Sunday, the weather conditions prohibited our gathering!**

Forget not ‘Flocknote’! You can simply go online and type in: [www.flocknote.com/ICCFamily](http://www.flocknote.com/ICCFamily) and you are in!

## Prepare for the Lord’s Day

### **NEXT SUNDAY: Second Sunday of Lent**

- 1] The Book of Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18
- 2] Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19
- 3] The Letter to the Romans 8:31b-34
- 4] The Gospel according to Mark 9:2-10

Parents: Please make certain that children do not leave the body of the church during Mass unless they are accompanied by an adult.

Our vigilance for the protection of children must be a priority.

## *Stations of the Cross*

at 7:00 P.M. on the Fridays of Lent in St. Mary’s Hall.

## **MEN’S PRAYER GROUP**

meets on Saturdays in St. Mary’s Hall at 7:30 A.M.  
Join us!

## Library at St. Mary’s Hall

If anyone would like to borrow a book from the Library, it is still in the Church Hall. Please sign books out with cards provided. Helen Borger would be able to answer any questions, 868-1961.

## **Immaculate Conception Parish** **St. Mary’s Hall**

**64 Hunns Lake Rd. [POB 623]  
Bangall, NY 12506-0623  
845-868-1923 ~ 845-868-1594 (fax)  
[64 Hunns Lake Rd.]**

## CATECHETICAL PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

+ The Catechetical program will now be located in either of two venues –  
at St. Joseph's in Millbrook or St. Anthony's in Pine Plains.  
Call Jeanne Stroly at 845-868-1043 for information.

YEAR OF  
MARK



### March 1st, 2015 Second Sunday of Lent

Christians view God's test of Abraham as a foreshadowing of the death of Jesus. God asks Abraham to take his "son Isaac, your only one, whom you love" (v2), and offer him as a sacrifice on a designated mountain. Early Christian artists and homilists viewed this "binding of Isaac" as a parallel to the sacrifice of Jesus. The traditional place of Abraham's sacrifice is the mountain of Jerusalem, which is also the place of Jesus' crucifixion. Isaac is Abraham's beloved son, and Jesus is God's beloved son (see today's Gospel). As Jesus carries his own cross to the place of crucifixion, so too Isaac carries "the wood for the burnt offering" (see v6).

Paul reminds the Romans that God "did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us" (v32). So great is God's love for us, Paul says, that we should be confident in the face of trial or affliction; Christ, who gave his life for us, "intercedes for us" (v34). This is the cause of our hope as Christians.

Jesus' transfiguration anticipates his resurrection as his disciples see him transfigured in the company of two great prophetic figures, Moses and Elijah. Mark makes it clear that the disciples did not fully understand this experience. Peter's suggestion to "make three tents" (v5) seeks to extend the moment and is reminiscent of the tents used by the Israelites in the wilderness with Moses. Moses and Elijah are eschatological figures whose returns were anticipated in association with the Messiah. The heavenly voice first acknowledges Jesus as "my beloved Son" and then commands the disciples to "listen to him" (v7). Significantly, the next words Jesus speaks to them are concerned with "when the Son of Man had risen from the dead" (v10), words they fail to understand until after the resurrection.

**For Reflection:** What sacrifices have I been asked to make for the sake of the gospel? What is the greatest sacrifice someone has made for me? How did I benefit from that person's sacrifice?

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### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

**"Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of endless glory."**

Sometimes the stress of life makes it difficult to listen to your beloved spouse. A weekend away may allow you to see each other in a new way.

For more information on dates and locations go to:  
[www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or call toll free: 877-NYS-WWME ext. 3.

### Beginning Experience

is offering a healing weekend from March 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015 at the St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon, NY. This invitation is open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. It is a time to heal and a time to begin anew. Reservations are required. For information or registration please call Tom (845-462-6192) or Nancy (518-785-1351 x304) or email us at [ny.hudson.valley@beginningexperience.org](mailto:ny.hudson.valley@beginningexperience.org).

Our Goal this  
year is  
**\$8,500**  
"Charity at  
home!"



**the** CARDINAL'S  
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL  
2015  
*Sharing God's Gifts*

The Embracing of Christ  
Passion ~ Presence ~ Promise  
on three Saturdays of Lent here in St. Mary's Hall  
February 21st, February 28th, March 7th  
from 10:00 to 11:30 A.M.

Available Lenten Opportunity  
For Deepening Faith

Topic: **Praying with Jesus**

Day: Mondays

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Dates: March 9, 16, 23

Place: St. Joseph's Hall at Millbrook

Presenter: Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, S.C.

Respond on or before March 4<sup>th</sup> by calling  
(845) 800-3166 All are invited to participate.

### The Archdiocese of New York Men's Commission and Fordham University Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education are co-sponsoring the First Annual Men's Conference

on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, on the Rose Hill Campus of Fordham University. With over 500 men expected to attend, the day-long event will provide a unique opportunity for men throughout the Archdiocese to recommit themselves to their spiritual lives. The speakers will include Cardinal Dolan; Damen Owens, a renowned public speaker and strong proponent of the Catholic Faith; and Joe Klecko, former all-star New York Jets defensive lineman. Admission is \$45 and includes breakfast, lunch, and t-shirt. To register, or for more information, visit [www.nymensconference.com](http://www.nymensconference.com) or call Kim Quatela at (646)794-3198. Registration is open now – spaces are limited, so act fast!  
{Brochures are available.}

### Benefit Concert

for Maryknoll Sisters Global Mission Outreach

Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 P.M.

at the Maryknoll Sisters Center

10 Pinesbridge Road, Ossining, NY.

Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased online at  
[www.MaryknollSisters.org/concert15](http://www.MaryknollSisters.org/concert15)

or by calling 1-866-662-9900, or at the door the day of the event. Credit card, cash, or checks accepted. For more information, visit our website at [www.hvwindensemble.org](http://www.hvwindensemble.org).