

“Immaculate Conception is a Stewardship Parish”

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT [‘B’]

MARCH 15, 2015

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,....”

[The Gospel according to John 3:15a]

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.]**

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| Saturday, 3/14 | 5:00 P.M. | {only at St. Anthony’s} |
| Sunday, 3/15 | 10:30 A.M. | Father Richard O’Gorman |
| Monday, 3/16 | No Mass | { |
| Tuesday, 3/17 | No Mass | { Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. |
| Wed’d,ay, 3/18 | No Mass | { Mass at 8:30 A.M. at St. Anthony’s |
| Thursday, 3/19 | No Mass | { |
| Friday, 3/20 | No Mass | { |
| Saturday, 3/21 | 5:00 P.M. | {only at St. Anthony’s} |
| Sunday, 3/22 | 10:30 A.M. | [available] |



Ministers of the Liturgy

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| March 15 | <u>5:00 P.M.</u> | <u>10:30 A.M.</u> |
| Servers/ | | Matthew Leach |
| Acolytes | | Melissa Leach |
| Readers | at St. Anthony’s | Sr. Jean Flannelly |
| Eucharistic | | John Buchal |
| Ministers | | Lisa Shay |
| Ministers of | | _____ |
| Hospitality | _____ | Joseph Salvia |

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| March 22 | <u>5:00 P.M.</u> | <u>10:30 A.M.</u> |
| Servers/ | | Sarah Leach |
| Acolytes | | Tylor Pickering |
| Readers | at St. Anthony’s | Chris Ferreri |
| Eucharistic | | Sr Jean Flannelly |
| Ministers | | Tracey Ferreri |
| Ministers of | | Michael Hardner |
| Hospitality | _____ | Joseph Salvia |

Coffee, etc. last Sunday!

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*Thank you!*

to all who joined in and prepared the celebration for  
John Buchal’s and Sr. Eileen’s birthdays!

## **Liturgical Ministers!**

Please indicate to Lisa Shay the services of  
Holy Week for which you can be available,  
so a schedule can be finalized.

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 **\$891.00**. Our weekly Sunday collection total for the new fiscal year has reached **\$24,593.63 - 59%**. In order to meet our budget we need each week **\$1,650.00**, which would bring us to a total **\$41,200.00**. The **Easter Flower** donations reached **\$120.00**. The special collection for next Sunday is **Catholic Relief Services**. The children’s collection - **0** envelopes. **Thank you for your generosity!**

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: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

- 1] The Book of the Prophet Jeremiah 31:31-34
- 2] Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15
- 3] The Letter to the Hebrews 5:7-9
- 4] The Gospel according to John 12:20-33

## *Stations of the* *Cross*

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

## 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.

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.

## **MEN’S PRAYER** **GROUP**

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

**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 22nd, 2015 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah, living during some of Israel's darkest days, the Babylonian Exile, prophesies a time when God will renew the earth and its people: "Days are coming...when [the Lord] will make a new covenant" (v31). In the prior covenant, God's law was written on stone tablets, but "they broke my covenant" (v32). Now God's law will be written "upon their hearts" (v33); it will be internalized. The prophet anticipates that God will once again lead them back to the Promised Land and renew their relationship: "I will be their God, and they shall be my people" (v33).

The author of Hebrews speaks of Christ's sacrifice as the "source of eternal salvation for all who obey him" (v9). In light of the sacrifice of his death, Jesus is "declared by God high priest" (see v10), whose task is to offer sacrifices on behalf of the people. But unlike the other high priests, who repeatedly offer sacrifices for the sins of the people, Jesus offered himself as a sacrifice once and for all. Through his death, he reconciled us with God and established the new and eternal covenant. In Jesus' death and resurrection, the new covenant foreseen by Jeremiah is established.

In today's Gospel some Greek-speaking Jews ask Philip to introduce them to Jesus. Our evangelist does not narrate a mere meeting but uses this request to introduce the beginning of Jesus' "hour," his *kairos*: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified," Jesus says (v23). Earlier in the Gospel, Jesus had anticipated this hour, but from this point he embraces it. It is a time of significance, the time he has waited for and the reason he came into the world. In this "hour" Jesus will experience death and then resurrection, inaugurating the new covenant that binds the people to God in a new way, leading to our salvation.

**For reflection:** How does having God's law written on my heart help me in my spiritual life? Has this Lent been a time of renewal for me? How can I best make use of these last weeks to grow spiritually?

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### Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

will be on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 P.M. at the Cathedral of St. Patrick at which Cardinal Dolan will be the principal celebrant. Due to the limited seating during the Cathedral's restoration project, there are two Jubilee Masses with reserved seating and tickets are required. Please contact our Parish Office if you are interested in participating.

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

**"Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."**

Today's Gospel urges us to live a life centered on Christ. Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help you in this effort as a couple. 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.

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



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

To date 8 gifts for \$4,015.00 [47% of goal]

### *The Sacraments of Healing*

Our healing prepares us for the reception of the Lord evermore deeply into our lives.

### *The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick*

will be celebrated at each Mass  
on the weekend of March 21 ~22

### *In St. Anthony's Church*

### *The Sacrament of Reconciliation*

~the Lord's loving Forgiveness~  
is available every Saturday from 4:00 to 4:30 P.M. and after the  
Way of the Cross on Fridays.  
Reconciliation Monday ~ March 30<sup>th</sup>  
The hours will be announced next weekend.

### **In the view of Pope Francis.....**

"There were two tendencies against which the Holy Father called on priest-confessors to be particularly on guard: a bloodless moral laxity on one hand, and cold legal rigorism on the other. Departing from his prepared text, Pope Francis said, "Neither of these [two types of confessor] takes the penitent as his brother, [neither] takes the penitent by hand," as it were, "to accompany him on his journey of conversion." Pope Francis went on to say, "Make no mistake: to be merciful means to take one's brother or sister by the hand and help him or her to walk," the way of conversion."

[from a report about Pope Francis' address at a meeting in Rome focused on the Sacrament of Penance]

*Extend a hand of hospitality!*

### TRIDIUM MORNING PRAYER

HOLY THURSDAY



9:00 AM

GOOD FRIDAY

9:00 AM

HOLY SATURDAY

9:00 AM

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ALL ARE WELCOME