

# The Parish of Immaculate Conception & Assumption of Our Lady

Church and Rectory:  
53 Winter Hill Road  
Tuckahoe, NY 10707

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## **Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Anthony Sorgie, *Pastor*  
Rev. Adolfo Novio, *Parochial Vicar*  
Rev. Lakmin Silva, *Parochial Vicar*  
Deacon Anthony Viola  
Deacon Carl Degenhardt

## **Parish Staff**

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**Holy Mount Cemetery --** (914) 961-3643

**Hours:** Daily 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Rectory Office --** (914) 961-3643

**Hours:** Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

## **Weekday Masses:**

*(recitation of the Rosary before Mass)*

### **Monday - Friday:**

7:30 AM at Assumption

8:30 AM • 12:00 PM at Immaculate Conception

**Saturday:** 8:30 AM at Immaculate Conception

### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Mondays and First Fridays after the 12:00 PM Mass  
at Immaculate Conception  
with Benediction at 7:00 PM

## **Weekend Masses**

**Saturday at Assumption:** 4:00 PM

**Saturday at Immaculate Conception:** 5:00 PM

**Sunday at Immaculate Conception:**

8:00 AM • 10:00 AM • 12:00 PM • 5:00 PM

**Sunday at Assumption:** 9:00 AM

**Spanish Mass/Misa en Español:**

11:30 AM at Assumption (*todos los Domingos*)

**Bilingual Italian/English Mass/Messa in Italiano:**

9:00 AM at Assumption (*first Sunday of the month*)

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday, 3:30-4:00 PM at Assumption Church;

4:00-5:00 PM at Immaculate Conception and

anytime by calling the priest on duty: (914) 961-3643.



December 8, 2019  
Second Sunday of Advent



**Our Feast Day Celebration is December 9.**

*See page 4 for details.*

## Prayers for our Parishioners

### Mass Intentions

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, *Vigil, Second Sunday of Advent*

4:00 pm Intentions of our Parishioners Mem.  
5:00 pm Thomas and Katherine Huvane Mem.

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, *Second Sunday of Advent*

8:00 am The Marinello and Bosco Families Mem.  
9:00 am Gerardo, Florinda and Loreto Mignardi Mem.  
10:00 am The Living and Deceased Members of  
The Legion of Mary Mem.  
11:30 am In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mem.  
12:00 pm Lucia and Vincenzo Recine and Ginetta Viselli Mem.  
5:00 pm Antonio Solano Mem.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:30 am Thomas Visci and Concetta Pagliaroli Mem.  
8:30 am Maddalena Perrino and Maria D'Agostino Mem.  
9:30 am Anne and Patrick McGreevy (School Mass) Mem.  
12:00 pm Antoinette Porrazzo Mem.  
7:30 pm Intentions of our Parishioners Mem.

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:30 am Margaret Rice and Herbert Humphries Mem.  
8:30 am Phyleis Nolan Mem.  
12:00 pm Pedro Hernandez 1st Anniversary

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:30 am Lucy Matanzo Mem.  
8:30 am Margaret Petrasovits Mem.  
12:00 pm Catherine Curtin Fenzel Mem.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12 *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

7:30 am Vito Cangialosi Mem.  
8:30 am Mary O'Conner Mem.  
12:00 pm Michelina DiBiasi Mem.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 *St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr*

7:30 am Joseph Jr., Anna Maria,  
and Joseph Martin Marinello Mem.  
8:30 am In honor of St. Lucy Mem.  
12:00 pm Rose Marie DiBenedictis Mem.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 *St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

8:30 am Michael Iamartino Mem.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, *Vigil, Third Sunday of Advent*

4:00 pm Rosalia Mancuso and Maria Teresa Regulato Mem.  
5:00 pm Nick Carducci Mem.

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, *Third Sunday of Advent*

8:00 am Matilde Giordano 1st Anniversary  
9:00 am Antonio Solano Mem.  
10:00 am Eugene DelGiudice Mem.  
11:30 am Manual Rodriguez Mem.  
12:00 pm Santino and Maria Mignardi and  
Vincent Debitetto, Sr. Mem.  
5:00 pm The Marinello and Bosco Families Mem.

There is an appointed time for everything,  
and a time for every affair under the heavens.

- Ecclesiastes 3:1

#### *A time to be Born: Baptisms ...*

Tristan Javier Aguirre, James Gregory Casey,  
Bianca Ana Cioffi, Santino Francis Cipriano,  
Robert Francis Civitano, III, Cane Joseph Genesi,  
Thomas Angelo Martorano, Fiona O'Connor, and  
Alessia Marie Pinto

#### *A time to Love: Banns of Marriage...*

II: Gregory Costello and Stefanie Morgante

#### *A time to Die: Those who have died...*

Patrick Francis Barry, Margaret Ruzza,  
Camille Castellano, Joseph Martin, Marjorie H.  
Chrystal, Sally Goodfield, and Linda Carminucci,

#### *A time to Heal: Those who are ill...*

Nicholas DiMarzo, Frances Novaro, Salvatore  
Naclerio, Dr. John Tanzilli, Alyssa Wilson,  
Salvatore Mullins, and Antonio (a young boy)

#### *A time for War: And a time for Peace...*

For those in the military who have died in the  
service of our country.

### Memorial Offerings: Dec. 8-14, 2019

#### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

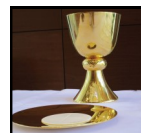
at Immaculate Conception Church will burn  
in memory of

**Marino & Celia Monni and Lena Scaduto,**  
donated by Josephine Madonia.



At Assumption Church, it will burn in memory of  
**Special Intentions,** donated by Anonymous.

#### THE BREAD & WINE



at Immaculate Conception Church will  
honor **Anne and Patrick McGreevy,**  
donated by their Loving Family.

For information on how to memorialize the Bread &  
Wine, Sanctuary Candle and Flower Arrangement,  
please call the parish office:  
(914) 961-3643.

## From the Desk of Fr. Lakmin Silva

### Understanding the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

**A**s we celebrate this solemnity, it's important for us to understand what the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is and what it is not. Some people think the term refers to Christ's conception in Mary's womb without the intervention of a human father, but that is the "Virgin Birth." Others think the Immaculate Conception means Mary was conceived "by the power of the Holy Spirit," in the way Jesus was, but that, too, is incorrect.

The Immaculate Conception means that Mary, whose conception was brought about the normal way, was conceived without original sin or its stain. **She was preserved from the stain of original sin** and its consequences and, therefore, was redeemed by the grace of Christ but in a special way by anticipation.

The implicit reference of this teaching may be found in the angel's greeting to Mary. Gabriel said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you." (Luke 1:28)

There are some who suggest that the dogma of the Immaculate Conception sounds deterministic. In other words, Mary was not free to cooperate with the plan of God, as she was preserved by God's grace from the beginning of her existence. Yet we know at the Annunciation she was told her vocation and her consent--with her free will--comes from her words, "Behold, the Lord's handmaid. May it happen to me

according to your word. And the angel departed from her." (Luke 1:38)

God may call someone to be a part of His divine plan, but God does not take away the ability of that person to say "no" to His call. Because of that freedom, God's people have the option to also say "yes." A call from God becomes a treasure when that person

says "yes"; he or she becomes a powerful instrument in the hand of God. That's how Mary's "yes" becomes a landmark in salvation history and Mother Mary secures a special place in our hearts.

Therefore, on December 8, 1854 when Pope Pius IX defined as Catholic doctrine the teaching of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, the Pope had those reasons to substantiate that proclamation.

And don't forget what happened four years after the dogma was defined: In one of the apparitions of Mother Mary to Bernadette at Lourdes, she said, "I am the Immaculate Conception," which Bernadette, as a 14-year-old, wasn't sure what those words meant, but every adult did. We all are privileged to profess and celebrate the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

St. Louis de Montfort says, "God the Father gathered all the waters together and called them the seas... He gathered all His graces and called them Mary." And St. Francis De Sales tells us to "run to Holy Mary as her little children, and cast ourselves into her arms with perfect confidence."

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### Our Parish Mission Statement

The Roman Catholic Parish of Immaculate Conception and Assumption of Our Lady is a Eucharistic community: glorifying the Father, united with the Son, led by the Holy Spirit and protected by Mary. We are called to pray, educate and serve God's people in this life and in the hope of eternal life.





## Sacraments and Liturgy

### Our Feast Day Celebration: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception



Because December 8 is on a Sunday, our Parish Feast of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday. Masses on Monday, December 9 are as follows:

- 7:30 AM** Assumption
- 8:30 AM** Immaculate Conception
- 9:30 AM** School Mass, Immaculate Conception
- 12:00 PM** Immaculate Conception
- 7:30 PM** Immaculate Conception

*Msgr. Thomas Caserta, pastor of St. Bernadette's Shrine Church in Brooklyn, will be the guest celebrant and the preacher. Msgr. Caserta had been the Spiritual Director of seminarians in the Diocese of Brooklyn for more than 25 years. He has taught at St. John's University for more than 30 years. He is a sought-after preacher and has given retreats all over the United States.*

After the 7:30 evening Mass on Monday, we will gather for dessert and festivities in honor of Our Lady in the Lower Church, hosted by the Rosary Society of Immaculate Conception. Once again, Fr. Sorgie asks everyone to bake or bring a throw-away plate of their favorite Christmas cookie. If you wish to enter a plate of struffoli (pignolate), they will be judged to find the best in the parish! Fr. Sorgie did not win last year so he is the first entry.

Also, our first \$2,000 Bonanza winner will be pulled. Coffee, tea and soft drinks will be served.

### Reconciliation Monday: December 16

Confessions will be offered from 4:00-8:00 PM at Immaculate Conception Church on Monday, December 16. A number of priests will be available. Confessions will be heard in English, Italian and Spanish.

All parishes throughout the Archdiocese will offer confessions on Reconciliation Monday. Confessions are also available by appointment.

### Next Weekend's Celebrants

Third Sunday of Advent, Year A

#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

**Vigil, Saturday, December 14, 2019**

5:00 pm: Fr. Silva

**Sunday, December 15, 2019**

8:00 am: Fr. Novio

10:00 am: Fr. Sorgie

12:00 pm: Fr. André

3:00 pm: Lessons & Carols, Fr. Sorgie

5:00 pm: Fr. Silva

#### ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY CHURCH

**Vigil, Saturday, December 14, 2019**

4:00 pm: Fr. Novio

**Sunday, December 15, 2019**

9:00 am: Fr. Tierney

11:30 am: Fr. Ulloa (Spanish)

### Next Weekend's Readings

Third Sunday of Advent, Year A

#### Reading I:

**Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10**

The prophet makes a promise of salvation by depicting a flowering of the very desert where the warriors of Israel's enemy Edom were felled.

#### Reading II:

**James 5: 7-10**

This whole section is summarized in its first two words: "Be patient." Such should be our way of thinking and conduct as we wait for the coming of Christ.

#### The Gospel:

**Matthew 11: 2-11**

John's messengers learn the items in the mission of the Messiah by way of Jesus' response to their question. He spells out precisely what He has been doing for people.

## Your Stewardship

### Veneration of the Relics of St. Pio

#### Thank You to Our Volunteers

On November 23, the St. Pio Foundation led a full day of veneration of the relics of Padre Pio at Immaculate Conception. Padre Pio's mantle, glove, handkerchief and blood were part of the beautiful display. Men, women and children brought their prayers and petitions to the Capuchin Saint of San Giovanni Rotondo.

A heartfelt thank you to all of the men of our Knights of Columbus Council and parishioners who volunteered hours of their time to assist at the veneration. Your stewardship was appreciated.

### The 5th BONANZA LOTTERY FIRST \$2,000 DRAWING MONDAY!

Great cash prizes are available to win by those purchasing tickets in our Bonanza Lottery. Each week for 32 weeks, two tickets will be drawn for two \$200 prizes. **Winning tickets will be reentered for all subsequent drawings!** Also, we will have three big drawings of \$2,000 each on Dec. 9, Feb. 22, and May 31. There will be **64 winners** in total and **over \$18,000 in prizes** awarded. **Tickets are \$50 each** and available in the Parish Office, Sacristies, and the ICS and PREP offices.



This is one of our largest fundraisers of the year and your generosity helps defray expenses for the parish. **Thank you for your support!**

#### NOVEMBER 25 DRAWING WINNERS:

*Rosemarie Lifrieri; Charles Sorgie*

#### DECEMBER 2 DRAWING WINNERS:

*Kathleen Blake; Anthony Perrotti*

**AT PRESS TIME, 552 TICKETS HAVE BEEN SOLD  
TOTALING \$27,600 IN REVENUE.**

### Stewardship: Week of Nov. 24, 2019

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Church: .....\$15,103.00  
WeShare: .....\$2,294.80  
**TOTAL: .....\$17,397.80**

**GOLD ENVELOPE DONATIONS** for gym debt and extraordinary maintenance:

Church: ..... **\$425.00**  
WeShare: .....\$59.20  
**TOTAL: ..... \$484.20**

**COLLECTION** for Parish Charities.....**\$2,319.00**

### Stewardship: Week of Dec. 1, 2019

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Church: .....\$16,793.00  
WeShare: .....\$3,168.00  
**TOTAL: .....\$19,961.00**

**GOLD ENVELOPE DONATIONS** for gym debt and extraordinary maintenance:

Church: .....\$1,067.00  
WeShare: .....\$156.00  
**TOTAL: .....\$1,223.00**



**A COFFEE A DAY**  
FOR OUR PARISH

### Thank You!

We are very grateful for your participation in our parish campaign, A Coffee a Day for Our Parish. While we might be a little less caffeinated, your sacrifices for our community are much appreciated. Your increased contribution is allowing our parish to better minister to all who call it home.

**Your generosity is appreciated!**

## Parish News and Events

If you have a question about any aspect of our Catholic Church and faith, contact us and we will answer to the best of our ability.



### 219. "What is the 'parousia' and how is it connected to Advent?"

The one word that is often used during Advent is the Greek word "parousia" because the first half of the season is typically dedicated to Jesus' "parousia," or "second coming." The word refers to an "arrival" or "presence," and signals the day when Jesus will return in glory.

Advent has always been associated with this Christian belief as the first coming of Jesus on Christmas naturally reminds us of his second coming, for which we are to prepare ourselves. When preparing yourself for Christmas, keep in mind this oft-forgotten aspect of Advent. Look forward to the end of time when Jesus will come again, wipe away all tears and put a definitive end to all suffering on earth.

Last week's Gospel invokes this need to prepare ourselves for the second coming of Jesus: *Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. (Mt 24:42)*

Additionally, the Catechism of the Catholic Church confirms this spiritual theme of Advent, "When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming." (CCC 524)

## Join us for Lessons & Carols

*Immaculate Conception, Sunday, Dec. 15 at 3 PM*

The "Lessons" are Bible stories and passages you know and love. The "Carols" are some of our traditional favorites during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Join us as our talented adult choir, lectors and altar servers bring them together with Fr. Sorgie in a wonderfully moving, interactive, and prayerful service featuring the masterful organ playing of our Director of Music, Robert Harvey.



## A LOOK AHEAD

### ■ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

|                         |                  |                      |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Jesse Tree              | 9 AM-1 PM        | Lower Church         |
| Hispanic Choir Practice | 10 AM            | Fr. Fata Hall, Lower |
| RCIA                    | 11 AM-12:30 PM   | Rectory Conf. Room   |
| Our Lady of Guadalupe   | 11:30 AM-3:30 PM | Assumption           |

### ■ MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

|                          |              |                         |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Exposition & Benediction | 12:30-6 PM   | Immaculate Conception   |
| Feast Day Celebration    | 7:30-9:30 PM | Reception, Lower Church |
| Legion of Mary           | 7:30-9 PM    | Lower Rectory           |

### ■ TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

|                 |              |                       |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Parents Connect | 10-11:30 AM  | Fr. Fata Hall, Lower  |
| PREP            | 4:15-5:30 PM | IC School             |
| Choir           | 7:30-8:30 PM | Immaculate Conception |

### ■ WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

|                  |              |                       |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| PREP             | 4:15-5:30    | IC School             |
| Cenacles of Life | 6 PM         | Immaculate Conception |
| PREP             | 6:45-8 PM    | Fr. Fata Hall, Lower  |
| Bible Study      | 7:30-8:30 PM | Lower Rectory         |

### ■ THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

|                           |           |                      |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Hispanic Choir Practice   | 7-9 PM    | Fr. Fata Hall, Lower |
| Baptismal Catechesis      | 7:30-9 PM | Upper Church         |
| Bereavement Support Group | 7:30-9 PM | Lower Rectory        |
| Men's Group               | 7:30-9 PM | Lower Church         |

### ■ SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

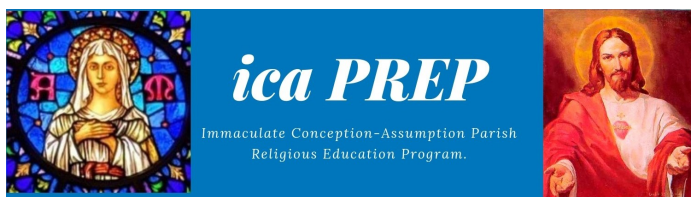
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| Jesse Tree | 2-6 PM | Lower Church |
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### ■ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

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|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Jesse Tree              | 9 AM-1 PM      | Lower Church          |
| Hispanic Choir Practice | 10 AM          | Fr. Fata Hall, Lower  |
| RCIA                    | 11 AM-12:30 PM | Rectory Conf. Room    |
| Lessons & Carols        | 3-4:30 PM      | Immaculate Conception |



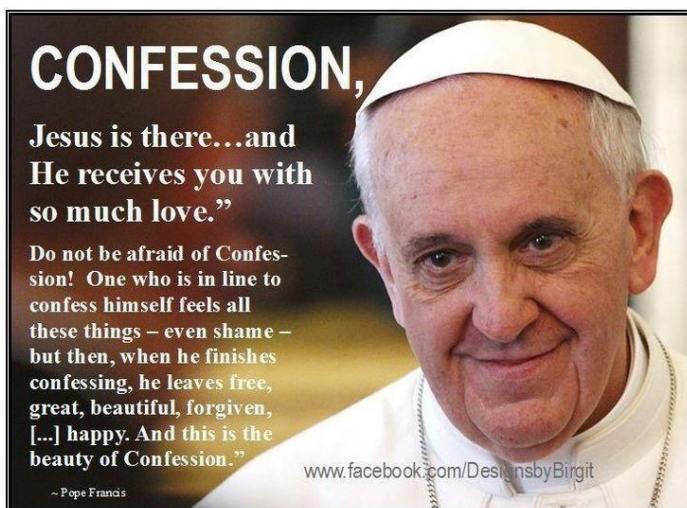
## Education



### Sacrament of Reconciliation November 19-20

Many thanks go to those who helped our children experience the love and mercy of Jesus:

- Thanks to our PREP catechists who taught the children how to examine their conscience before receiving the love, mercy and forgiveness of Jesus in Confession.
- Thanks to our children who took this most seriously. So much so, that as they examined their conscience at the Prayer Service, as each question was read: *Do you fight with your brothers and sisters? Do you answer your mom and dad back?* I could hear the little ones whisper: Yes! No!
- Thank you to the parents who reviewed with the children how to go to confession.
- Thank you to all of the priests who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 19 and 20: Fr. McGeory, Fr. Novio, Fr. Silva, Fr. Sorgie, Fr. Tierney, Fr. Tiso, Fr. Ulloa and Fr. Verrigni.



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

### A Letter to Our Students Superintendent Comments on His Visit

Dear Boys and Girls of Immaculate Conception School:

I am so happy I was able to visit your school recently. Thank you for being so kind and hospitable. You made me feel so welcome.

I cannot begin to tell you how proud I am of ICS. It is a special place where Jesus lives in the hearts and souls of every student and teacher. This is clearly evident in the way you pray and how thoughtful and considerate you are to each other. As I walked the halls and visited the classrooms, you treated each other with respect, kindness and thoughtfulness -- like a family. It is my hope you continue to care for each other as a family -- a family of Jesus.

While I was at Immaculate Conception, I learned so many things about your school, especially how fortunate you are to have such caring, talented and gifted teachers. The teaching and learning which takes place at your school speaks of the devotion of your teachers to be life-long learners themselves.... There is great learning going on at your school, which will prepare you to be leaders in the Church and our world....

Sincerely yours,  
Michael J. Deegan, Superintendent of Schools



Mr. Deegan with our 4th graders (above) and greeting our teachers (below): Mrs. Kathy Piraino, PreK 3, and Ms. Christina Fink, PreK-3/4.



## Our Community



### Women's Advent Retreat Son of God, Love's Pure Light

*"The Light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it."*

The Incarnation is a profound recognition of God's presence in the world. Join us for our Women's Advent Retreat as we approach Him with awe and love! This is the most important gift you can give yourself and closest friends this Christmas. An opportunity to walk in His light and follow in His way, that reflecting His brightness, we may enlighten the eyes of others with faith and hope this Christmas season and throughout the New Year.

Morning retreat will be directed by Father David Kluk, LC, and include a talk, meditation, Mass and Reconciliation. Coffee, tea, and a light breakfast will be offered – please bring your favorite to share.

**Saturday, December 7, 2019**

Arrive @9:30am | Depart @12:30pm

**St. Patrick's Church**

29 Cox Avenue, Armonk, NY 10504

**For All Women: \$25 per person**

Contact Linda Romagnoli, (914) 391-2309  
or register at <https://regnumchristi.tfaforms.net/>

*Want to know more about us?*

*Visit:*

**[www.icaparish.org](http://www.icaparish.org)**

### Handicap Parking Spots

The four handicap spots that have been in their current location for years, will be removed from that space and temporarily moved. They will now be the first four

spots in the parking lot, indicated by the blue lines. In the spring, new and proper handicap spots will be made closer to the church.



### CATHOLIC UNDERGROUND

featuring

**ALVERIS**

**December 14**

**7:30 PM**

**Annunciation Church,  
Crestwood NY**

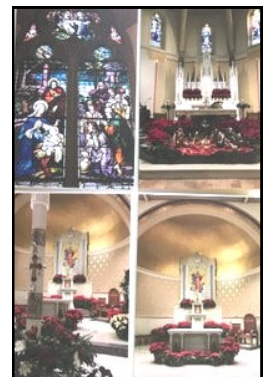


### Parish Christmas Cards

We are selling our Christmas Cards after all Masses in the sacristies of each church and the Rectory Office. A pack of 10 cards and envelopes is \$20.

The photography on the four cards features our Churches at Christmastime. *See photos to the right. The message inside:*

*May the timeless message  
of Christmas, and the birth  
of our Lord Jesus,  
fill your heart and home now  
and throughout the  
coming year.*





## La Comunidad Hispana

### Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción del año 2019



Este año, el 8 de diciembre es un domingo.

La fiesta parroquial de la Inmaculada Concepción ha sido transferida para el día lunes. Las misas del lunes 9, de diciembre son las siguientes:

**7:00 AM Asuncion**

**8:30 AM Inmaculada Concepción**

**9:30 AM Misa escolar, Inmaculada Concepción**

**12:00 PM Inmaculada Concepción**

**7:30 PM Inmaculada Concepción**

*Monseñor Thomas Caserta, pastor de Santa Bernadette Iglesia Santuario en Brooklyn, será el celebrante invitado y el predicador.*

*Monseñor Caserta había sido el Director Espiritual de seminaristas en la Diócesis de Brooklyn por más de 25 años. Ha enseñado en la Universidad de St. John por más de 30 años y ha dado retiros en todos los Estados Unidos.*

Después de la Misa de 7:30 nos reuniremos en los bajos de la Iglesia para servirnos unos dulces y continuar con la festividad en honor a La Inmaculada Concepción. Esta recepción será ofrecida por la Sociedad del Rosario de la Inmaculada Concepción.

Una vez más el padre Sorgie les pide a todos los parroquianos que traigan un plato con sus galleta de navidad. Si desea ingresar un plato de struffoli (pignolate), serán juzgado para encontrar el mejor preparado en la parroquia. El padre Sorgie no ganó el año pasado, así que él sera el primero en participar. También, se servirá café, té y refrescos y luego esa noche se escogerá el primer ganador de \$2,000 de la rifa Bonanza.

Pregunte  
el Padre



*Si tiene preguntas acerca de cualquier aspecto de nuestra Fe o Religión Católica. Deje una nota o llámenos y le responderemos de la mejor manera posible.*

### 219. ¿Que es la “parousia” y cómo está conectada al Adviento?

Una palabra que es utilizada en Adviento es la palabra griega “paurosia,” por que la primera parte de este tiempo es típicamente dedicada a la “parosia” de Jesús o “segunda venida.” La palabra se refiere al “arribo” o a la “presencia” y los signos del día cuando Jesús regresará en su gloria. Esta palabra es utilizada a través del Nuevo Testamento griego.

El tiempo de Adviento ha sido siempre asociado con la creencia Cristiana de la primera venida de Jesús en las Navidades y naturalmente nos recuerda a la segunda venida, para la cual nosotros nos estamos preparando. Cuando se encuentre usted preparándose para la Navidad mantenga en mente este aspecto, de Adviento, que es generalmente olvidado y prepárese para el fin de los tiempos cuando Jesús regrese nuevamente para borrar las lágrimas y poner fin a todo sufrimiento terrenal.

El evangelio de la semana pasada, del primer domingo de Adviento invoca la necesidad de prepararnos para la segunda venida de Jesús: Manténganse despiertos! Por que no saben en que día el Señor vendrá de nuevo. (Lucas 24:42)

En adición el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, confirma este tema espiritual de Adviento. “Cuando la Iglesia celebra la Liturgia de Adviento, ella hace presente cada año esta antiquísima expectativa del Mesias, compartiendo la larga preparación para la primera venida del Salvador, y la renovación fidelísima del ardiente deseo de la segunda venida.” (CCC 524)