



# CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

35 MOUNTAIN AVE. | SOMERVILLE, NEW JERSEY 08876

A large, realistic statue of the Virgin Mary in a brown robe, holding the Christ Child, stands in the center. The statue is surrounded by lush green ferns and a bouquet of red and yellow flowers in a glass vase. The background is a large, multi-paned window with a dark frame, letting in natural light. The floor is made of light-colored wood.

SIXTH  
SUNDAY  
OF EASTER  
MAY 25, 2025

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## Welcome to Immaculate Conception

"Immaculate Conception is a parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey. We seek to live the gospel as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. As stewards of our God-given gifts, we proclaim the Good News of salvation. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are commissioned as apostles to transform all things in Christ."

**Whether this is your first Mass with us or you are a lifelong parishioner, we are so glad you are here. We hope Immaculate Conception can be a place for you to call home. If you are new here, check us out online at [immaculateconception.org](http://immaculateconception.org) or visit the parish office. Please do not hesitate to reach out and introduce yourself. We'd love to meet you!**

## Readings for the Week

### Sunday, May 25

Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

### Monday, May 26

Acts of the Apostles 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a

### Tuesday, May 27

Acts of the Apostles 16:22-34; John 16:5-11

### Wednesday, May 28

Acts of the Apostles 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15

### Thursday, May 29

Acts of the Apostles 18:1-8; John 16:16-20

### Friday, May 30

Acts of the Apostles 18:9-18; John 16:20-23

### Saturday, May 31

Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-56

## Mass Intentions

### Sanctuary Lamp, Church

Dennis Powers

### Sunday, May 25

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 am Regina Marie Lydon

9:00 am Steven DeMarco

11:00 am Chester Kuchnicki

1:00 pm Louise Solange Casthelly

### Monday, May 26

St. Philip Neri

9:00 am Stanley Wojciechowski

### Tuesday, May 27

St. Augustine of Canterbury

6:30 am William Staples

8:00 am Dan & Lee Rogers

### Wednesday, May 28

6:30 am Deceased members of the Christy Family

8:00 am Paul Zec

### Thursday, May 29

St. Paul VI

6:30 am J. Mark Jones

8:00 am Francis Stone

### Friday, May 30

6:30 am Sophie & Stephen Schwed

8:30 am In Thanksgiving

### Saturday, May 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am Sarah Burns

5:00 pm For the People of our Parish

### Sunday, June 1

#### The Ascension of the Lord

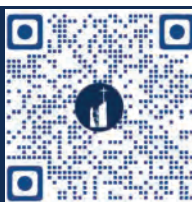
7:30 am John DuMont

9:00 am Lloyd McBride

11:00 am Susan Lee

1:00 pm Juan Carlos Flores Hugalde

Scan the QR code or visit  
[immaculateconception.org/masses](http://immaculateconception.org/masses)  
to view this week's worship guide.



# From the Pastor

## A Reflection from the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Early in the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke, who is the author, tells us that the community of believers was "... of one heart and soul...there was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need." It appears that this did not last long. Luke will also tell of the divisions that developed in the church between Jews and non-Jews, with the non-Jews complaining that their people are being neglected in the distribution of food. You can almost hear the exasperation in the apostles' voices, "...it is not right that we neglect the Word for waiting on tables."

Of course, the solution to the problem is found in the community itself. The apostles ask that 7 men be identified whom they would charge with the ministry of serving the everyday needs of the people. These men would be "diakonoí", servants, or as we would say today, "deacons", whose ministries freed the pastors of the church to do what they were charged to do, to preach, to lead, and to pray. This principle of empowering others to do as their competency and authority permit them is the principle of subsidiarity, a foundational element of Catholic social doctrine.

One Catholic commentator I read recently posed the question, "Is the Church a cruise ship or a battleship?" I found both the analogy and his commentary on the state of most US parishes to be striking. By posing the question in this way, he wanted to provoke this reflection: Do we look at the church as a place where we come to be served or where we serve according to the command and example of Jesus? The Church, of course, is not a cruise ship. This is not where we come to be "entertained" for one hour a week, or to be lavishly fed on a buffet where we can pick and choose what we want, or where we can avoid stormy seas by not engaging our time with the human and Christian values meant to transform it. We are and must be "all hands on deck", where we do not complain that "somebody ought to do something about... fill in the blank for yourself" but where each member of the Body of Christ learns how to put their gifts and resources in service to the mission of Christ and the needs of the community.

We live in a time when we priests are becoming fewer and fewer. Thankfully, we're seeing an upswing of men in our diocese responding to the call of God to be priests. But there are still many priests in our diocese and throughout the country who are alone in their parishes and must carry heavy burdens with little to no assistance.

The church is not a cruise ship where a handful of people serve everyone else who is relaxing.



No, the church is a battleship where it's "all hands on deck" and everyone serves the mission.



Our parishes have many needs. Contrary to what many believe, most parishes, including our own, are not sitting on vast financial reserves. Many parishes struggle to meet their obligations and grow their ministries. Ministry cannot happen unless we provide the resources needed for it, which in the first place, is our faith and active participation in the life of the parish, even if that participation is interceding for me, our clergy, and the needs of our people. Christ calls us to put our gifts in service to one another, even if they seem little in our own eyes. If we're looking for someone else to take up the call to serve, then, according to our commentator, we're on the cruise ship looking to *be served*.

Jesus tells Thomas that He is the way, and what is that way if it is not what He said of Himself that He comes, not to be served, but to serve? Our greatness is found in this call to humble service. We cannot wait for another to answer it for us. This is what the apostles did by calling forth the first deacons of the Church so that they would not be neglectful of the apostolic charge Christ laid on them. This is what every parish and Christian community must do; identify and form servants who, under their pastors, are empowered to use their gifts in service to the mission and in care for the community, which is another way of saying we must constantly seek to turn the cruise ship mentality into the battleship mentality. Our times call for "all hands on deck!"

Servus,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joseph G. Celano".

Rev. Msgr. Joseph G. Celano  
Pastor and Director of Schools

To read past messages from the pastor, visit: [immaculateconception.org/news](http://immaculateconception.org/news).

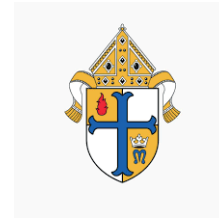
# A Message from Msgr. Celano

## Priest Personnel Changes

This past week, our Vicar for Priest Personnel informed me that, effective **Monday, June 9, Fr. Mhonchan Ezung** is being reassigned to St. James Church, Basking Ridge, as its new parochial vicar. Fr. Mhonchan has served our parish well these past three years and has especially endeared himself to our students at ICS and in our religious education program. He is a good priest with a heart for our youth and their formation in faith. I'm sure they will miss him very much, as will many others, including myself. Please keep him in your prayers during this time of transition. His last Sunday with us will be **Sunday, June 8**.

I fully expect that another priest will be assigned to our parish as my parochial vicar. However, as of this writing, I have not yet been officially informed who it will be. Once I receive official confirmation that a new priest has been appointed to our parish, I will inform you.

Please hold Fr. Mhonchan and all our priests in your prayers, especially those transitioning to new assignments and those preparing for ordination. Please pray for me as well.



## Bishop's Annual Appeal Update

I am pleased to inform you that, once again, we have exceeded our goal for the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal. To date, \$187,726 has been pledged toward our \$181,000 goal, with \$144,830 received in actual revenues. This means that, although we have exceeded goal in pledges, we are still \$36,169 short of achieving/exceeding goal in collected revenues. Once we achieve goal, 50% of the revenues generated over goal are returned to the parish so that we can better provide for our needs.

If you are considering making a gift to the appeal or fulfilling a pledge you have made, it's not too late. Please consider supporting the appeal and the vital diocesan services it funds, and help our parish earn a rebate as well. Thank you.

To support the Bishop's Annual Appeal, visit:  
<https://www.diometuchen.org/baa>.

# Children's Faith Formation

## Children's Liturgy of the Word Has Concluded for the Season

Thank you to all the children and families who participated in Children's Liturgy of the Word this year!

Our sessions have now ended for the summer, and we will resume in October.

We look forward to welcoming your children back in the fall for another season of learning, faith, and fun.

Have a safe and blessed summer!



# News & Events

## Parish Office Closed Memorial Day

**MONDAY | MAY 26, 2025**

The Parish Office will be closed **Monday, May 26** in observance of Memorial Day. Daily Mass will take place at 9:00 am in the Church. Please join us!

## Sunday Morning Café

Thank you for joining us for our Sunday Morning Café series. We hope you enjoyed this opportunity to come together as a community in Faith and Fellowship. The Café series has concluded for the summer months and will begin again on **Sunday, September 21**. The Café meets every third Sunday of the month following the 9:00 am Mass.

## Building Houses of Hope Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to all who donated towards this year's Houses of Hope Summer Appalachia Mission fundraiser. Through the generosity of our parishioners, the mission will benefit from close to \$10,000 in donations. Our group of 40 Immaculata students, alumni, and chaperones will participate in the 2025 work camp from June 8-14. Please continue to pray for the group and their efforts.

## Father's Day Mass Cards

**SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025 | SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025**

The Rosary Altar Society will have Father's Day Mass Cards available after all Masses on the weekend of **June 1**. This is a beautiful way to honor our loved ones, living and deceased. Please visit their table in the Narthex.

## Kettle Corn Booth Thank You

After much consideration, we will no longer be hosting the Parish Kettle Corn Booth at the Somerset County 4-H Fair Food Tent. We are deeply grateful to the hundreds of volunteers who have generously given their time and energy to support this effort over the years. Thank you, and may God bless you.

## May Crib Donations Extended

The May Crib donations for the **Pregnancy Aid and Information Center** of Rartain will be extended to the weekend of **June 1**. This center supports local mothers and their children, consisting of 75-100 families weekly. Items that are most critically needed are new or gently used toddler clothing, diapers, wipes, toiletries, and baby formula. Please consider supporting this initiative.

## UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

**Penny Collection: May 31 - June 1**

**Catholic Communication Campaign: May 31 - June 1**

## Life in the Spirit Seminar

**SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025 | SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025**

The Church of Our Lady of Lourdes Prayer Group invites you to join us and discover a deeper relationship with Jesus; find His love, His peace, His purpose in your life!

When: **Saturday and Sunday, June 7 and 8**

Where: Our Lady of Lourdes Old Church Hall

390 County Road, Whitehouse Station.

For details or to register, contact Dodie Hollod at 908-872-8110 or [dennis.hollod@verizon.net](mailto:dennis.hollod@verizon.net).

## HOME of Somerset County

**SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025 | 12:00 PM**

Join HOME of Somerset County at the annual Hunterdon Polo Classic, a family fun event benefiting local charities, on Saturday, June 14th at Fieldview Farm in Pittstown.

The event features a fast-paced polo match, classic car parade, equestrian entertainment, Tewksbury Foot Bassets, and Essex Fox Hounds. Prizes for Best Tailgate and Most Festive Hat will be awarded.

General admission tickets are \$40, and children under 12 are free. Admission plus lunch at the HOME tailgate is \$60. Tailgate sponsorship levels are also available. For more information or to buy tickets, visit:

[www.homescnj.org/polo](http://www.homescnj.org/polo).

HOME of Somerset County provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, case management, and food security programs for at-risk families in Somerset County.

## Somerville Knights of Columbus Council #1432

**MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025 | 11:00 AM**

Join us for the 13th Annual Charity Golf Outing in support of the Raritan Pregnancy Aid Center and The Matheny School!

When: **Monday, June 16**

Where: Heron Glen Golf Course, Ringoes, NJ

\$175 per player – includes lunch, dinner, beverages, contests, and prizes!

Register at [www.heron Glen.com/somervillekofc/](http://www.heron Glen.com/somervillekofc/)





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## Gospel Today

Sixth Sunday of Easter | John 14:23-29

Jesus continues to prepare His disciples for His death and resurrection. He gives them the gift of peace and the power of the Holy Spirit to help them.

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"Peace I leave with you."

—JOHN 14:27

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left,  
right, up, down or diagonally.

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# Giving

Thank you! We are so encouraged by all of the ways that you respond to God's faithfulness and share your gifts. Gifts of prayer, time, and talent serve and support our community in so many ways. Your financial gifts are incredible acts of service that allow us to continue our mission and the work of the Church.

To give online, visit [immaculateconception.org/give](https://immaculateconception.org/give) or to enroll in our simple, automatic giving system, visit [faithdirect.net](https://faithdirect.net) and use code **NJ630**.



# Helpful Info

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COMMUNICATIONS

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## NAVEX ETHICSPPOINT

The Diocese of Metuchen implemented an independent third-party reporting system initiative to provide a confidential method for the employees, volunteers, and parishioners to report suspected financial malfeasance in our parishes, schools, cemeteries, and diocesan institutions.

- Web: [diometuchen.ethicspoint.com](https://diometuchen.ethicspoint.com)
- Mobile: Scan the QR code to the right
- Hotline: 844-796-1296



## HOSPITALIZED OR HOMEBOUND?

Please notify the parish office at **908-725-1112** when a parishioner or family member is confined to their home, hospitalized, or entering a nursing home, so that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or a visitation to bring the Holy Eucharist can be arranged.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please have a family member or the individual contact us to have their name included on our prayer list. The request will be included for two months, unless otherwise notified.

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

### MONDAY, MAY 26

Memorial Day, *Parish Office closed*  
**9:00 am** Mass, Church

### TUESDAY, MAY 27

**6:30 am** Mass, Chapel  
**8:00 am** Mass, Chapel  
**8:30 am - 3:00 pm** Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel  
**2:00 pm** Month of Mary Rosary, Church  
**9:00 pm** Men's Evening Prayer, Chapel

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

**6:30 am** Mass, Chapel  
**8:00 am** Mass, Chapel  
**2:00 pm** Month of Mary Rosary, Church

### THURSDAY, MAY 29

**6:30 am** Mass, Chapel  
**8:00 am** Mass, Chapel  
**2:00 pm** Rosary for the Sick, Chapel  
**7:00 pm** Filipino/American Association of Immaculate Conception Prayer Group, Virtual

### FRIDAY, MAY 30

**6:30 am** Mass, Chapel  
**8:30 am** Mass, Church  
**9:00 am - 7:00 pm** Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel  
**2:00 pm** Month of Mary Rosary, Church

### SATURDAY, MAY 31

**8:00 am** Mass, Church  
**3:30 pm - 4:30 pm** Confessions, Church  
**5:00 pm** Vigil Mass, Church

### SUNDAY, JUNE 1

**7:30 am** Mass, Church  
**9:00 am** Mass, Church  
**10:00 am** Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, St. Anne Room  
**11:00 am** Mass, Church  
**1:00 pm** Spanish Mass, Church  
**5:30 pm** BOLD Summer Kick-off, Blessed Sacrament Church

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE SICK:

Joseph Acampado, Jozelle Acampado, Don Alaburda, Lou Bickel, Amy Cardinal, Donna Carney, Karen DeLaura, Ann Delayo, Larry & Elaine Dwyer, Anna Greco, Gene Grosso, Louis Grosso, Daniel Higgins, Eleanor Jackowski, David Kalisch, Lynette Klar, Diana Konopka, Joseph Malinowski, Christine Phillips, David Pietrowicz, Joe Pietrowicz, Ashling Rodriguez, and Robert & Pat Tocci



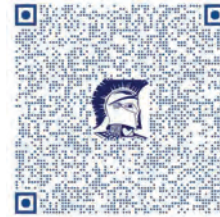
# Our Schools



SATURDAY  
JUNE 21, 2025  
8:30 AM

Begins and concludes at 240 Mountain Avenue, embracing the charm of our town.

Register  
Today



[www.immaculatahighschool.org/5k](http://www.immaculatahighschool.org/5k)



# BOLD Youth Ministry



ATTENTION ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL TEENS. CLOSE OUT THE YEAR AND WELCOME SUMMER WITH US!

**BBQ**

GAMES - FOOD - MUSIC & MORE

**SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST | 5:30-7PM**  
**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH**

WE HAD AN INCREDIBLE YEAR, AND WE WANT TO THANK YOU WITH AN EPIC CLOSING PARTY. GRAB A FRIEND AND JOIN THE FUN!

**PLEASE BRING A \$5 DONATION & RSVP AT [BOLDYM.COM/BAB/EVENTS](http://BOLDYM.COM/BAB/EVENTS)**



**MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE CAMP**

Join us for the ultimate camping experience!  
Service | Faith | Friends | Fun

**6th-9th Grade Students**  
**Monday, July 28 - Friday, August 1**  
**St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church & Local Service Sites**

Camp uServe will take campers to local service centers in the morning and then return to the parish property for lunch and a variety of fun and religious activities in the afternoon. It will definitely be a great way to spend a week and will also help our community!

**Calling all high school students, college students & parents!**  
We can't do this without your support! If you're willing and able to volunteer (spending the day with us or driving campers to the service centers in the mornings), let us know!

Questions about BOLD? Contact Paulina at [BAB@boldym.com](mailto:BAB@boldym.com) or text or call 908-552-0620







# Parish Office

The parish offices are located in the white building in front of the church. The parish office hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.



## OUR STAFF

Please know that all of us at the Church of the Immaculate Conception are here to be of service to you. Please never hesitate to seek our support whenever it may be needed. The parish office can be reached at **908-725-1112** or [office@icsomerville.org](mailto:office@icsomerville.org).

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## Bienvenido a la Iglesia Inmaculada Concepción

"La Inmaculada Concepción es una parroquia de la Diócesis Católica Romana de Metuchen, Nueva Jersey. Buscamos vivir el evangelio como fieles discípulos de Jesucristo. Como mayordomos de los dones que Dios nos ha dado, proclamamos la Buena Nueva de la salvación. Fortalecidos por el Espíritu Santo, somos comisionados como apóstoles para transformar todas las cosas en Cristo."

Ya sea que esta sea su primera Misa con nosotros o que sea un feligrés de toda la vida, estamos muy contentos de que esté aquí. Esperamos que la Iglesia Immaculate Conception pueda ser un lugar para llamar hogar. Si es nuevo aquí, visítenos en línea en [immaculateconception.org](http://immaculateconception.org) o visite la oficina parroquial. Por favor, no dude en comunicarse y presentarse. ¡Nos encantaría conocerle!

## Lecturas de La Semana

### Domingo, 25 de mayo

Hechos de los Apóstoles 15:1-2, 22-29; Apocalipsis 21:10-14, 22-23; Juan 14:23-29

### Lunes, 26 de mayo

Hechos de los Apóstoles 16:11-15; Juan 15:26-16:4a

### Martes, 27 de mayo

Hechos de los Apóstoles 16:22-34; Juan 16:5-11

### Miércoles, 28 de mayo

Hechos de los Apóstoles 17:15, 22-18:1; Juan 16:12-15

### Jueves, 29 de mayo

Hechos de los Apóstoles 18:1-8; Juan 16:16-20

### Viernes, 30 de mayo

Hechos de los Apóstoles 18:9-18; Juan 16:20-23

### Sábado, 31 de mayo

Sofonías 3:14-18a; Lucas 1:39-56

### Intenciones de Misas

#### Lámpara del Santuario, Iglesia

Dennis Powers

#### Domingo, 25 de mayo

##### Sexto Domingo de Pascua

7:30 am Regina Marie Lydon

9:00 am Steven DeMarco

11:00 am Chester Kuchnicki

1:00 pm Louise Solange Casthelly

#### Lunes, 26 de mayo

San Felipe Neri

9:00 am Stanley Wojciechowski

#### Martes, 27 de mayo

San Agustín de Canterbury

6:30 am William Staples

8:00 am Dan y Lee Rogers

#### Miércoles, 28 de mayo

6:30 am Miembros difuntos de la Familia Christy

8:00 am Paul Zec

#### Jueves, 29 de mayo

San Pablo VI

6:30 am J. Mark Jones

8:00 am Francis Stone

#### Viernes, 30 de mayo

6:30 am Sophie y Stephen Schwed

8:30 am En acción de gracias

#### Sábado, 31 de mayo

La Visitación de la Santísima Virgen María

8:00 am Sarah Burns

5:00 pm Por el Pueblo de nuestra Parroquia

#### Domingo, 1 de junio

##### Sexto Domingo de Pascua

7:30 am John DuMont

9:00 am Lloyd McBride

11:00 am Susan Lee

1:00 pm Juan Carlos Flores Hugalde

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# Del párroco

## *Una Reflexión del Quinto Domingo de Pascua*

Al principio de los Hechos de los Apóstoles, San Lucas, su autor, nos dice que la comunidad de creyentes estaba "...unida de corazón y alma... no había ningún necesitado entre ellos, porque todos los que poseían tierras o casas las vendían, llevaban el dinero de lo vendido y lo ponían a los pies de los apóstoles, y se repartía a cada uno según su necesidad." Parece que esto no duró mucho. Lucas también relata las divisiones que surgieron en la Iglesia entre judíos y no judíos, con los no judíos quejándose de que su gente estaba siendo descuidada en la distribución de los alimentos. Casi se puede oír la exasperación en las voces de los apóstoles: "...no es justo que abandonemos la Palabra para servir a las mesas."

Por supuesto, la solución al problema se encuentra en la misma comunidad. Los apóstoles piden que se identifiquen siete hombres a quienes encomendarían el ministerio de atender las necesidades diarias del pueblo. Estos hombres serían "diakonoí", siervos, o como diríamos hoy, "diáconos", cuyos ministerios liberaban a los pastores de la Iglesia para que pudieran cumplir con lo que se les había encomendado: predicar, guiar y orar. Este principio de facultar a otros para actuar según sus capacidades y autoridad es el principio de subsidiariedad, un elemento fundamental de la doctrina social católica.

Un comentarista católico que leí recientemente planteó la pregunta: "¿Es la Iglesia un crucero o un buque de guerra?" Encontré tanto la analogía como su comentario sobre el estado de la mayoría de las parroquias de EE. UU. muy impactantes. Al formular la pregunta de esta manera, quería provocar esta reflexión: ¿Vemos la Iglesia como un lugar al que venimos para ser servidos o como un lugar en el que servimos, siguiendo el mandato y el ejemplo de Jesús? Por supuesto, la Iglesia no es un crucero. No venimos aquí para ser "entretenidos" durante una hora a la semana, ni para ser alimentados en un buffet donde podemos escoger lo que nos gusta, ni para evitar los mares tormentosos sin involucrarnos con los valores humanos y cristianos que están llamados a transformarlos. Somos y debemos ser "todos manos a la obra", sin quejarnos de que "alguien debería hacer algo sobre... complete usted mismo la frase", sino donde cada miembro del Cuerpo de Cristo aprenda a poner sus dones y recursos al servicio de la misión de Cristo y de las necesidades de la comunidad.

Vivimos en un tiempo en que los sacerdotes somos cada vez menos. Afortunadamente, estamos viendo un aumento de hombres en nuestra diócesis que responden al llamado de Dios al sacerdocio. Pero aún hay muchos sacerdotes en nuestra diócesis y en todo el país que están solos en sus parroquias y deben cargar con grandes responsabilidades con poca o ninguna ayuda.



Nuestras parroquias tienen muchas necesidades. Contrario a lo que muchos creen, la mayoría de las parroquias, incluida la nuestra, no cuentan con grandes reservas financieras. Muchas parroquias luchan por cumplir con sus obligaciones y hacer crecer sus ministerios. El ministerio no puede llevarse a cabo si no proporcionamos los recursos necesarios, que en primer lugar, son nuestra fe y nuestra participación activa en la vida parroquial, incluso si esa participación consiste en interceder por mí, por nuestro clero y por las necesidades de nuestro pueblo. Cristo nos llama a poner nuestros dones al servicio de los demás, incluso si nos parecen pequeños. Si estamos esperando que otro responda al llamado al servicio, entonces, según nuestro comentarista, estamos en el crucero esperando ser servidos.

Jesús le dice a Tomás que Él es el camino, ¿y qué es ese camino sino lo que Él dijo de sí mismo, que vino no para ser servido, sino para servir? Nuestra grandeza se encuentra en esta llamada al servicio humilde. No podemos esperar que otro responda por nosotros. Esto es lo que hicieron los apóstoles al llamar a los primeros diáconos de la Iglesia, para no descuidar el encargo apostólico que Cristo les había confiado. Esto es lo que cada parroquia y comunidad cristiana debe hacer: identificar y formar servidores que, bajo sus pastores, estén facultados para usar sus dones en servicio de la misión y en el cuidado de la comunidad. Es otra forma de decir que debemos buscar constantemente transformar la mentalidad del crucero en la del buque de guerra. ¡Nuestros tiempos reclaman "todos manos a la obra"!

Servus,

Handwritten signature of Rev. Msgr. Joseph G. Celano

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# Un Mensaje de Mons. Celano

## Cambios en el Personal Sacerdotal

La semana pasada, nuestro Vicario de Personal Sacerdotal me informó que, a partir del lunes 9 de junio, el P. Mhonchan Ezung será reasignado a la Iglesia de St. James, en Basking Ridge, como su nuevo vicario parroquial. El P. Mhonchan ha servido muy bien a nuestra parroquia durante estos últimos tres años y se ha ganado especialmente el cariño de nuestros estudiantes en ICS y en el programa de educación religiosa. Es un buen sacerdote, con un corazón dedicado a nuestros jóvenes y a su formación en la fe. Estoy seguro de que lo extrañarán mucho, al igual que muchos otros, incluido yo mismo. Por favor, manténganlo en sus oraciones durante este tiempo de transición. Su último domingo con nosotros será el domingo 8 de junio.

Espero plenamente que otro sacerdote sea asignado a nuestra parroquia como mi vicario parroquial. Sin embargo, al momento de escribir este mensaje, aún no he recibido confirmación oficial de quién será. Una vez que reciba la notificación oficial de que se ha nombrado a un nuevo sacerdote para nuestra parroquia, se los haré saber. Por favor, mantengan en sus oraciones al P. Mhonchan y a todos nuestros sacerdotes, especialmente a aquellos que están en proceso de transición hacia nuevas asignaciones y a los que se están preparando para la ordenación. Les pido también que recen por mí.



## Actualización sobre la Campaña Anual del Obispo

Me complace informarles que, una vez más, hemos superado nuestra meta para la Campaña Anual del Obispo 2025. Hasta la fecha, se han comprometido \$187,726 hacia nuestra meta de \$181,000, y se han recibido \$144,830 en ingresos reales. Esto significa que, aunque hemos superado la meta en compromisos, todavía nos faltan \$36,169 para alcanzar o superar la meta en ingresos recaudados. Una vez que alcancemos la meta, el 50 % de los ingresos que superen la meta serán devueltos a la parroquia para que podamos atender mejor nuestras necesidades.

Si está considerando hacer una donación a la campaña o cumplir con un compromiso que haya hecho, aún no es demasiado tarde. Por favor, considere apoyar la campaña y los servicios diocesanos vitales que financia, y ayude a nuestra parroquia a obtener un reembolso también. Gracias.

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# Noticias y Eventos

## Grupo de Matrimonio INVITANDO A CRISTO A NUESTRO HOGAR

La misión del grupo es fomentar en las parejas una nueva forma de relación desde el punto de vista cristiano y si no están casados por la iglesia les ayudamos a prepararse para recibir el sacramento del matrimonio.

El objetivo es que la pareja invite a Cristo a su relación y se tomen el tiempo para estar juntos y compartir lo que tienen y sienten por dentro, tener una comunicación de amor, respeto y poder mirar a su cónyuge con la mirada de Jesús a sus corazones.

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## ¡Mantennos al tanto!

Parroquianos Registrados: ¡Por favor, ayúdenos a mantenernos al tanto de su información! Nos ayuda enormemente en la Oficina Parroquial cuando nos informan sobre cambios en su hogar, es decir, nueva dirección, nuevo número de teléfono, nuevo correo electrónico, mudanza fuera de la parroquia, cambio de estado civil, un bebé o niño nuevo, o algún otro miembro de la familia que se una al hogar. Agradecemos su colaboración para mantener nuestros registros actualizados, en contacto con la Oficina Parroquial al [office@icsomerville.org](mailto:office@icsomerville.org).

## ESTA SEMANA EN LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN

### LUNES, 26 DE MAYO

Día de los Caídos, *Oficina Parroquial Cerrada*

**9:00 am** Misa, Iglesia

### MARTES, 27 DE MAYO

**6:30 am** Misa, Capilla

**8:00 am** Misa, Capilla

**8:30 am - 3:00 pm** Adoración Eucarística, Capilla

**2:00 pm** Rosario del Mes de María, Iglesia

**9:00 pm** Oración Nocturna para Hombres, Capilla

### MIÉRCOLES, 28 DE MAYO

**6:30 am** Misa, Capilla

**8:00 am** Misa, Capilla

**2:00 pm** Rosario del Mes de María, Iglesia

### JUEVES, 29 DE MAYO

**6:30 am** Misa, Capilla

**8:00 am** Misa, Capilla

**2:00 pm** Rosario por los Enfermos, Capilla

**7:30 pm** Grupo de Oración Juan XXIII, Convento

### VIERNES, 30 DE MAYO

**6:30 am** Misa, Capilla

**8:30 am** Misa, Iglesia

**9:00 am - 7:00 pm** Adoración Eucarística, Capilla

**2:00 pm** Rosario del Mes de María, Iglesia

**7:00 pm** Renovación Carismática, Capilla

### SÁBADO, 31 DE MAYO

**8:00 am** Misa, Iglesia

**3:30 pm - 4:30 pm** Confesión, Iglesia

**5:00 pm** Misa de Vigilia, Iglesia

**6:00 pm** La Hora Mariana, Virtual

### DOMINGO, 1 DE JUNIO

**7:30 am** Misa, Iglesia

**9:00 am** Misa, Iglesia

**11:00 am** Misa, Iglesia

**12:30 pm** Rosario Español por la Vida, Iglesia

**1:00 pm** Misa en español, Iglesia

**2:00 pm** Lectores Españoles, Salón Talbot

**2:00 pm** Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos en Español, Salón Santa Ana

**5:30 pm** Inicio del Verano BOLD, Iglesia del Santísimo Sacramento

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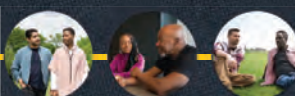
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