



CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD JUNE 1, 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 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, June 1

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53

Monday, June 2

Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8; John 16:29-33

Tuesday, June 3

Acts of the Apostles 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a

Wednesday, June 4

Acts of the Apostles 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19

Thursday, June 5

Acts of the Apostles 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26

Friday, June 6

Acts of the Apostles 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19

Saturday, June 7

Acts of the Apostles 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25

Mass Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp, Church

Patrick Cooley

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

Monday, June 2

Sts. Marcellinus and Peter

6:30 am Eileen Hogan

8:00 am William Brucker

Tuesday, June 3

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

6:30 am Robert Wojtowicz

8:30 am Robert Wojtowicz

Wednesday, June 4

6:30 am John Latosky

8:00 am Geraldine Girgis

Thursday, June 5

St. Boniface

6:30 am Ralph Amatucci

8:00 am Dennis Powers

Friday, June 6

St. Norbert

6:30 am Matthew Exil

8:30 am Vera Stoy

Saturday, June 7

8:00 am Joseph Minarovich

5:00 pm For the People of our Parish

Sunday, June 8

Pentecost Sunday

7:30 am Rose Gulick

9:00 am Pasquale & Maria DiSaruo

11:00 am Jeanne & Ferdinand Lurski

1:00 pm Kathleen Hartmann

Scan the QR code or visit
immaculateconception.org/masses
to view this week's worship guide.



From the Pastor

A Reflection from the Sixth Sunday of Easter

I wrote my master's thesis in Biblical Studies on "The Paraclete in the Gospel of John". It's a great read, especially when you're having difficulty falling asleep. I spend the first 25 or so pages tracing the origin of the term and translating the word "paraclete" and arguing for the case that it should not be given alternate translations - like "helper" or "comforter" - but left to stand on its own, untranslated. None of these words captures the full meaning of the word.

So, you're probably wondering now what it means. In short, a paraclete is a defense attorney, an F. Lee Bailey of the first century. A paraclete does comfort and help, but their primary purpose is to defend an accused person in court, advocate for their rights under law, and refute false or flimsy evidence against the accused. A paraclete is someone you want on your side, especially when you're in trouble.

Jesus promises to send "another Paraclete" to the Church as He returns to the Father. The Holy Spirit is this "other Paraclete" because Jesus Himself is the first one. Christ, as our high priest, "defends us always and ever pleads our cause" before the Father, as the liturgy itself says. But there must first be an "accuser", a source of trouble in the world which we must be defended against. So, let's look first at the trouble and then turn to its defense.

The world calls into question most everything we believe and stand for as Christians. It tells us that religion is OK, just keep it to yourself, and certainly don't let it guide the way we live. It tells us that the idea of morality—of something being either right or wrong in itself—is relative and that most everything is OK if nobody is hurt or offended. It will insist that the good life is found in the pursuit of wealth, power, and social status; that service of others is important only because it looks good on a resume, that science and technology are the only sources of certainty we have, and that our worth is determined by how much we are able to produce, how good-looking or popular we are, or how well we succeed. Yes, "trouble" surrounds us on every side, and the thieves of faith, hope, and love are many.

Now, for the defense. In His Coming, the Paraclete opens to us the very life of God, which, as John tells us, is a "truth" lived in love. Ours is a faith, not just of arbitrary rules and regulations, but of encounter with the Living Person of Jesus Christ, who in the Church, in the Word, and in the Eucharist, grounds our lives in His truth and empowers us to live in fidelity to it. He remains with us and empowers us to live a life of fidelity to Jesus by keeping his commandments.



God the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, is our defense and the power at work in us. He opens our eyes, convicts our hearts, shows us what is true, right, and good, and helps us to courageously live it. He remains with us always, encouraging us to keep the faith, persevere through the tough times, and make a stand for Jesus Christ in the world. He bestows grace on us beyond our expectations and ability to know. He strives with us in our weaknesses and failures, and, from time to time, He even makes us discontent enough so that we will not settle for anything less than what God the Father wills and causes us to be in Christ.

Pope Benedict XVI once said, "The world offers you comfort. But God has not created you for comfort. He created you for greatness." We can certainly find comfort in the world. Many do. But such comfort never really lasts. God has not created us for passing joys, but for Himself, and we will always be restless until we rest in Him (St. Augustine). So, do not be afraid. There will always be trouble in the world, but Christ has overcome the world. He is our peace, a peace the world cannot give but cannot take away either.

Servus,

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

To read past messages from the pastor, visit: immaculateconception.org/news.

Our Church

Farewell and Thank You, Father Mhonchan Ezung Saturday, June 8, 2025 | After 11:00 am Mass

With gratitude and heartfelt appreciation, we announced last week that **Fr. Mhonchan Ezung** will be leaving our parish. Fr. Mhonchan is being reassigned to St. James Church, Basking Ridge, as its new parochial vicar.

As he begins a new chapter in his priestly ministry, we give thanks for the time he has spent with us—guiding, teaching, celebrating the sacraments, and walking with us in faith.

Please join us on **Sunday, June 8**, after the 11:00 am Mass, in the Cafeteria for light refreshments and fellowship as we thank Fr. Mhonchan for his service and send him off with our prayers and best wishes.



Let us continue to pray for Fr. Mhonchan as he responds to God's call in this new assignment, and may God bless him abundantly in the journey ahead.

Children's Faith Formation

Volunteers Needed for the Children's Faith Formation Program

Are you looking for a meaningful way to share your faith and make a difference in the lives of our parish children? Our Children's Faith Formation Program needs volunteer catechists, classroom aides, and hall monitors for the upcoming school year.

We are especially looking for catechists to teach the following classes:

- Grade 1 – **Mondays from 4:00 pm – 5:15 pm**
- Grades 3 and 6 – **Wednesdays from 4:00 pm – 5:15 pm**
- Grade 1 – **Wednesdays from 6:15 pm – 7:30 pm**

No teaching experience is necessary—just a love of the faith and a willingness to share it with our young learners. Training, lesson plans, and ongoing support are provided.

In addition to catechists, we also need:

- **Classroom Aides:** Assist the catechist with class activities and student support.
- **Hall Monitors:** Help maintain a safe and welcoming environment during class times by assisting with arrival, dismissal, and transitions.

If you feel called to serve for one session a week, we would love to hear from you!

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Karen Bohler at kbohler@icsomerville.org.

Let's work together to nurture the faith of the next generation!



News & Events

Parish Office Summer Hours

Please note our updated Summer Office Hours begin **Friday, June 13:**

- The Parish Office will be closed daily from 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm for lunch.
- On Fridays, the Parish Office will close early at 3:00 pm during the summer months.

We appreciate your understanding and hope everyone enjoys a safe and restful summer!

Project Linus

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025 | 11:00 AM

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Project Linus Ministry. This dedicated group gathered throughout the year to quilt, crochet, and knit beautiful, handmade blankets for infants and children in need. These blankets provide not only warmth but also a true sense of comfort and security to those who receive them. This year's ministry will conclude on **Thursday, June 5**, at the Somerville American Legion. The Project Linus Ministry will resume in September. We look forward to welcoming returning members and new volunteers alike!

Men's Fellowship

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025 | 7:30 AM

The Men's Fellowship group meets on the second Saturday of the month from 7:30 am to 9:00 am in the Talbot Room. Join us for breakfast, prayer, a brief teaching, and spiritual discussion. All men 18 or older are welcome to join us on **Saturday, June 14**.

Rosary Garden Volunteers

Do you enjoy the outdoors and have a heart for service? We are looking for volunteers to assist Deacon Frank Quinn with the care of our Rosary Garden. It's a beautiful space for prayer and reflection, and with your help, we can keep it looking its best. We invite you to devote just one hour of your time to assist with:

- Weeding
- Basic gardening
- General summer clean-up

Whether you're a seasoned gardener or simply willing to lend a hand, your help makes a big difference!

To volunteer or for more information, please contact the Parish Office. Let's work together to keep our Rosary Garden a peaceful and welcoming place for all.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Food Collection: June 14 - June 15

Father's Day: June 14 - June 15

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 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.

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 14** 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.

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/



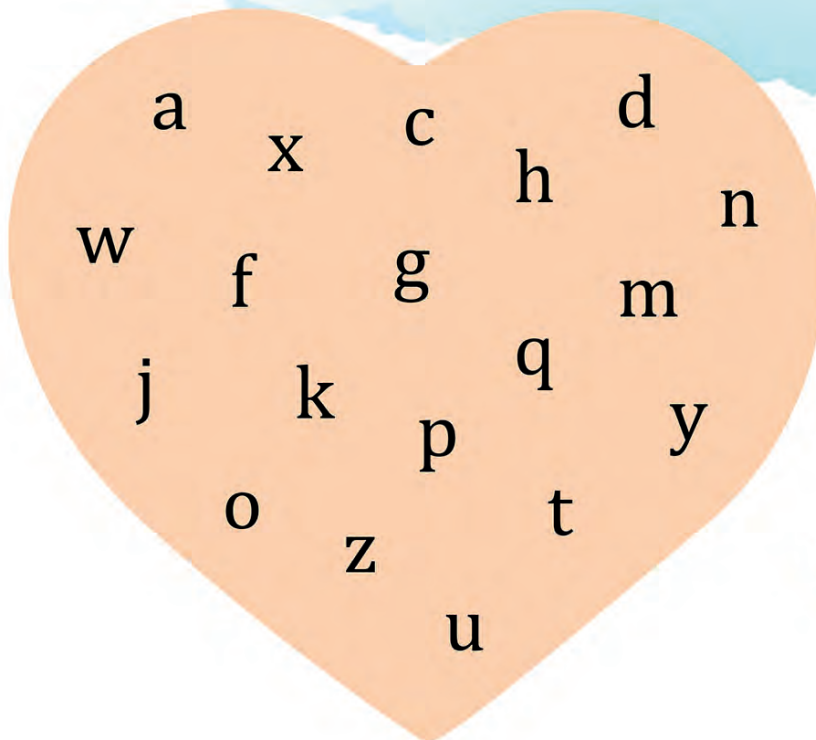
Gospel Today

Seventh Sunday of Easter | John 17:20-26

Jesus prays for all who believe in God, His Father, that they will be united in love and share the love of God with the whole world.

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Find and write the missing letters (from A to Z) not found in the heart...



Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below. One letter is used three times.



Jesus prays for all _____.

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 or to enroll in our simple, automatic giving system, visit faithdirect.net and use code **NJ630**.



Helpful Info

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COMMUNICATIONS

To get the latest news, photos, and stories, follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@icsomerville), and subscribe to our email list to get all the latest content delivered right to your inbox. Visit us online at immaculateconception.org/subscribe or scan the QR code to connect.



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
- 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, JUNE 2

6:30 am Mass, Chapel

8:00 am Mass, Chapel

7:00 pm Miraculous Medal Rosary & Novena, Chapel

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

6:30 am Mass, Chapel

8:30 am Mass, Church

8:30 am - 3:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel

7:00 pm BOLD Youth Ministry, Discipleship Night

9:00 pm Men's Evening Prayer, Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

6:30 am Mass, Chapel

8:00 am Mass, Chapel

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

6:30 am Mass, Chapel

8:00 am Mass, Chapel

11:00 am Project Linus, Somerville American Legion

2:00 pm Rosary for the Sick, Chapel

7:00 pm Filipino/American Association of Immaculate Conception Prayer Group, Virtual

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

6:30 am Mass, Chapel

8:30 am Mass, Church

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

8:00 am Mass, Church

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions, Church

5:00 pm Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

7:30 am Mass, Church

9:00 am Mass, Church

10:00 am Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

11:00 am Mass, Church

12:00 pm Fr. Mhonchan Ezung Thank you & Farewell, Cafeteria

1:00 pm Spanish Mass, 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

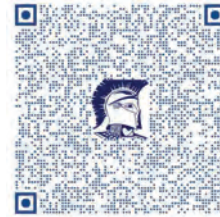
Our Schools



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



BOLD Youth Ministry

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

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

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 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.

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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 o visite la oficina parroquial. Por favor, no dude en comunicarse y presentarse. ¡Nos encantaría conocerle!

Lecturas de La Semana

Domingo, 1 de junio

Hechos de los Apóstoles 1,1-11; Efesios 1,17-23; Lucas 24:46-53

Lunes, 2 de junio

Hechos de los Apóstoles 19,1-8; Juan 16,29-33

Martes, 3 de junio

Hechos de los Apóstoles 20,17-27; Juan 17,1-11a

Miércoles, 4 de junio

Hechos de los Apóstoles 20,28-38; Juan 17,11b-19

Jueves, 5 de junio

Hechos de los Apóstoles 22,30; 23,6-11; Juan 17,20-26

Viernes, 6 de junio

Hechos de los Apóstoles 25,13b-21; Juan 21,15-19

Sábado, 7 de junio

Hechos de los Apóstoles 28,16-20.30-31; Juan 21,20-25

Intenciones de Misas

Lámpara del Santuario, Iglesia

Patrick Cooley

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

Lunes, 2 de junio

Santos Marcelino y Pedro

6:30 am Eileen Hogan

8:00 am William Brucker

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San Bonifacio

6:30 am Ralph Amatucci

8:00 am Dennis Powers

Viernes, 6 de junio

San Norberto

6:30 am Matthew Exil

8:30 am Vera Stoy

Sábado, 7 de junio

8:00 am Joseph Minarovich

5:00 pm Por el Pueblo de nuestra

Parroquia

Domingo, 8 de junio

Domingo de Pentecostés

7:30 am Rose Gulick

9:00 am Pasquale y Maria DiSaruo

11:00 am Jeanne y Ferdinand Lurski

1:00 pm Kathleen Hartmann

Solo para emergencias sacramentales que requieran la atención inmediata de un sacerdote, llame **908-698-9107**.

Del párroco

Una Reflexión del Sexto Domingo de Pascua

Escribí mi tesis de maestría en Estudios Bíblicos sobre “El Paráclito en el Evangelio de Juan”. Es una lectura excelente, especialmente cuando uno tiene dificultades para conciliar el sueño. Paso las primeras 25 páginas más o menos rastreando el origen del término y traduciendo la palabra “paráclito”, argumentando que no debe recibir traducciones alternativas –como “ayudador” o “consolador”– sino que debe dejarse tal cual, sin traducir. Ninguna de estas palabras captura plenamente el significado de la palabra.

Entonces, probablemente te estés preguntando qué significa. En resumen, un paráclito es un abogado defensor, un F. Lee Bailey del primer siglo. Un paráclito sí consuela y ayuda, pero su propósito principal es defender a una persona acusada en un juicio, abogar por sus derechos según la ley y refutar pruebas falsas o endeble contra el acusado. Un paráclito es alguien que quieres tener de tu lado, especialmente cuando estás en problemas.

Jesús promete enviar “otro Paráclito” a la Iglesia cuando Él regresa al Padre. El Espíritu Santo es ese “otro Paráclito” porque Jesús mismo es el primero. Cristo, como nuestro sumo sacerdote, “nos defiende siempre y aboga constantemente por nuestra causa” ante el Padre, como dice la misma liturgia. Pero debe haber primero un “acusador”, una fuente de tribulación en el mundo contra la cual debemos ser defendidos. Así que, miremos primero el problema y luego volvamos a la defensa.

El mundo pone en duda casi todo lo que creemos y defendemos como cristianos. Nos dice que la religión está bien, siempre que se mantenga en privado, y que ciertamente no debe guiar nuestra manera de vivir. Nos dice que la idea de moralidad –de que algo sea correcto o incorrecto en sí mismo– es relativa y que casi todo está bien mientras nadie resulte herido u ofendido. Insiste en que la buena vida se encuentra en la búsqueda de la riqueza, el poder y el estatus social; que el servicio a los demás es importante solo porque queda bien en un currículum, que la ciencia y la tecnología son nuestras únicas fuentes de certeza, y que nuestro valor se mide por cuánto producimos, cuán atractivos o populares somos, o cuán exitosos llegamos a ser. Sí, los “problemas” nos rodean por todos lados, y los ladrones de la fe, la esperanza y el amor son muchos.

Ahora, la defensa. En su Venida, el Paráclito nos abre la misma vida de Dios, que, como nos dice Juan, es una “verdad” vivida en el amor. Nuestra fe no es simplemente un conjunto arbitrario de reglas y normas, sino un encuentro con la Persona Viva de Jesucristo, quien en la Iglesia, en la Palabra y en la Eucaristía, fundamenta nuestras vidas en Su verdad y nos da poder para vivir con fidelidad a ella.



Él permanece con nosotros y nos fortalece para vivir una vida fiel a Jesús guardando sus mandamientos.

Dios Espíritu Santo, el Paráclito, es nuestra defensa y la fuerza que obra en nosotros. Él nos abre los ojos, conmueve nuestros corazones, nos muestra lo que es verdadero, justo y bueno, y nos ayuda a vivirlo con valentía. Permanece con nosotros siempre, animándonos a mantener la fe, perseverar en los momentos difíciles y dar testimonio de Jesucristo en el mundo. Nos concede gracia más allá de nuestras expectativas y capacidad de comprender. Lucha con nosotros en nuestras debilidades y fracasos y, de vez en cuando, incluso nos inquieta lo suficiente como para que no nos conformemos con nada menos de lo que Dios Padre desea y nos llama a ser en Cristo.

El Papa Benedicto XVI dijo una vez: “El mundo les ofrece comodidad. Pero Dios no los ha creado para la comodidad. Los ha creado para la grandeza.” Ciertamente podemos encontrar consuelo en el mundo. Muchos lo hacen. Pero ese consuelo nunca dura realmente. Dios no nos ha creado para alegrías pasajeras, sino para Él mismo, y siempre estaremos inquietos hasta que descansen en Él (San Agustín). Así que, no tengas miedo. Siempre habrá problemas en el mundo, pero Cristo ha vencido al mundo. Él es nuestra paz, una paz que el mundo no puede dar ni tampoco puede quitar.

Servus,

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

Nuestra Parroquia

Despedida y Agradecimiento, Padre Mhonchan
Sábado, 8 de junio de 2025 | Después de la Misa de las 11:00 am

Con gratitud y sincero agradecimiento, anunciamos que el **Padre Mhonchan Ezung** dejará nuestra parroquia. El Padre Mhonchan ha sido reasignado a la Iglesia de St. James en Basking Ridge, donde servirá como nuevo vicario parroquial.

Al comenzar un nuevo capítulo en su ministerio sacerdotal, damos gracias por el tiempo que ha compartido con nosotros: guiándonos, enseñándonos, celebrando los sacramentos y caminando con nosotros en la fe.

Los invitamos a acompañarnos **el domingo 8 de junio**, después de la Misa de las 11:00 am, en la Cafetería, para compartir un refrigerio ligero y un momento de convivencia mientras agradecemos al Padre Mhonchan por su servicio y lo despedimos con nuestras oraciones y mejores deseos.



Continuemos orando por el Padre Mhonchan mientras responde al llamado de Dios en esta nueva asignación. Que el Señor lo bendiga abundantemente en el camino que tiene por delante.

Formación en la Fe para Niños

Se Necesitan Voluntarios para el Programa de Formación en la Fe para Niños

Nuestro Programa de Formación en la Fe para Niños necesita catequistas voluntarios, asistentes de aula y supervisores de pasillos para el próximo año escolar.

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Si siente el llamado a servir una vez por semana, ¡nos encantaría contar con usted! Para más información o para ofrecerse como voluntario, comuníquese con Karen Bohler al correo electrónico: kbohler@icsomerville.org.

¡Trabajemos juntos para formar en la fe a la próxima generación!

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.

Nos reunimos el tercer sábado de cada mes a las **7:00 pm**. Para más información pueden comunicarse con el Diacono Reynaldo Lopez o Rosa Julia Lopez, 973-632-1701

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ESTA SEMANA EN LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN

LUNES, 2 DE JUNIO

6:30 am Misa, Capilla

8:00 am Misa, Capilla

MARTES, 3 DE JUNIO

6:30 am Misa, Capilla

8:30 am Misa, Iglesia

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

7:00 pm Ministerio Juvenil BOLD, Noche de Discipulado

9:00 pm Oración Nocturna para Hombres, Capilla

MIÉRCOLES, 4 DE JUNIO

6:30 am Misa, Capilla

8:00 am Misa, Capilla

JUEVES, 5 DE JUNIO

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, 6 DE JUNIO

6:30 am Misa, Capilla

8:30 am Misa, Iglesia

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Adoración Eucarística, Capilla

SÁBADO, 7 DE JUNIO

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, 8 DE JUNIO

7:30 am Misa, Iglesia

9:00 am Misa, Iglesia

11:00 am Misa, Iglesia

12:00 pm P. Mhonchan Ezung Gracias y Despedida, Cafetería

1:00 pm Misa en español, Iglesia

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

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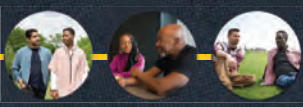
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