



CHURCH OF THE
**IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**

35 MOUNTAIN AVE. | SOMERVILLE, NEW JERSEY 08876

**SAINTS
PETER AND PAUL**
JUNE 29, 2025

Happy Independence Day!
The Parish Office will be
closed Friday, July 4.



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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 29

Acts of the Apostle 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18;
Matthew 16:13-19

Monday, June 30

Genesis 18:16-33; Matthew 8:18-22

Tuesday, July 1

Genesis 19:15-29; Matthew 8:23-27

Wednesday, July 2

Genesis 21:5, 8-20a; Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday, July 3

Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29

Friday, July 4

Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday, July 5

Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29; Matthew 9:14-17

Mass Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp, Church

Wilfredo Hong

Sunday, June 29

Saints Peter and Paul

7:30 am Al Czech

9:00 am Arnold Pirozzi

11:00 am William Staples

1:00 pm Souls in Purgatory

Monday, June 30

Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

6:30 am Ralph Amatucci

8:00 am Rudy Pernini

Tuesday, July 1

6:30 am Maximo & Virginia Oconer

8:00 am William Stabile, Sr.

Wednesday, July 2

6:30 am Carol Jo Mooney Harker

8:00 am Lois Frezza

Thursday, July 3

St. Thomas

6:30 am Stephen Scrape

8:00 am Katherine "Kate" Bennett

Friday, July 4

Independence Day

9:00 am Elmer Gagliardi, Jr.

Saturday, July 5

8:00 am Alex Recto

5:00 pm For the People of our Parish

Sunday, July 6

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

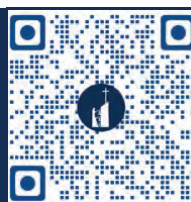
7:30 am Jacqueline Amatucci

9:00 am Mario & Rose Pirozzi

11:00 am George Chellar

1:00 pm Belgica Echeverria Vera

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



From the Pastor

A Reflection from the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

The solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord should lead us to what St. John Paul II called “eucharistic amazement” (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 2003), a quality John Paul II saw as urgently needed in the Church in our times.

I suspect most Catholics would come up with all sorts of adjectives to describe their experience of Sunday Mass. However, I doubt that “amazing” would be one of them. I’m not talking about “amazing” music, an “amazing” homily, or an “amazing” experience of community or parish life. These things are important, but in the final analysis, they are only threshold experiences meant to help us enter into a far greater reality, the transformative encounter with Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament. The question we should ask ourselves about such experiences is whether they stir our hearts to greater conversion and faith, and if they point to the centrality of the Eucharist in the Christian life. Because if they don’t, they ultimately will be fruitless. Why? Because the day will come when the music will be lackluster, Father will preach a homiletic dud (Lord knows I’ve preached my share of them over the years!). The community itself will seem uninterested in itself and its own mission. The Church calls the Eucharistic celebration the source and summit of the Christian life. So, we need to ask ourselves, does what we do here look like the source and summit of our parish life? Is all our pastoral activity directed toward it, bringing people into deeper communion with Christ and the Church and affecting a transformed way of life? These are hard but important questions that need an answer.

At the Last Supper, on the night before He offered Himself in sacrifice for the salvation of the world, Christ entrusted the Eucharist to His Church, the perpetual memorial of His sacrifice in which He is substantially present and incorporates us into His triumph over sin and death. It is this sacrament that nourishes our union with God and with the Church. So why this boredom among so many Catholics when it comes to Sunday Mass, why this indifference to Christ’s Eucharistic mystery itself? There are many reasons, of course: poor catechesis and formation in the faith, the general religious illiteracy and indifference common to our times, the scandals that have shaken us over the last few decades, to name but a few. But I suspect our general lack of “Eucharistic amazement” also has something to do with it.

When we fail to discern correctly who and what we receive from this altar and approach it as casually and impatiently as the checkout counter in a convenience store, then how can



our faith not become lukewarm and lack the enthusiasm and the joy that should characterize our lives as disciples? Conversely, a joyous life transformed by Christ is the fruit of eucharistic amazement.

The mystery of Christ is inexhaustible, as is the mystery of the Eucharist itself, the very presence of Christ among us and within us. Perhaps to honor this solemnity, we need to ask the Lord for a very great and necessary grace today, not just for ourselves but especially for those who have grown far from the Lord and the Church, and it is this: to be amazed once again at this awesome gift of love, this great sacrament of salvation in which Christ is present and by which we are fed. Perhaps then, by perceiving a bit more clearly the enormity of this gift, we may better know Christ, He who can, and wills to, fan our smoldering embers into flame.

St. Ephrem the Syrian, the great mystical doctor of the church, wrote, “He called the bread his living body and he filled it with himself and his Spirit... He who eats it with faith, eats Fire and Spirit...”. Some 1600 years later, St. Therese of Lisieux would also take up the same theme by observing, “fire changes everything it touches into itself”. So let us celebrate the Eucharist today and every Sunday with amazement! Let us be consumers of “fire and spirit”, then, in the Eucharist, and let the fire that touches us turn us into itself, not just for our own sakes, but for the salvation of souls!

Servus,

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

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

Our Parish

Bus Trip to Basilica of the National Shrine SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

Please join us, along with Bishop Checchio, as we, *the Pilgrims of Hope*, participate in the Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., on **Saturday, September 20**. All are welcome!

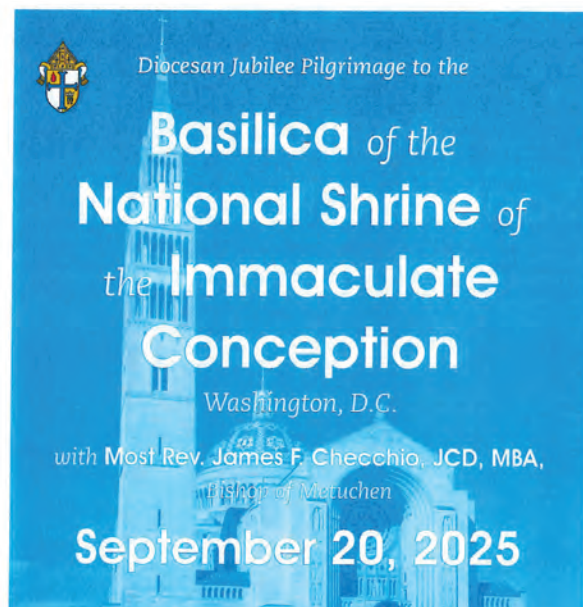
The bus will depart from the Church of the Immaculate Conception at **6:30 am** and return by **9:15 pm**. It is equipped with a restroom and power outlets. Snacks will be provided on the way down. On the return trip, we'll stop at a rest area for food. \$65 per person for a round-trip ticket.

Only 55 seats are available on the bus -
Sign up today!

<https://givebutter.com/basilica>
or scan the QR code:



For questions, please get in touch with Stacey Geary at sgeary@icsomerville.org or **908-895-1126**.



Around our Diocese

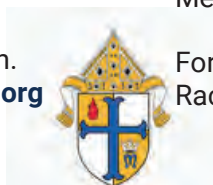
The Prophets – Adult Enrichment SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 – DECEMBER 18, 2025

These classes will guide participants through the prophetic books of the Old Testament by reading, examining, and reflecting on the words and actions of the prophets of Israel.

Thursdays, **September 4 – December 18, 2025**
10:30 am – 11:30 am

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ
Cost: \$20 per person for all 15 classes

Register online: diometuchen.org/faith-formation.
For questions, email amarshall@diometuchen.org
or call (732) 562-1543.



Surviving Divorce OCTOBER 1, 2025 - NOVEMBER 19, 2025

Surviving Divorce – A healing program for men and women experiencing separation or divorce. This 8-week series, rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Church, is open to anyone seeking comfort, counsel, and clarity during this difficult time.

Sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, **October 1 – November 19, 2025**, at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ.

For more information or to register, please contact Rachelle Hanna at rachelle.hanna@gmail.com.

News & Events

Summer 2025 Schedule

Daily Mass:

Monday - Friday: 6:30 am and 8:00 am, Chapel

Saturday: 8:00 am

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Spanish Mass: 1:00 pm

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Closed daily for lunch from 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm

908-725-1112 or **office@icsomerville.org**

Dramatic Reading of the Declaration of Independence

FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2025 | 10:00 AM

Celebrate Independence Day with us! Join us under the flagpole outside the Church of the Immaculate Conception immediately following the 9:00 am Mass for a special patriotic gathering.

The event will feature a dramatic reading of the Declaration of Independence, the Pledge of Allegiance, the singing of patriotic songs, and prayers for our country.

All are welcome to this family-friendly celebration, held rain or shine!



UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Penny Collection: July 5 - July 6

Food Collection: July 19 - July 20

Men's Fellowship

SATURDAY | JULY 12, 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. Breakfast, prayer, a brief teaching, and discussion are held. All men 18 or older are welcome to join us.

BOLD Middle uServe Camp

MONDAY, JULY 28, 2025 - FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2025

Dates: **Monday, July 28 - Friday, August 1**

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church and Local Service Sites

Who: All incoming 6th - 9th graders

Cost: \$185 per camper, \$125 for each additional sibling

Register today: <https://www.boldym.com/bab/EVENTS>

Manna Meals Seeking Volunteers

Manna Meals Ministry has been a quiet but active ministry for over 20 years at ICC and was previously known as Crisis Meals. We are currently seeking to update and add to our volunteer list. Manna Meals Ministry is made up of volunteers who provide meals for parish members who are ill, recovering from surgery, or struggling with a difficult situation at home and are in need of temporary assistance with food preparation. Meals are cooked at home or purchased and delivered by compassionate volunteers who strive to bring the love of Jesus to those in need of rest and help. There is no cost for meals. Participation is flexible as volunteers choose to help when their schedules allow.

If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, please email mannameals50@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at **908-895-1126**.

Children's Faith Formation

2025 - 2026 CFF Registration Now Open!

Registration is now open for Children's Faith Formation (CFF) Fall Classes! Families can obtain a registration form online or from our Parish Office.

Registration Deadline: **September 15, 2025.**

All families registering their child for CFF must be registered parishioners. If your child is new to the program, please be sure to include a copy of their Baptism Certificate with your registration.

For more information or assistance, scan the QR code or visit:

www.immaculateconception.org/childrensfaithformation.



We look forward to another wonderful year of faith-filled learning and growth!



1st Graders Children's Faith Formation Registration Now Open

Is your child entering first grade in public school this September (2025)? It's time to enroll them in Level 1 of our Children's Faith Formation program at Immaculate Conception Church.

According to the Diocese of Metuchen, children preparing for First Holy Communion are required to complete two years of faith formation. So, don't wait—start the journey now!

Registration forms are available at:
www.immaculateconception.org or in the Parish Office.

Please include a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate with your registration. Families must be registered parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church to participate.

Let's grow in faith together—starting with our youngest members!

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 5 – **Wednesdays from 4:00 pm – 5:15 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.

To register for classes or to volunteer, please contact Karen Bohler, director of Children's Faith Formation, at **908-725-1112 ext. 1119** or kbohler@icsomerville.org.

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 30

6:30 am Mass, Chapel

8:00 am Mass, Chapel

7:00 pm Miraculous Medal Rosary & Novena, Chapel

TUESDAY, JULY 1

6:30 am Mass, Chapel

8:00 am Mass, Chapel

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

9:00 pm Men's Evening Prayer, Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

6:30 am Mass, Chapel

8:00 am Mass, Chapel

THURSDAY, JULY 3

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, JULY 4

Parish Office, closed

9:00 am Daily Mass, Church

10:00 am Dramatic Reading of the Declaration of Independence

SATURDAY, JULY 5

8:00 am Mass, Church

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

5:00 pm Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, JULY 6

7:30 am Mass, Church

9:00 am Mass, Church

10:00 am Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

11:00 am Mass, Church

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, Megan Lisner, Joseph Malinowski, Thomas Malinowski, Christine Phillips, David Pietrowicz, Joe Pietrowicz, Frank Quinn, Ashling Rodriguez, Robert & Pat Tocci, and Jennifer L. Toro

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Gospel Today | Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles | Mt 16:13-19

Simon, given new knowledge by God, tells Jesus "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God". Jesus blesses Simon for his understanding of who He is and tells Simon he will now be called Peter, who will be the "rock", or foundation of the church.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

Simon	Son	Church
Saul	Living	Kingdom
Peter	God	Heaven
Paul	Rock	Revealed
Jesus	Foundation	Blessed
Messiah	Build	

LORD
is MY **ROCK**

R	E	S	L	I	V	I	N	G	T	M
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SIMON & SAUL ARE NOW PETER & PAUL

God changed the hearts and minds of Simon and Saul, and Jesus gave these "new persons", new names.

Simon is now called Peter, and Saul is now called Paul. Give Peter the Fisherman and Paul the Missionary, their new names.

PETER



PAUL

Cut out the names above and paste their new names over the old.



SIMON

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SAUL

Parish Office

The parish offices are located in the white building in front of the church. For the summer months, the parish office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and on Fridays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The office will be closed daily from 12:30 pm - 1:00 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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For sacramental emergencies only that require the immediate attention of a priest call 908-698-9107.



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, 29 de junio

Hechos de los Apóstoles 12, 1-11; 2 Timoteo 4, 6-8. 17-18;
Mateo 16, 13-19

Lunes, 30 de junio

Génesis 18, 16-33; Mateo 8, 18-22

Martes, 1 de julio

Génesis 19, 15-29; Mateo 8, 23-27

Miércoles, 2 de julio

Génesis 21, 5. 8-20a; Mateo 8, 28-34

Jueves, 3 de julio

Efesios 2, 19-22; Juan 20, 24-29

Viernes, 4 de julio

Génesis 23, 1-4. 19; 24, 1-8. 62-67; Mateo 9, 9-13

Sábado, 5 de julio

Génesis 27, 1-5. 15-29; Mateo 9, 14-17

Intenciones de Misas

Lámpara del Santuario, Iglesia

Wilfredo Hong

Domingo, 29 de junio

Santos Pedro y Pablo

7:30 am Al Czech

9:00 am Arnold Pirozzi

11:00 am William Staples

1:00 pm Almas del Purgatorio

Lunes, 30 de junio

XIII Semana del Tiempo Ordinario
Santos Primeros Mártires de la Iglesia Romana

6:30 am Ralph Amatucci

8:00 am Rudy Pernini

Martes, 1 de julio

6:30 am Maximo y Virginia Oconer

8:00 am William Stabile, Sr.

Miércoles, 2 de julio

6:30 am Carol Jo Mooney Harker

8:00 am Lois Frezza

Jueves, 3 de julio

Santo Tomás, Apóstol

6:30 am Stephen Scrape

8:00 am Katherine "Kate" Bennett

Viernes, 4 de julio

Día de la Independencia

9:00 am Elmer Gagliardi, Jr.

Sábado, 5 de julio

8:00 am Alex Recto

5:00 pm Por el Pueblo de Nuestra Parroquia

Domingo, 6 de julio

XIV Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

7:30 am Jacqueline Amatucci

9:00 am Mario y Rose Pirozzi

11:00 am George Chellar

1:00 pm Belgica Echeverria Vera

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

Del párroco

Una Reflexión para la Solemnidad del Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo

La solemnidad de hoy del Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre del Señor debe llevarnos a lo que San Juan Pablo II llamó “asombro eucarístico” (Ecclesia de Eucharistia, 2003), una actitud que él consideraba urgentemente necesaria en la Iglesia de nuestro tiempo.

Sospecho que la mayoría de los católicos usarían todo tipo de adjetivos para describir su experiencia de la Misa dominical. Sin embargo, dudo que “asombrosa” sea una de ellos. No me refiero a música “asombrosa”, una homilía “asombrosa” o una experiencia de comunidad o vida parroquial “asombrosa”. Estas cosas son importantes, pero en última instancia, son solo experiencias de umbral, destinadas a ayudarnos a entrar en una realidad mucho mayor: el encuentro transformador con Jesucristo en la Palabra y el Sacramento. La pregunta que deberíamos hacernos sobre tales experiencias es si conmueven nuestro corazón hacia una conversión y fe más profundas, y si señalan la centralidad de la Eucaristía en la vida cristiana. Porque si no lo hacen, en última instancia serán estériles. ¿Por qué? Porque llegará el día en que la música no sea inspiradora, el sacerdote pronuncie una homilía aburrida (¡Dios sabe cuántas de esas he dado a lo largo de los años!), y la comunidad misma parezca desinteresada de sí misma y de su misión.

La Iglesia llama a la celebración eucarística la fuente y cumbre de la vida cristiana. Así que debemos preguntarnos: ¿Lo que hacemos aquí se ve como la fuente y cumbre de la vida parroquial? ¿Toda nuestra actividad pastoral está dirigida hacia esto, llevando a las personas a una comunión más profunda con Cristo y con la Iglesia, y provocando una vida transformada? Son preguntas difíciles, pero importantes, que necesitan respuesta.

En la Última Cena, la noche antes de ofrecerse en sacrificio por la salvación del mundo, Cristo confió la Eucaristía a su Iglesia, como memorial perpetuo de su sacrificio, en el que está verdaderamente presente y nos incorpora a su triunfo sobre el pecado y la muerte. Es este sacramento el que alimenta nuestra unión con Dios y con la Iglesia.

Entonces, ¿por qué hay tanto aburrimiento entre tantos católicos con respecto a la Misa dominical? ¿Por qué tanta indiferencia ante el misterio eucarístico de Cristo? Hay muchas razones, por supuesto: una pobre catequesis y formación en la fe, el analfabetismo religioso generalizado y la indiferencia típica de nuestros tiempos, los escándalos que nos han sacudido en las últimas décadas, por nombrar solo algunas. Pero sospecho que nuestra falta general de “asombro eucarístico” también tiene algo que ver con esto.



Cuando no discernimos correctamente quién y qué recibimos en este altar y lo abordamos con la misma indiferencia e impaciencia que en una fila de supermercado, ¿cómo no va a volverse tibia nuestra fe y a carecer del entusiasmo y la alegría que deberían caracterizar nuestras vidas como discípulos? Por el contrario, una vida gozosa transformada por Cristo es fruto del asombro eucarístico.

El misterio de Cristo es inagotable, al igual que el misterio de la Eucaristía, la verdadera presencia de Cristo entre nosotros y dentro de nosotros. Tal vez, para honrar esta solemnidad, necesitamos pedirle hoy al Señor una gracia muy grande y necesaria, no solo para nosotros, sino especialmente para aquellos que se han alejado del Señor y de la Iglesia, y es esta: volver a asombrarnos con este increíble don de amor, este gran sacramento de salvación en el que Cristo está presente y por el cual somos alimentados. Tal vez entonces, al percibir con un poco más de claridad la enormidad de este don, podamos conocer mejor a Cristo, quien puede y quiere avivar nuestras brasas hasta convertirlas en llama.

San Efrén el Sirio, gran doctor místico de la Iglesia, escribió: “Él llamó al pan su cuerpo viviente y lo llenó de sí mismo y de su Espíritu... Quien lo come con fe, come Fuego y Espíritu...”. Unos 1600 años después, Santa Teresita del Niño Jesús retomaría el mismo tema al observar que “el fuego transforma en sí mismo todo lo que toca”. ¡Así que celebremos la Eucaristía hoy y cada domingo con asombro! Seamos entonces consumidores de “fuego y espíritu” en la Eucaristía, y dejemos que ese fuego que nos toca nos transforme en sí mismo, no solo por nuestro bien, ¡sino para la salvación de las almas!

Servus,

Rev. Msgr. Joseph G. Celano
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Nuestra Iglesia

Continuaremos con la devoción, a la Divina Misericordia, seguiremos rezando la coronilla en los hogares, los días miércoles a las 7:00 pm.

Les invitamos a la Peregrinación de la Divina Misericordia en Massachusetts o Encuentro Latino, que se llevará acabo **el sábado 2 de agosto**, si usted desea participar y comprar tickets cuestan \$55.00 dólares. Interesados deben hablar con Marianela y Angelita y el Consejo Hispano.

El programa de la Orden de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (OICA), anteriormente conocido como RICA, concluirá sus reuniones semanales este domingo, 29 de junio, y se reanudará el domingo, 14 de septiembre. ¡Gracias!



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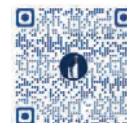
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7:00 pm Rosario y Novena de la Medalla Milagrosa, Capilla

7:30 pm Coro Hispano, Oficina de Música Litúrgica

MARTES, 1 DE JULIO

6:30 am Misa, Capilla

8:00 am Misa, Capilla

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

9:00 pm Oración Nocturna para Hombres, Capilla

MIÉRCOLES, 2 DE JULIO

6:30 am Misa, Capilla

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JUEVES, 3 DE JULIO

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, 4 DE JULIO

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9:00 am Misa diaria, Iglesia

10:00 am Lectura dramática de la Declaración de Independencia

SÁBADO, 5 DE JULIO

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, 6 DE JULIO

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

¡Mantennos al tanto!

Parroquianos Registrados: ¡Por favor, ayúdennos 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.

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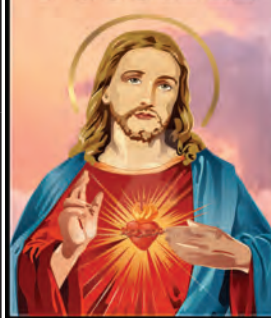


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