



CHURCH OF THE
**IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**

35 MOUNTAIN AVE. | SOMERVILLE, NEW JERSEY 08876



**FOURTH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 1, 2026**

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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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, February 1

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12a

Monday, February 2

Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Tuesday, February 3

2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 4

2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Mark 6:1-6

Thursday, February 5

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13

Friday, February 6

Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29

Saturday, February 7

1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34

Mass Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp, Church

Anna Greco

Sanctuary Lamp, Chapel

Lilah Marie Patti

Sunday, February 1

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am George & Ann Meirose

9:00 am Deacon Arnold DeMarco

11:00 am Mario & Nella Bisoglio

1:00 pm Juanita Villafañe

Monday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

6:30 am Connie Pepe

8:00 am Salvador Cunanan

Tuesday, February 3

Saints Blaise & Ansgar

6:30 am Rosalind Pocius

8:00 am Harold Vaneck

Wednesday, February 4

6:30 am Joan Guinane

8:00 am Marilyn Hall

Thursday, February 5

Saint Agatha

6:30 am John & Ann Colowitch

8:00 am Irene Wojciehowski

Friday, February 6

Saint Paul Miki

6:30 am Douglas J. Kopec

8:30 am Thomas Purtell

10:00 am For the safety of our military and first responders

Saturday, February 7

8:00 am Helene Dillon

5:00 pm For the People of our Parish

Sunday, February 8

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

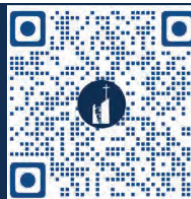
7:30 Katie Reid

9:00 Dennis Hollod

11:00 Christopher Dalton

1:00 Ricardo Rodrigues

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



From the Pastor

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Reflection on Catholic Schools' Week

During the latter half of the 19th century, the streets of Turin, Italy, were filled with gangs of poor, uneducated boys who had no hope of education or employment. Poverty and crime were everywhere, a consequence of the industrialization that put many skilled laborers out of work.

A young priest, St. John (Don) Bosco, saw these street gangs, not for the problems they presented to the city but as lost and unloved souls. He began to work with the boys, gaining their trust, listening to their troubles, and winning them over with kindness and gentleness. He instructed them in the faith, often right on the streets, but also educated them so that they might earn a living. Don Bosco knew that educating the young required more than teaching them the theoretical knowledge and practical skills needed to make a living. It also required developing their character and conscience as well. In short, John Bosco believed in educating the whole person because he knew that, without formation in faith and virtue, we are rudderless on a stormy sea. By 1860, John Bosco was housing and educating over 800 boys.

In his day, Don Bosco was often maligned. He was accused of "political subversion" for working to reform the child-labor laws of his day. Others openly slandered him, suspicious of his motives. But many others joined him and supported his work. His society, the Salesians, grew into a world-wide religious congregation of men and women who serve the Church as educators and youth workers to this day. St. John Bosco is one of the patron saints of Catholic education.

Jesus begins his public ministry with a simple and straightforward call, one that summarizes the whole of the "good news." He proclaims, "*Repent! The Kingdom of God is at hand!*" Repentance, very simply, is to make a U-Turn. It is a turning away from something to turn to something. This call, if heeded, is transformative. It changes the trajectory of our lives and reorders our priorities and choices toward the Kingdom, which is so close at hand. Don Bosco issued this call as he went about the business of educating poor youth, turning their hearts away from the hopelessness of the street and toward a future full of potential. He was undaunted by the opposition, slander, and rejection he faced. Where others saw nothing more than gangs of trouble-making boys, he saw lost and unloved souls. Where others saw problems, Don Bosco saw possibilities.



We are concluding Catholic Schools Week, a nationwide celebration of the mission of Catholic education. Our parish schools are unique in that we are one of only a handful of parochial-based PreK through Grade 12 Catholic educational systems in the country. Our mission to provide a Catholic education to the young is both a charism of our parish and a stewardship entrusted to us. Don Bosco's guiding vision of educating the whole person remains the bedrock on which Catholic education rests. We educate in those academic and practical skills our students need to succeed in life. But we also educate in faith and virtue, offering to our students a uniquely Christian vision of the world and nurturing in them a sense of personal mission to fill the world with those Gospel values that make it more authentically human, and more humane.

All mission and ministry find its source and sustenance in the Holy Spirit. He still calls and gifts us in many ways to participate in the one mission of Christ, who came to proclaim the good news of God's Reign among us. He impels us forward, undaunted by the challenges of our times. As He did for Don Bosco, He does for us, enabling us to see the possibilities of our times, each challenge being an open door full of hope through which we must pass.

St. John Bosco often said, "*Let us do good while we still have time.*" So, let us heed his advice and do good by supporting the mission of Catholic education. The work of forming and educating young lives is ours, a stewardship we have been given for which we are called to pray and sacrifice, support and serve. May Our Blessed Lady, the Immaculata, the patroness of our parish and schools, pray for us in this great work!

Servus,

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

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

News & Events

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be on **Sundays, February 8, 15, & 22** at the 11:00 am Mass for children in Kindergarten through Grade 3.

After the Opening Prayer, the children will be invited forward and led to hear the readings and a special homily prepared just for them. They will return to their families during the Offertory to continue the celebration of Mass together.

The Feast of Saint Blaise

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026 | After Masses

In honor of the Feast of Saint Blaise, the Blessing of the Throats will take place on **Tuesday, February 3**, after the 6:30 am and 8:00 am daily masses.

Prayer in Honor of St. Blaise

*O God, deliver us through the intercession
of Thy holy bishop and martyr Blaise,
from all evil of soul and body,
especially from all ills of the throat;
and grant us the grace to make a good
confession
in the confident hope of obtaining Thy pardon,
and ever to praise with worthy lips
Thy most holy name.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Project Linus

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026 | 11:00 AM

This group of women quilts, crochets, and knits blankets for infants and children in need. Each handmade blanket is created with care, providing warmth as well as comfort and security. Project Linus blankets are also donated to the Pregnancy Aid Center, our annual Appalachian Mission trips, and Hospice. In addition, the group makes prayer shawls for residents of local nursing homes.

Join us on **Thursday, February 5**, at the Somerville American Legion (232 Union Avenue Somerville, NJ) from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. New members welcome!

Scan the QR code or visit
immaculateconception.org/events
to see more



UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Food Collection: February 14-15
The Catholic Spirit: Month of February

Men's Rosary Rally

Join men in prayer and penance to make reparation for our nation's sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Saturday, February 7, 2026!



11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Corner of W. Main & Grove Streets
(by Courthouse), Somerville, NJ

More info: njrosary@protonmail.com
[@mensrosaryrally](https://www.instagram.com/mensrosaryrally)

Men of all ages are welcome. Join us every First Saturday of the Month!

Building Use Notice

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026 | 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Please note that the entire church building will be closed on **Monday, February 16**, from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm to accommodate a training session for the Somerville Police Department. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Immaculate Conception Cemetery

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026

All remaining Christmas decorations will be removed on **Monday, March 2**. If you wish to save your decorations, please remove them beforehand. Thank you!

Mothers' Retreat

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026

Join us for a day of reflection, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. Take time to nurture your spirit, connect with other mothers, and rediscover the joy in your vocation. *Finding Peace, Joy, & Balance* - Inspired by Mompotent by Danielle Bean.

Saturday, March 21, from 8:30 am - 4:45 pm. Retreat kicks off at 9:00 am. Cost: \$40.

Register by: **Saturday, February 28**.

Families are welcome to join us for 5:00 pm Mass.



A Message from Msgr. Celano

A Gentle Reminder

The Sunday offering has been negatively impacted by the winter storms we experienced these past two weekends. We rely on your generosity each week to sustain and support our parish's life and mission. May I remind those who continue to use the envelope system to "catch up" on the missing two weeks and perhaps take this opportunity to start to use automated giving as your preferred method of providing the parish with the support it needs each week. Automated giving through Parish Soft/Faith Direct or through your bank or credit card company is a secure and convenient way of giving and provides us with a reliable source of revenue on which we can construct our operational budget.

Thank you for your generosity, for your consideration, and for all you do to support our parish.

Msgr. Joe Celano

A blue poster with a yellow border. In the top left corner is a circular logo featuring a white cross and a stylized church building. The text on the poster reads: "Sunday MORNING CAFÉ" in white, "Sunday, February 15, 2026" in white, "Following the 9:00 am Mass" in white, "The final statements of the Nicene Creed - The Holy Spirit." in yellow, and "Featured speaker: Msgr. Joseph G. Celano, Pastor and Director of Schools" in white at the bottom.

**Sunday
MORNING CAFÉ**

Sunday, February 15, 2026
Following the 9:00 am Mass

**The final statements of the
Nicene Creed - The Holy Spirit.**

Featured speaker: Msgr. Joseph G. Celano,
Pastor and Director of Schools

Mass Intentions A Special Way to Honor Loved Ones



The dedication of a Mass, altar flowers, or a sanctuary candle in our Church or Chapel is a beautiful way to express support, sympathy, and care for those who are ill or have passed. The **2027 Mass book** is open for your intentions, and we now offer arrangements to be made easily online.

By dedicating a Mass, we honor the deceased and invite their family members to join in a special liturgy in their memory. This long-standing Catholic tradition allows us to remember and pray for those who have passed, including their names in the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass.

If you would like to request a Mass intention for your loved one, please contact the Parish Office at **908-725-1112**, stop by **in person**, visit us **online**, or scan the **QR code**. We will confirm your request by phone or email with the date and Mass time. The suggested donation for a daily Mass intention is \$10, weekly flowers for the altar are \$75 and sanctuary candles for \$20, for departed souls, for the living, for anniversaries, birthdays, and for good health.

Together, let us find strength in the power of prayer.

www.immaculateconception.org/mass-intentions



Our Schools

TAKE A TOUR



Pursue Greatness at Immaculate Conception School. We've got a few spots saved and a multitude of opportunities for you to grow in mind, body, and spirit. Sign up to take a tour today!



Register today!

To schedule a tour please contact Monica DeAngelo, Director of Marketing and Enrollment at (908) 895-1105.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH MEETS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

SPRING OPEN HOUSE



Wednesday, March 11, 2026
6:00 pm

Pursue Greatness at Immaculata High School. Scan to sign up for our Spring Open House today!



Register today!

To schedule a tour please contact Michele Blandino, Director of Admissions at (908) 722-0200, Ext. 1218.



IMMACULATA HIGH SCHOOL
FAITH • SCHOLARSHIP • SERVICE • FRIENDSHIP

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://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-630) or to enroll in our simple, automatic giving system, visit: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-630>



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](https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-630) 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, FEBRUARY 2

6:30 am Mass, Chapel
8:00 am Mass, Chapel
2:45 pm Children's Choir Practice, Church Music Office
4:00 pm & 6:15 pm Children's Faith Formation Classes
7:00 pm Miraculous Medal Rosary & Novena, Chapel
7:15 pm Foundation of Faith Bible Study, ICS Music Room

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

6:30 am Mass, Chapel
8:00 am Mass, Chapel
8:30 am - 3:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel
7:00 pm BOLD Youth Ministry, Discipleship Night, St. Anne's
8:00 pm Men's Evening Prayer, Chapel

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

6:30 am Mass, Chapel
8:00 am Mass, Chapel
4:00 pm & 6:15 pm Children's Faith Formation Classes
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal, Church Music Office

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 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
2:45 pm Girls' Choir Practice, Church Music Office
7:00 pm Immaculate Conception Choir Practice, Church
7:00 pm Filipino/American Association of Immaculate Conception Prayer Group, Virtual

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

6:30 am Mass, Chapel
8:30 am Mass, Church
9:00 am - 7:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:00 am Mass, Church
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions, Church
5:00 pm Vigil Mass, Church, Mass for Families with children preparing for Confirmation

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:30 am Mass, Church
9:00 am Mass, Church
11:00 am Mass, Church
1:00 pm Spanish Mass, Church

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE SICK:

Jozelle Acampado, Don Alaburda, Lou Bickel, Erin Calicchio, Larry Dwyer, Louis Grosso, Lynette Klar, Diana Konopka, Lygia Lewis, Megan Lisner, Joseph Malinowski, Thomas Malinowski, Suzanne Petto, Christine Phillips, Sal & Jena Schellato and Robert & Pat Tocci

Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 5:1-12a

Beatitude means happiness, and in the Gospel today, Jesus teaches The Beatitudes as a guide for the way we should live each day.

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The Good News

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Jesus wants us to be happy. Jesus teaches happiness to all in His Sermon on the Mount.

In His sermon today Jesus teaches us a good way to live.

Draw a picture of yourself in the newspaper, then share and talk to someone about what you drew.

This is what Jesus says:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.



Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger
and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.



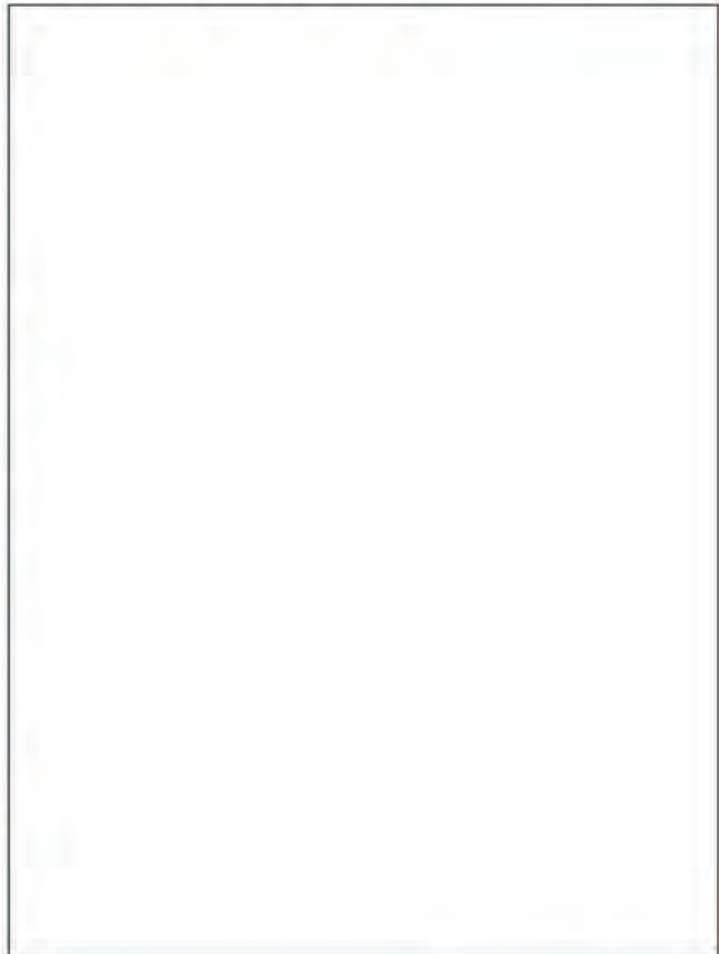
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.



Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted
for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



This is _____, happily living The Beatitudes.

Living the message in The Beatitudes, gives happiness to everyone - ourselves, those around us and especially Jesus!

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. 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, 1 de febrero

Sofonías 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Corintios 1:26-31; Mateo 5:1-12a

Lunes, 2 de febrero

Malaquías 3:1-4; Hebreos 2:14-18; Lucas 2:22-40

Martes, 3 de febrero

2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Marcos 5:21-43

Miércoles, 4 de febrero

2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Marcos 6:1-6

Jueves, 5 de febrero

1 Reyes 2:1-4, 10-12; Marcos 6:7-13

Viernes, 6 de febrero

Eclesiástico 47:2-11; Marcos 6:14-29

Sábado, 7 de febrero

1 Reyes 3:4-13; Marcos 6:30-34

Intenciones de Misas

Lámpara del Santuario, Iglesia

Anna Greco

Lámpara del Santuario, Capilla

Lilah Marie Patti

Domingo, 1 de febrero

Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

7:30 am George y Ann Meirose

9:00 am Diácono Arnold DeMarco

11:00 am Mario y Nella Bisoglio

1:00 pm Juanita Villafañe

Lunes, 2 de febrero

La Presentación del Señor

6:30 am Connie Pepe

8:00 am Salvador Cunanan

Martes, 3 de febrero

Santos Blas y Ansgar

6:30 am Rosalind Pocius

8:00 am Harold Vaneck

Miércoles, 4 de febrero

6:30 am Joan Guinane

8:00 am Marilyn Hall

Jueves, 5 de febrero

Santa Águeda

6:30 am John y Ann Colowitch

8:00 am Irene Wojciehowski

Viernes, 6 de febrero

San Pablo Miki

6:30 am Douglas J. Kopec

8:30 am Thomas Purtell

10:00 am Por la seguridad de nuestros militares y primeros respondedores

Sábado, 7 de febrero

8:00 am Helene Dillon

5:00 pm Por el Pueblo de nuestra Parroquia

Domingo, 8 de febrero

Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

7:30 am Katie Reid

9:00 am Dennis Hollod

11:00 am Christopher Dalton

1:00 pm Ricardo Rodrigues

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

Del párroco

El Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
*Una reflexión para el inicio de la Semana de las Escuelas
Católicas*

Durante la segunda mitad del siglo XIX, las calles de Turín, Italia, estaban llenas de pandillas de muchachos pobres y sin educación, que no tenían esperanza alguna de recibir instrucción ni de encontrar empleo. La pobreza y el crimen estaban por todas partes, como consecuencia de la industrialización que dejó sin trabajo a muchos obreros calificados.

Un joven sacerdote, San Juan Bosco (Don Bosco), vio a estos muchachos de la calle no como un problema para la ciudad, sino como almas perdidas y no amadas. Comenzó a trabajar con ellos, ganándose su confianza, escuchando sus dificultades y conquistándolos con bondad y mansedumbre. Les enseñó la fe, muchas veces directamente en las calles, y también los educó para que pudieran ganarse la vida. Don Bosco sabía que educar a los jóvenes requería más que enseñar conocimientos teóricos y habilidades prácticas para el trabajo; también exigía formar su carácter y su conciencia. En pocas palabras, Juan Bosco creía en la educación integral de la persona, porque sabía que, sin la formación en la fe y en la virtud, quedamos sin rumbo en un mar tormentoso. Para el año 1860, Juan Bosco ya estaba dando alojamiento y educación a más de 800 muchachos.

En su tiempo, Don Bosco fue frecuentemente criticado. Fue acusado de "subversión política" por trabajar en la reforma de las leyes sobre el trabajo infantil de su época. Otros lo calumniaron abiertamente, sospechando de sus intenciones. Sin embargo, muchos más se unieron a él y apoyaron su labor. Su congregación, los Salesianos, creció hasta convertirse en una congregación religiosa mundial de hombres y mujeres que sirven a la Iglesia como educadores y trabajadores con jóvenes hasta el día de hoy. San Juan Bosco es uno de los santos patronos de la educación católica.

Jesús inicia su ministerio público con un llamado sencillo y directo, uno que resume toda la "Buena Nueva". Proclama: "¡Conviértanse! ¡El Reino de Dios está cerca!" La conversión, en su forma más simple, es dar un giro total, un cambio de dirección. Es apartarse de algo para dirigirse hacia otra cosa. Este llamado, si es acogido, es transformador. Cambia el rumbo de nuestra vida y reordena nuestras prioridades y decisiones hacia el Reino, que está tan cerca. Don Bosco hizo este mismo llamado al dedicarse a educar a jóvenes pobres, alejando sus corazones de la desesperanza de la calle y orientándolos hacia un futuro lleno de posibilidades. No se dejó vencer por la oposición, la calumnia ni el rechazo que enfrentó. Donde otros veían únicamente pandillas de muchachos problemáticos, él veía almas perdidas y no amadas. Donde otros veían problemas, Don Bosco veía posibilidades.



Comenzamos la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas, una celebración nacional de la misión de la educación católica. Nuestras escuelas parroquiales son únicas, ya que somos uno de los pocos sistemas educativos católicos del país basados en una parroquia que ofrecen educación desde PreK hasta el grado 12. Nuestra misión de brindar una educación católica a los jóvenes es tanto un carisma de nuestra parroquia como una responsabilidad que nos ha sido confiada. La visión guía de Don Bosco de educar a la persona en su totalidad sigue siendo el fundamento sobre el cual descansa la educación católica. Educamos en las habilidades académicas y prácticas que nuestros estudiantes necesitan para tener éxito en la vida, pero también educamos en la fe y en la virtud, ofreciendo a nuestros estudiantes una visión cristiana única del mundo y cultivando en ellos un sentido de misión personal para llenar el mundo con los valores del Evangelio que lo hacen más auténticamente humano y más compasivo.

Toda misión y ministerio encuentran su fuente y su fuerza en el Espíritu Santo. Él continúa llamándonos y dotándonos de dones para participar en la única misión de Cristo, quien vino a proclamar la Buena Nueva del Reino de Dios entre nosotros. Él nos impulsa hacia adelante, sin dejarnos vencer por los desafíos de nuestro tiempo. Así como lo hizo con Don Bosco, también lo hace con nosotros, capacitándonos para ver las posibilidades de nuestro tiempo, entendiendo cada desafío como una puerta abierta llena de esperanza por la cual debemos pasar.

San Juan Bosco solía decir: "Hagamos el bien mientras aún tenemos tiempo." Por lo tanto, sigamos su consejo y hagamos el bien apoyando la misión de la educación católica. La tarea de formar y educar vidas jóvenes es nuestra; es una responsabilidad que se nos ha confiado y por la cual estamos llamados a orar y sacrificarnos, apoyar y servir.

¡Que Nuestra Santísima Madre, la Inmaculada, patrona de nuestra parroquia y de nuestras escuelas, interceda por nosotros en esta gran labor!

Servo,

Rev. Mons. José G. Celano
Pastor y Director de Escuelas

Un mensaje de Mons. Celano

Un Recordatorio Amable

La colecta dominical se ha visto afectada negativamente por las tormentas invernales que experimentamos durante los últimos dos fines de semana. Dependemos de su generosidad semanal para sostener y apoyar la vida y la misión de nuestra parroquia. Quisiera recordar a quienes continúan utilizando el sistema de sobres que, en la medida de lo posible, puedan “ponerse al día” con las dos semanas faltantes y, quizás, aprovechar esta oportunidad para comenzar a utilizar las donaciones automáticas como su método preferido para apoyar a la parroquia cada semana.

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Gracias por su generosidad, por su consideración y por todo lo que hacen para apoyar a nuestra parroquia.

Mons. Joe Celano



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Domingo, 15 de febrero de 2026
Después de la Misa de las 9:00 am.

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La Fiesta de San Blas

MARTES, 3 DE FEBRERO DE 2026 | DESPUÉS DE LAS MISAS

En honor a la Fiesta de San Blas, la Bendición de las Gargantas se llevará a cabo **el martes 3 de febrero**, después de las Misas diarias de 6:30 am y 8:00 am.

Oración en honor a San Blas

*Oh Dios, líbranos por la intercesión
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y concédenos la gracia de hacer
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tu perdón,
y de alabar siempre con labios dignos
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Por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén.*

Aviso de uso del edificio

LUNES, 16 DE FEBRERO DE 2026 | 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Tenga en cuenta que todo el edificio de la iglesia estará cerrado el lunes 16 de febrero, de 12:00 pm a 4:00 pm, debido a una sesión de capacitación del Departamento de Policía de Somerville. Gracias por su comprensión y colaboración.

ESTA SEMANA EN LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN

LUNES, 2 DE FEBRERO

6:30 am Misa, Capilla

8:00 am Misa, Capilla

2:45 pm Práctica del Coro de Niños, Oficina de Música de la Iglesia

4:00 pm y 6:15 pm Clases de Formación en la Fe para Niños

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

7:30 pm Coro Hispano, Oficina de Música de la Iglesia

MARTES, 3 DE FEBRERO

6:30 am Misa, Capilla

8:00 am Misa, Capilla

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

7:00 pm Ministerio Juvenil BOLD, Noche de Discipulado, Santa Ana

8:00 pm Oración Vespertina para Hombres, Capilla

MIÉRCOLES, 4 DE FEBRERO

6:30 am Misa, Capilla

8:00 am Misa, Capilla

4:00 pm y 6:15 pm Clases de Formación en la Fe para Niños

6:30 pm Ensayo de Campanas, Oficina de Música de la Iglesia

JUEVES, 5 DE FEBRERO

6:30 am Misa, Capilla

8:00 am Misa, Capilla

2:00 pm Rosario por los Enfermos, Capilla

2:45 pm Práctica del Coro de Niños, Oficina de Música de la Iglesia

7:30 pm Grupo de Oración Juan XXIII, Convento

VIERNES, 6 DE FEBRERO

6:30 am Misa, Capilla

8:30 am Misa, Iglesia

9:00 am – 7:00 pm Adoración Eucarística, Capilla

7:00 pm Renovación Carismática, Capilla

SÁBADO, 7 DE FEBRERO

8:00 am Misa, Iglesia

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm Confesiones, Iglesia

5:00 pm Misa de Vigilia, Iglesia, Misa para familias con niños que se preparan para la Confirmación

6:00 pm La Hora Mariana, Virtual

DOMINGO, 8 DE FEBRERO

7:30 am Misa, Iglesia

9:00 am Misa, Iglesia

11:00 am Misa, Iglesia

1:00 pm Misa en Español, Iglesia

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