



March 5, 2023 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT 316 Old Allerton Road Annandale, NJ 08801

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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:5b

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish community of Immaculate Conception Church, have as our mission to unite all of our members in God's Name to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We share our gifts through worship, education, fellowship, and community outreach, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of Mary Immaculate.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

OUR LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. Vigil: 4:30PM

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00AM, 12:00, 5:00PM **Weekdays:** Monday- Friday 7:00, 9:00AM

Saturday - 9:00AM

Confession: Saturday 11:30 to Noon; 3:30 to 4:00 PM

Adoration: Fridays after 9 AM Mass to 6:00 PM

Rosary: Wednesday at 8:30 AM

Miraculous Medal Novena: Saturday after 9AM Mass

MASSES AND REQUESTED INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 5 (Second Sunday of Lent)

8:00 am Gloria Palestina (r/o Loving Family)

10:00 am Living McBride & Gerba Families (r/o Darlene McBride Gerba)

12:00 pm Uncle George & Aunt Millie Rolleri (r/o Anna Barrett)

5:00 pm For Our Parishioners

Monday, March 6 (Lenten Weekday)

7:00 am Stanley Sondej (r/o Fr. Keith)

9:00 am Joseph L. Lynch (r/o Tom Oven)

Tuesday, March 7 (Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs)

7:00 am Carl Perone (r/o Connie Fortunato)

9:00 am Kathleen Reid (r/o The McGourty Family)

Wednesday, March 8 (St. John of God, Religious)

7:00 am Joseph Ocello (r/o The Ocello Family)

9:00 am Antonio Romano (r/o Gildo Romano)

Thursday, March 9 (St. Frances of Rome, St. Catherine of Bologna)

7:00 am Ruth Weidner (r/o Ira & Tricia Daly)

9:00 am LaMae Perez (r/o The Family)

Friday, March 10 (Lenten Weekday)

7:00 am Frederick Freitag (r/o The Freitag Family)

9:00 am Kathleen Reid (r/o Hunterdon County Right To Life)

Saturday, March 11 (Lenten Weekday)

9:00 am Deacon Eugene Tombler (r/o Brian Daly)

4:30 pm Mauro Rigante (r/o The Altar Rosary Society)

Sunday, March 12 (Third Sunday of Lent)

8:00 am Thomas McDonald (r/o The Mastrobattista Family)

10:00am Nick D'Angelo, Annette & Tom Cannizzaro (r/o Fanelli Family)

12:00 pm For Our Parishioners

5:00 pm Patricia Sinni (r/o The Pusey Family)

<u>Clergy</u> <u>Parish Staff</u>

Rev. Keith M. Cervine Michael Szalecki

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday at 7:00 PM in the Church, this Friday will be led by Deacon Mark.

COFFEE WITH THE CLERGY

Each week of Lent these sessions will be held immediately following the Sunday 5:00 PM Mass

Each session will consist of a brief presentation on the week's topic, followed by a period of Q&A where Parishioners can ask any questions, not just on the week's topic.

<u>Next Week's Topic</u> (March 12), presented by Fr. Ariel - "Penance/Penitence"

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY - MARCH 12



All Girl Scouts are invited to the 5 PM Mass next Sunday, March 12 to celebrate Girl Scout Sunday, please come in uniform and we will take pictures in the Mary Garden after Mass



WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE

Saturday, April 22 at 8 AM

Join us to re-energize your spiritual life! Gather together with other women searching for a deeper relationship with God and each other. Cornerstone is a one-day experience for women 25 years or older from ICC and local parishes. Come and see what the day has to offer! Ouestions? Call or text Rachel

Riebling at 646-515-9674 visit our parish website or click the QR code http://iccannandale.org/womens-cornerstone



Women's # Cornerstone

- Gathering in Faith -

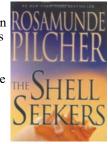
FESTIVAL OF PRAISE THIS FRIDAY

Join us this Friday,
March 10 *after Stations* for
Eucharistic Adoration,
Benediction along with some
Praise and Worship Music.
Confession will also be
available. For more info
follow us on Facebook at:
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GRAB A CUPPA: THE PARISH BOOK CLUB IS GOING TO ENGLAND THROUGH LITERATURE

The book selection for March is "The Shell Seekers" by Rosamunde Pilcher. Set in London and Cornwall from WWII to the present, it tells the story of the Keeling family, and the passions and heartbreak that have held them together for three generations. All are welcome to join the Parish Book Club on **Thursday**, **March 16** at 7pm in the Sofa Room to discuss this well-written family saga. For more

information, call Carole at (908) 310-3886.



"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heavens" (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

"A Time to Be Born"
"A Time to Die"

Gerry Magaleski
Rest in Peace



The Sanctuary Candle for March 5-11 is lit: in Memory of Mickey Wagner



CHURCH HOURS

Our church is open everyday for visits to pray or light a candle from 6:30am-7:00pm

From the Administrator's De

It's been an interesting week here on St. Mary's Hill! We had an excellent first Coffee with Clergy event and I hope you join me this week as we discuss the Eucharist. We finally got some snow but were also blinded last "Sun-Day" at 5 PM Mass when the window shade broke in the Church. Then I was approached by some concerned parishioners stating that their Bishop's Annual Appeal letter came from St. Joseph's in Carteret instead of Immaculate Conception (Msgr. John Gordon is pretty awesome though). FYI, we immediately contacted the diocese and anyone who was effected should have gotten the corrected pledge card in the mail or it should be coming shortly. I apologize for the error and thank all who had reached out to tell us, it was a great help! We all make mistakes, but it is so embarrassing when we realize them.

I should know, I made a personal one earlier this week... I hurt someone I care about a great deal by how I said something, it was not my intent, but it happened and I was to blame. Although it was forgiven in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, I still was left with a terrible feeling in the pit of my stomach and lost many hours of sleep over it. We go over these things in our minds on how we can do things better and sometimes we know, but sometimes we aren't so sure. I know I am not alone in feeling this way. While I was comforted so many times in praying the Liturgy of the Hours this week and in celebrating Mass, I also felt terrible that, as a servant of Christ, I may have led someone away from God. God reminded me that He was still working with me and helped me to empathize with the person I hurt. During Lent, I always utilize the Confiteor in the Penitential Rite, and reminded you last week that we should pray for forgiveness not only for the sinful things we do, but for the good and holy things we fail to do. Just like we do in that prayer, I asked other people to pray for me, I spent some time with my good friends, the Saints and lit a candle to our Blessed Mother to ask for her intercession.

There is a line in Luke's version of the Transfiguration (we hear from Matthew today), in which it says about Peter: "But he did not know what he was saying." That line resonates with me as even when I feel I am standing in God's presence, the cluelessness of my sinfulness sometimes gets the best of me. I have told many of you when someone compliments a homily: "It is all God's work, unless it's terrible, then it was mine." It's at these moments in our life, when we fail, that we can simply pray the words of today's responsorial Psalm: "Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you." Remember that he forgives us and asks us to start again or as it says in Timothy: "He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design." Let us simply have faith in Him!

Pax et bonum,

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT











OUR FESTIVAL COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

Save the Date! June 21-25, 2023 Parish Festival

Plans for our annual parish festival are beginning to kick off and we are looking for new committee members to help plan and run our annual festival. Our next meeting is March 23 at 7 PM in the Parish Hall, so prayerfully consider being part of our leadership team! For additional information, contact Laura Vitale in our Parish Office 908-735-7319.

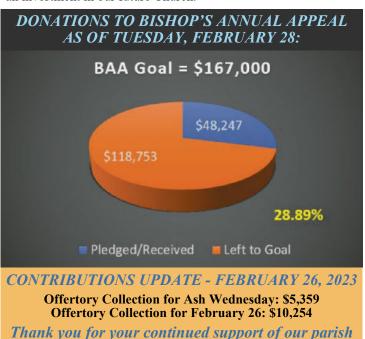
BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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Along with other related offices under the Secretariat for Family and Pastoral Life, the Office of Discipleship Formation for Children strives to make lifelong faith formation central in all parishes throughout the diocese by providing all children with opportunities to experience God's love and conversion of heart through a growing knowledge of

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CHASTITY EVENT FOR TEENS & PARENTS

Immaculate Conception PREP will be hosting a chastity talk by Jason Evert on **Thursday, March 30** for all 7th and 8th graders preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation (these individuals are already registered), but there is also space available and you can register for the event for \$20 at http://chastity.com/Purified or 480-621-8133. For more details, please contact Coleen D'Amato through our Parish Office.





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Our ICS students are collecting for CRS Rice Bowl and helping the less fortunate... are you? Which class will win Penny Wars?

Welcome Lent into your hearts at St. Catherine of Siena Church 2 White Bridge Road, Pittstown

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Sunday, March 12 • 6:30-8:00pm Who is God and why that matters?

Monday, March 13 • 6:30-8:00pm God's Dream for your Life

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

ICC - Wednesday, March 29 7:00 PM

St John the Evangelist, Lambertville, Tuesday, March 9, 6PM St. Catherine of Siena, Pittstown - Monday, March 13, 5 PM St Philip & St James, Phillipsburg - Tuesday, March 14, 7 PM St. Joseph, High Bridge - Wednesday, March 15, 7 PM St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Three Bridges, Sunday March 19, 4PM St Magdalen de Pazzi, Flemington - Sunday, March 26, 4 PM St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Bridgewater, Sunday April 2, 7 PM St Edward the Confessor, Milford - Monday, April 3, 6 - 7PM Our Lady of Victories, Baptistown - Monday, April 3, 7 - 8 PM

March 12, 2023 St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Edison

11:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Cost: \$20 The METUCHEN

Throughout the course of this day, teens will come together to enter into the sacrament of the Mass celebrated by Bishop Checchio, have fun with one another, hear a keynote from CFR, Fr. Malachy have the opportunity for Adoration and Confession d enjoy some live music, good food, and more

Keynote Speaker: Fr. Malachy, CFR Franciscan Friars of the Renewal





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CHOICES MATTER CONFERENCE SATURDAY, MARCH 25. 2023

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity presents "Choices Matter - A Critical

Life Issues Conference which will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway. An Opening Mass will be celebrated by Bishop James Checchio at 9 AM, the conference will be 10 AM-3:30 PM. General registration-\$35; student registration-\$15 including lunch To register visit: https://www.diometuchen.org/choicesmatter

PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Rosary Society	Kathy Clare	908-256-2803
(2ND. Tues. of the month, 6:30pm, Parish Hall)		
Altar Servers	Fr. Ariel Bautista	908-735-7319
Bereavement Ministry	Diane Eisenhart	908-347-3065
	Bob Zappulla	908-268-7360
Bible Study Coordinator	Marianne Tasy	908-730-0722
Cub Scouts	Nora Burke Klippstein	908-735-9520
Eucharistic Ministers	Ed Reitter	908-268-9671
Girl Scouts	Toni Rice	732-570-5940
Grocery Certificates/SCRIP	Christine Benson	908-735-6334
Haiti Project	Deacon Bill Bauer	610-248-7131
ICC Employment Circle	Michael Szalecki	908-268-6732
ICC Home & School	Jessica Eisenhart	908-735-7319
Thurs. Scripture Sharing	Ed Reitter	908-268-9671
Mary Choir	Diane Eisenhart	908-347-3065
Spirit Alive Choir	Marylu Korkuch	908-236-9103
Youth Choir	Jamie Parmese	908-328-4116
Knights of Columbus	Mark Breese	908-625-5908

(1ST & 3RD Thurs., 7:30 pm, Parish Hall)

Lectors	Gail Baumann	845-283-1087
Mens Cornerstone	Michael Wellons	908-246-3241
Mens Journey	Michael Szalecki	908-268-6732
Mens 50+ Club	John Baka	908-437-0285
Parish Book Club	Carol Curcio	908-735-4463
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary Hegarty	908-399-8514
Pre-Cana	Dan & Claudia Roose	908-304-5221
Pro-Life Committee	Tricia Daly	908-328-1268
R.C.I.A.	Dn Mark VanDuynhoven	908-735-7319
Sanctuary Guild	Barbara Sullivan	908-236-6080
Social Concerns/Food Pantry	Peggy Smith	908-730-7101
Stepping Stones	Mary Ellen Berg	908-892-4332
Teen Ministry	Anita Weingart	908-735-7319
Ushers/Greeters	Eric Svendsen	908-500-8313
Weekday Lectors	Ann Standley	908-287-2350
Women's Cornerstone	Kathy Meyer-Crane	908-303-2856



Deacon Mark talks about suffering at our first Coffee with Clergy night. Thank you for all who came out! Please join us on the Sundays of Lent after the 5 PM Mass and come with questions to ask our clergy!





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