

**SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2010
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Friends in Christ,

This has been a wonderful month or so here at Immac! We scored a great civic and religious victory in hosting an Ecumenical Prayer Service for Immigration Reform. 700 people attended and the Bishop gave a magnificent vision of comprehensive immigration reform.

Not a week later, we hosted a Youth 2000 retreat at which over 280 teenagers and young adults had a deeply spiritual experience. This event also saw over 70 volunteers to help to make this the most smoothly run and welcoming Youth 2000 in many a year (their assessment – not ours).

Last week, the Holy Days went as smoothly and prayerfully as the weather was beautiful. The church was packed for our Remembrance of the Last Supper and we ended the adoration period with over 200 at our Tenebrae service at Midnight!

Good Friday saw us supplement our three separate Good Friday services (English, Italian and Spanish) with our tri-lingual stations of the cross procession where over 700 prayed with us.

At the Easter Vigil, a crowded church watched Bishop DiMarzio baptize 10 adults and confirm 18! This is a record this year for the Diocese!

The week was capped by the almost 4,000 people that prayed with us on Easter.

May God bless our community which continues to show the great energy and strength of faith!

CHECK OUT THE VIDEOS ON OUR WEBSITE:
ic-astoria.org

NEW MINI-COURSE: CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM

We are pleased to announce our next Theological Mini-Course: Christianity and Islam. The course will be taught by Fr. Patrick Ryan, S.J.

The dates, times and topics are as follows:

Tuesday, April 27th – 7:00 p.m.
“The Call to Worship: Basics of the Islamic Tradition”

Tuesday, May 4th – 7:00 p.m.
“The Five Pillars of Islam and their Christian Parallels”

Tuesday, May 11th – 7:00 p.m.

“Jesus and Mary in the Qur’an”

Fr. Patrick Ryan, a Jesuit and native of New York City, became the McGinley Professor of Religion and Society at Fordham University in New York in 2009. Previously he was Fordham’s Vice President for University Mission and Ministry (2005-2009). In 1964 he began a long career as a teacher and academic administrator in West Africa, where he has spent 26 years. After ordination in 1968 he completed a doctorate at Harvard University in the comparative history of religion, specializing in Arabic and Islamic studies. For 15 years he taught in this area in Ghanaian universities. He also taught for briefer periods at Fordham and at the Gregorian University in Rome. From 1999 – 2005 he was the first President of Loyola Jesuit College, a high school in Nigeria’s federal capital, Abuja. He is the author of three books and numerous articles, scholarly and popular.

Pre-Registration is Necessary. Tuition: \$25.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell #: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please return to the Rectory as soon as possible

FILM FESTIVAL
FAITH AND THE IMAGINATION
C.S. Lewis in Film

Friday, May 7 – “Shadowlands”
Love Breaks Through

Friday, May 14 - “The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe”
The Centrality of Sacrifice

Friday, May 21 - “Prince Caspian”
Courage and the Christian

Short talk by Msgr. Fernando Ferrarese followed by discussion.

All Films at 7:30 p.m.

COLLECTION

Week of: April 3 & 4
(Easter Vigil & Easter) \$12,693.19
Attendance: 3,916
Per capita: \$3.24

Thursday, 4/1 – Lord's Supper \$2,236.05
Attendance: 654
Per capita: \$3.42

Friday, 4/2 – Good Friday \$2,768.53
(Collection for Holy Places)
Attendance: 1,801
Per Capita: \$1.54

Retired Priests Collection: \$4,052.88

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH WHO HAVE RECEIVED THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION AT THE EASTER VIGIL ON APRIL 3, 2010:

Baptism:

Shannon Haught
Patricia Kim
James Christopher Landshof
Freddy Mones
Brian Morante
Cesar Saolmon
David Tenebruso
Teresita Tlachi
Javier Zatocki

Communion and Confirmation:

Louis Duclerc
Deborath Gamarra
Shannon Haught
Patty Kim
James Christopher Landshof
Lori LoPerfido
Luis Antonio Castro Mayancela
Transito Mayancela
Freddy Mones
Brian Morante
Albanydia Sanchez Pantoja
Jessica Rodriguez
Molly Rusich
Cesar Salomon
David Tenebruso
Teresita Tlachi
Kathleen Wong
Javier Zatocki

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY – April 12th

7:00 a.m. Nancy & Antonio DePace
9:00 a.m. Domenica Salvatore
12 Noon Theresa Kroboth

TUESDAY – April 13th

7:00 a.m. Giovanni Tenaglia
9:00 a.m. Rev. Alan McClellan, SM
12 Noon Zullo & Innone Families, MaryLou Flaherty

WEDNESDAY - April 14th

7:00 a.m. Giovanna & Joseph Camenzuli
9:00 a.m. Giuseppe Salvatore
12 Noon Elio Fulgioni

THURSDAY- April 15th

7:00 a.m. Rodrigo Corazon
9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
12 Noon Anton Sokolic (9th Anniv.)

FRIDAY - April 16th

7:00 a.m. Donato Gasparro
9:00 a.m. John Frank & Rose Egan
12 Noon Anna Maria Rotolo

SATURDAY - April 17th

7:00 a.m. Mary Arevalo, Lazaro Hernandez Arevalo
9:00 a.m. Rosalia & Joseph Cangemi
12 Noon Mary Sivak
5:00 p.m. **All those enrolled in the Purgatorial Society**

SUNDAY - April 18th

7:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:00 a.m. James Sheehan, Jr.
10:30 a.m. Emilio Maggio
11:45 a.m. **Spanish-** Daniel Payret
1:00 p.m. Daniel Brennan

Lower Church:

9:00 a.m. **Italian** – Vincenzo Asaro

THE BREAD AND WINE are donated this week in loving memory of Madeline Rossi requested by her grandchildren.

THE CANDLES ON THE ALTAR were donated last week and this week in loving memory of Rose Marchisella requested by Barbara and Nick Marchisella.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP is burning this week in loving memory of Vivian Cavagnolo requested by her family.

PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS



*Please pray for the recently deceased:
Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may
perpetual light shine on them forever. +*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish will be hosting their annual clothing drive on **Sunday, April 18th, from 8:00 to 1:00.**

Please Note: No clothes will be accepted prior to this date.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE

Our parish Girl Scout troop will be selling cookies in the school hall **TODAY Sunday, April 11th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Please stop by to pick up a box of your favorites.

SCHOOL NEWS

We invite the families and friends of Immaculate Conception Parish to participate in Our Lady's Angels Parish Scholarship Program for the students of Immaculate Conception School. Please consider giving the gift of a Catholic Education. Pamphlets explaining the program are available around the Church and in the School Office. If you are interested in becoming an Angel for one of our little angels, please contact the School at 718.728.1969. Thank you!

The Faculty and Staff of Immaculate Conception School wishes everyone a blessed Easter season.

THE BRIDGE TO LIFE WISH LIST

Bridge to Life is in dire need of cribs with mattresses and car seats (not older than 5 years) to avoid babies sleeping with their moms & allowing moms to take their newborns home from the hospital. Also needed are strollers and layette items: hooded towels, crib sheets, baby wash and pacifiers.

Please help the less fortunate with your donations and prayers. Any questions, please call Bridge to Life at 718-463-1810.

THANK YOU!!

The Bridge to Life would like to thank all those who participated in the Baby Bottle Drive. The total amount collected was \$4,513.15. However, **there are still 456 bottles that weren't returned.** Keeping these bottles defeat the purpose of the drive because these bottles cost money to buy and then they need to prepare them for distribution. **PLEASE RETURN YOUR BOTTLES (EMPTY OR FULL) TO THE SACRISTY OR RECTORY OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**



Following is an additional list of names of all those who donated to the Easter plants in the Church:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Rocha Ande
Arcadio, Maddalena & James Bian Rosa
Colletta Family, Margherita & Bernardi Petruso
Joseph J. Conti
Benedetto G. Davi
Rita Delores Graeper
Vincent & Lena Lanza
Leonardo Leonardi, Orsola Leonardi
Molisse Family: Nana, grandpa, aunts, uncles, cousins, Mom, Dorothy & Father, Theo. Pop, Mom & Ted Levandos, Family members O'Hara, Kelly, Subes, Manakides, Tortora, Unger & Ernie Cusanelli
Josephine Patane & Florence DiMauro
Joseph & Angelina Poveromo & Joseph DeVincent

GIFT TO MY CHURCH

Jack & Menchu Urso

FLEA MARKET

St. Francis of Assisi School, located at 21st Avenue and 46th Street, will be hosting an outdoor (rain or shine) Flea Market on Saturday, April 24th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you are a professional or private vendor and would like to participate, please call Angie at 917-841-5219 or Lucy at 917-335-2695

BASKETBALL CAMP

Holy Cross High School will be hosting their annual Summer basketball camp for boys ages 8-16. Sessions will be held: June 28th to July 2nd, July 5th to July 9th, July 12th to July 16th and July 19th to July 23rd. For further information and/or to request an application, please call 718-886-7250 ext. 525 or visit our website at www.holycrosshs.org.

NEW YORK MARY FROM DUNGLOE – GALA DANCE

Saturday, April 24th at Most Precious Blood Auditorium (32-52 37 Street, Astoria) – 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. - \$40 per person. **Tickets are available at Immaculate Conception Rectory.** For additional tickets or information please call: Anne Marie – 718-361-1847 or Siobhan 646-732-5312.