

**SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2010**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**

**PASTOR'S COLUMN**

Today marks the beginning of the Easter Season. While Lent gets a lot of attention due to the sacrifices involved, there is usually a bit of a letdown right after Easter Sunday. This is because we do not balance the Lenten Season adequately enough with the season after: Eastertide.

Forty days lead from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday. The Sacred Triduum comprises Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. The Easter Season is the forty days from Easter to Ascension Thursday. From Ascension Thursday to Pentecost are the 9 days that signaled the first "novena" of prayer, leading up to Pentecost which is the birthday of the Church.

These cycles are all very important. But Eastertide is especially so. It commemorates and makes present again the graces that flow from the Resurrection of Jesus. While Lent is traditionally a season of asceticism and sacrifice, the Easter Season is one of appreciation and praise. So we should ask each other: What are you doing for Easter?

Some possibilities:

1. Call a friend or family member each day that you haven't spoken to in a long time.
2. Do a fun thing each week with someone you haven't been able to get together with.
3. Try to savor the good food you eat and thank God especially for all the legitimate pleasures of life.
4. Appreciate the little things in life: a walk, a sunset, a flower, the face of a child.
5. Write down in a journal each day one thing that you are thankful for.
6. Treat yourself and a friend to a day in the city: a museum, a ball game, a show.
7. Tell your spouse, child, parent how much you are glad that they are in your life.

These are just some suggestions that will instill a positive view of life and help us to appreciate the giftedness of everything.

Let the new graces of the Resurrection of Jesus flow through you.

**FLANNERY O'CONNOR BOOK CLUB**

The Flannery O'Connor book club will be meeting on Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the book Gilead by Marylinn Robinson. The meeting will take place in the conference room in the rectory.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY – April 5<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Anna Maria & Joseph Hirschy  
9:00 a.m. Betty & Frank Evangelista

12 Noon William F. Kelly (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)

**TUESDAY – April 6<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Michael DePace  
9:00 a.m. Louis Scrimbolo  
12 Noon Kathryn & Lester Frank

**WEDNESDAY - April 7<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Lina Fitzgerald  
9:00 a.m. Angela & Costantino Sferrazza  
12 Noon Phil & Amedeo Piacere

**THURSDAY- April 8<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Sylvestre Family  
9:00 a.m. John Radich (Birth. Remb.)  
12 Noon Delia, Mary & John Casey & Family

**FRIDAY - April 9<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Nelly Orellano  
9:00 a.m. Giuseppe & Vincenza Polino  
12 Noon Nancy Marone

**SATURDAY - April 10<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. The Virgin of Guadalupe, Rose B. Castellanos & Wilfredo DeJesus  
9:00 a.m. George & Mary Lou Weiler  
12 Noon Margaret & Victor Lynch, Kelleher & Kata Families  
**2:00 p.m. Wedding:** Edward Perlains & Marianne Cala  
5:00 p.m. **All those enrolled in the Purgatorial Society**

**SUNDAY - April 11<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Melanie & Rene Sylvestre  
9:00 a.m. Mary Loria  
10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners  
11:45 a.m. **Spanish-** Domingo Murichi & Jesus Huarotte  
1:00 p.m. Charles Messina

**Lower Church:**

9:00 a.m. **Italian –** Giovanna Luca Conte

**THE BREAD AND WINE** are donated this week in loving memory of Deceased members of the Capizzi, Caronia & Coppola Families requested by Josephine & Larry Caronia.

**THE CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** were donated last week and this week in loving memory of Anna & Paul Manna, Bridget & Salvatore Persico requested by Milly & Anthony Persico.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** is burning this week in loving memory of Filomena Foschini & Family requested by L. Henfield.

**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 18<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 to 1:00.**

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

<b><u>COLLECTION</u></b>	
Week of: March 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>	\$11,411.90
Attendance:	3,527
Per Capita:	\$3.24

**GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE**

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

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY MASS**

Members of the Holy Name Society are requested to attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass on April 11<sup>th</sup> followed by a general meeting to show their support for the continuance of the Society.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

Congratulations to the students in Miss Gallagher's Second Grade who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

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The following students were chosen to represent Immaculate Conception School in the Nationwide Doodle 4 Google contest: Hannah Christou, Leyla Fonseca, Peter Gomes, Rose Occhino, Amanda Rex, and Nicole Vasques.

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The faculty of Immaculate Conception School attended the annual Celebration of Teaching and Learning Education Conference sponsored by PBS Channel 13 on March 5 held at the NY Hilton Hotel.

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Immaculate Conception Great Leaps Series hosted a free lecture presented by Dr. Louis Vella, D.C. on March 16. Dr. Vella spoke about Nutrition and Family Health. For information about future Great Leaps Series, visit the school web site at [www.icsastoria.org](http://www.icsastoria.org).

**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.**

**NEW YORK MARY FROM DUNGLOE – GALA DANCE**

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



We wish to thank those who contributed to the beautiful plants in the Church for the Easter Season.

**IN MEMORY OF:**

- All the Souls in Purgatory
- Anderson & DeMarco Families
- Salvatore & Julia Angello
- Lucia & Nicholas Antoncic
- Paula Celeste Antos
- Anzalone & Garcia Family
- George Barberini, Lucrezia & Giuliano Dinato
- Bertolotti & Korva Families
- Dominic J. Bilotta & Rev. Stanley Zemba (Maryknoll)
- Daria Bogovich
- Bonfigli, Cordani & Rotenberg Family
- Agostino & Gemma Bonfigli, Lazzaro & Rina Cordani, Mauro Cordani
- Gemma & Agostino Bonfigli
- Lillian, Harry, Sr. & Robert Boot, Joan Conlon
- Patrick W. Boyle
- Deceased members of the Bridgwood & Paterson Families
- Sean Brown & John J. Prager
- Mary C. Browne
- Georgette M. Cadet, Edward Fremont & Ana Claudius
- Giovanna & Joseph Camenzuli
- Dolores & Emanuel Camilleri
- Joseph Carattoni
- Sarina Carbone
- Hugh & Theresa Carney
- Anthony Caruana

Rose & John Cavagnolo  
Bruno Cavazzini  
Margaret Clair & Robert J.  
Weinmann  
Cocoros, Sauysate, Konesni &  
Ichaerna Families  
Attilio D'Alessandro & Michelina,  
Ralph, Frank & Rocco Vendome  
Michael DePace, Nancy & Antonio  
DePace, Teresa & Carmelo Faccialo  
Edward P. Dickson, Sr., Ann O'Connor Dickson, Carl  
Dunn, Margaret Cooke, Catherine Barmonde, Stephen  
La Viscount, Burke, Dickson & O'Connor Families  
Andrew, Anna & Frank Docar  
Dredger & DiMarco Families  
Irene & James Dunne  
Eugenio & Jovita Evangelista, Simplicio & Maximina  
Paragas  
Henrietta & Antonio Evangelista  
C. Facarile, M. Fortunato & Martucci  
Family  
Peter & Pauline Fahey  
Alfred & Maria Falzon  
William & Martha Fedorko & Family  
Betty & Harry Fastenau  
Deceased members of the Filagrossi  
Family  
Antonio, Stefano & Albina Fonovich  
Mary Ford  
Teresa, Nicolo Fornari, Giuseppe,  
Giulia & Giovanni Cacchioli  
Kathryn & Lester Frank  
Domenico Frasca  
Eugenio, Danny & Eugenia Gasparro, Donata &  
Giuseppe D'Andrea  
Nick M. Gentilella  
Gioia & Monfredo Family  
Emilio & Rosina Giorgetti  
Angelina Glira  
Agnes & Joseph Glynn, Mary &  
William Joyce  
Edgar & Frances Grech  
Diane Harabaglia & Karen Passante  
Harry, Ruby, Norman  
Patricia Hopkins  
Frances & James Irace & Family, George Kraft,  
Attardo, Montalbano, Viacava, Bossi, Mary Pascual,  
Florence & Joseph Abbinanti, Betsy M. Belle  
Catherine & Lawrence Kiffmeyer  
Peter Koval, Marie J. Babor &  
Edward P. Babor  
Margaret, Dominick & Rocco  
.LaCovara  
Barbara J. Lafferty  
Margaret & Donato Leoci  
Leonzio Litterio  
Silvana Litterio  
Margaret & Victor Lynch, Maryanne,  
Humphrey & Veronica Kelleher  
Rev. Manuel Machado  
Friends of the Maffei Family  
Michelle & Cesaria Maffei & Family  
Paul, Mary & Jack Maffei

Macedonio Maggi  
Michael Manniello  
Marino & Manzione Family  
Mary & Samuel Marconi, John Crum  
Didier Martin  
Malachy McGurran  
Dominick & Filomena Medici &  
Manoli & Evi Gasparis  
Nubia Mejia  
Josephine & Angelo Mifsud  
Ivo Mini  
John "Doc" O'Connell  
Departed Parsaud Family  
Annette & Michael Pasquale  
Margherita & Bernardino Petruso, Nunziata &  
Antonio DiMonte  
Phil & Amedeo Piacere  
Martin Ramirez Pinzon  
Richard & Rose Pokorny  
Dino, Virginia, John & Mary Porcari  
Josephine & John Prager, Joan Williams  
John Radich  
Lodovico Raicovi  
Michele Regina  
Filomena Rizzo  
Luigino Roccia  
Evelyn & Joames Ronaghan, Eugene Williams  
Kathleen, Edward & Edward P. Ronaghan  
Emanuel Sala  
John Scarano & Ralph DeMarco  
Katherine & Paul Schaefer, George &  
Julie Fedorko  
Margaret & John Slattery  
Denise, Blanche & Jesse Smith  
Joseph & Albina Squeri  
Catherine & John Sweeney, Beatrice Tonkin  
Deceased members of the Tebbett  
Family  
Julia, Henry & Allan Thompson  
Rose & Philip Tortora, Vincent Wilhelm  
Letty Trivino  
Deceased members of the Trudell  
Family  
John J., Florence & Alfred Varriale  
Demitra Vlassopoulos  
Sime Vrankovic & Christ Gasparic  
Rose Walsh & Richard Walsh, Sr.  
William T. Wresch & Edward J.  
Zahn, Jr.  
Dorothy Zaffiris  
Javier Zapardiel  
Benedetto Zito  
Simone Zito, Rosaria Mannino,  
Pasquale Mignano, Francesca  
DiMaggio  
Departed Souls of the Zupo Family

#### **GIFT TO MY CHURCH**

Manuel Flores  
Maria & Richard Latteier  
Francesco LoGiudice