

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2010
TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Many of you have commented on how much you enjoyed my articles on the retreat I enjoyed at Mount Saviour Benedictine Monastery. A retreat is so important that the Church mandates that every priest go on a retreat once a year. But retreats are not just for priests and religious. They are for everyone! Many of you gentlemen have been on retreats hosted at the Passionist Retreat House and facilitated by one of our parishioners, Peter Vallone, Sr. These have been special times for men who want to deepen their spiritual commitment to Christ.

It is my pleasure to announce to you a PARISH RETREAT! This retreat will be held at the major seminary in Long Island (Huntington) and will begin on Friday Night, September 24, and end on Sunday morning, September 26.

The cost is \$160.00 per person and includes two nights stay with private room and bathroom as well as all meals and talks. We will provide transportation. A team of priests from the seminary will conduct it and I myself will be the coordinator.

Why not come and experience the depth of God's love by sharing some quality time with Him.

If you are interested, stop by the rectory and get an application form or just call me and reserve a place. Spaces are limited so make sure that you take advantage of this opportunity to grow closer to the Lord!

NEW RCIA CLASS TO BEGIN SOON

If you are not Catholic yourself and are interested in becoming one...If you know of someone who want to become a Catholic...If you have been Baptized but have not received Communion and or Confirmation... We are beginning a new class of adult learners.

Last year we had the largest RCIA program in the Diocese. We hope to reach out and surpass even that bench mark.

If you are interested or know someone else who is interested, please call Msgr. Ferrarese at 718-728-1613 or email him at pastor@ic-astoria.org.

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY – August 30

7:00 a.m. Insalag Calogera
9:00 a.m. Lucy Santandrea
12 Noon Francesca DiMaria

TUESDAY – August 31

7:00 a.m. Anthony Juriako
9:00 a.m. Alfred & Maria Falzon
12 Noon Salvatore Celano

WEDNESDAY - September 1

7:00 a.m. Helen & Richard Bowles
9:00 a.m. Kathryn & Lester Frank
12 Noon Gino LoFrano

THURSDAY- September 2

7:00 a.m. Frank Paruolo
9:00 a.m. Dino Porcari (Birth. Remb.)
12 Noon Richardo Fonseca & Leonor Fonseca

FRIDAY - September 3

7:00 a.m. Carmelo Mallia, Joseph, Paula & Anna Bezzina
9:00 a.m. Grace & Vincent Trupper
12 Noon Alfred Williams

SATURDAY - September 4

7:00 a.m. Michael DePace
9:00 a.m. Josipa & Ivan Mrakovcic
12 Noon Margaret & Victor Lynch, Kelleher & Kata Families
5:00 p.m. All those enrolled in the Purgatorial Society

SUNDAY - September 5

7:00 a.m. Melanie & Rene Sylvestre
9:00 a.m. Kathleen Prager & Veronica Kilkenny
10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
11:45 a.m. **Spanish-** Casto Marino
1:00 p.m. Christopher DiGiorgio

Lower Church:

9:00 a.m. **Italian-** Maria Luigia Aniello Saudo

THE BREAD AND WINE are donated this week in loving memory of Dino Porcari (Birthday Remembrance) requested by the Caruana Family.

THE CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are donated this week in loving memory of Mary Browne requested by her sister, Bridget Cecco.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP is burning this week in loving memory of Salvatore Persico & Paul Manna requested by Milly & Anthony Persico.

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. +

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Religious Education Office is now closed for the summer. It will reopen on September 7th. First Registration date will be September 12th. To all of our students and parents have a wonderful Summer!!! See you in September.

SCHOOL NEWS

Registration continues to be ongoing for grades N to 8 until August 15. Please leave a message on the School Office phone 718-728-1969 or email Ms. Harnischfeger at principal@icsastoria.org if you would like to set up a meeting to register your child for the 2010-2011 School Year. We look forward to meeting with you and giving you the best Catholic Education in Astoria!

We congratulate Mrs. Joan Christou, Director, and the staff of the Immaculate Conception Summer Program for providing a wonderful experience for the 98 participants of the 2010 program. The video review of the program shown on the last day of camp was filled with happy faces that radiated joy and awe. Well done!

The faculty and students of Immaculate Conception School have been participating in the Yale Sponsored Diocesan Emotional Literacy Program for the past three years. The

purpose of The Emotional Literacy Program is to provide each student with the tools to identify and express their emotions. This program involves all students from Nursery to 8th grade and all Faculty members. Log on to this link which describes the program: <http://nycprivateschoolsblog.com/contributors/an-introduction-to-emotional-literacy/04/29/2010>.

NY NET TV covered the Fire Safety Unit when it visited the Immaculate Conception Summer Program on Aug. 4. To view their video report which was aired on Aug. 24, log on to this site: <http://netny.net/currents>.

COLLECTION:	Week of Aug. 21 & 22
Total Collection:	\$7,680.30
Attendance:	1,459
Per Capita:	\$5.26

ST. GIANNA RESPECT LIFE

"All are welcome to attend the next St. Gianna Respect Life Committee meeting Wednesday, September 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory."

BIBLE STUDY BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

For those of you who registered for the DAY sessions, please meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Lower Church (use the 29th Street entrance) Arrive at 9:45 to receive your materials, the study will run from 10-11:30am.

For those of you who registered for the EVENING sessions, please meet at 6:45pm in the Nazareth Center, side door to school near the back entrance church on 29th Street.

Dates:

Sep. 8, 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27
Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23
May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22



ICS Alumni Association's 1st Annual Golf Outing

Immac's Alumni Association is pleased to host its first golf outing to benefit the children of Immaculate Conception School. It will be held

on **Thursday, September 16, 2010** at the famed Knickerbocker Country Club in Tenafly, New Jersey. This course was designed by Donald Ross. Buffet brunch, cocktail and dinner included. Sponsorships available. For information or to RSVP contact Peter Prager, Chairperson at threelumps@yahoo.com or 914-439-2552

"DO YOUR SHOPPING WITH IMMAC!!

Our school will be selling gift cards to some of your favorite stores (GameStop, Barnes & Noble, Shop and Stop, Peapod, Amazon.com, CVS, Toys R Us to just name a handful). Each gift card you buy earns money for the school, and you pay nothing extra, just the value of the card. We have literally hundreds of different gift cards available for purchase and each one will help support Immac. For a complete list of available gift cards, pick up an order form.

This will be offered on an ongoing basis, beginning in September, but since several people have inquired about placing back-to-school related orders (think : Staples for book covers and desk supplies, Toys R Us for fun backpacks, Payless for sneakers, CVS for lunchboxes and snacks, etc) we are doing a mid-summer order

Order forms are available at the Rectory during regular office hours.

If you are interested in ordering, but cannot get / drop-off forms during these hours, please contact scrip@icsastoria.org to make alternate arrangements. We will try to accommodate anyone who is interested."

AUTUMN AUCTION

The Immaculate Conception School Alumni Association is happy to announce that it is hosting an Autumn Auction to benefit our students and school on **Sunday, October 10, 2010 at Riccardo's by the Bridge from 1-5pm.** A buffet dinner, beer, wine, soda and dessert will be served. Tickets cost **\$45.00 per person** and are available in the school office or the rectory. Bring your family and friends. Volunteers for the event are also needed. For more information call Committee Chairperson: Ms. Frances Rocco at 917-482-6124.

Autumn Auction Committee members are already at working securing and collecting donations from our business neighbors and hope to have an extensive array of 200 gifts, baskets and certificates. Chances will be sold the day of the auction and these prizes raffled away. If you would like to donate an item or basket, please contact : kprager@stjohnsprepschool.org

"THE ARTIST'S WAY"

This fall, take a walk on "The Artist's Way", an intense 12 week process to assist any and all artists to discover and recover your creative self. Sessions will be held at the parish on Sunday evenings from September 12 - December 19.

Open to any type of artists or creative individuals looking to tap more deeply into their creativity. This will be a supportive, facilitated group meeting weekly to learn and grow together. Sessions are free.

If interested contact Dana at holly.ruhl@gmail.com. An information sessions will be held on August 16. Tell an artist you know!! Thank you.

RADIO MARIA - ENGLISH

"WAKE UP WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER MARY" and start the day by praying with Radio Maria every morning, Monday to Friday, 4:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. on the **620 AM dial.**

As you wake up each morning, while you prepare for your new day or drive to work, join the great Virtual Church of Radio Maria and the thousands of men and women of good will, who are united in prayer to invoke God's graces and protection upon our families and our cities.

Archbishop Timothy Dolan, Cardinal Edward Egan, Bishop DiMarzio and Archbishop Migliore are praying with us. Join us to pray every morning. Wake up America! Listen to your Mother!

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM - SEPTEMBER 2010 THRU JUNE 2011

The St. Gianna Respect Life Committee of our Parish will be starting a Spiritual Adoption Program at our parish beginning September and ending in June, the month dedicated to the

Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is a nine month program in which the entire parish is invited to spiritually adopt and pray for babies whose lives are in danger of abortion.

More information will follow in next week's bulletin.



9/11 MEMORIAL CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY

The United Community Civic Association in joint effort with our neighbor the Port Authority of NY & NJ cordially invite you to their Annual "9/11 Memorial Candlelight Ceremony" at McManus Memorial Park - 81 Street & Grand Central Service Road - Astoria Heights, on Tuesday, September 7 at 7:30 p.m. The Memorial, a grove of trees, is to honor not only the Port Authority employees who so tragically lost their lives in the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center, but all the thousands of innocents who perished during that horrific event. *Hoping that this remembrance will help us to Never Forget!*

Candles will be supplied for use in the short ceremony. Refreshments will follow.