

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2010
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

LABOR HOTLINE

The Migration Office is sponsoring a Labor Hotline to protect worker's rights. This hotline is for every worker regardless of immigrant status. This free service can be utilized simply by calling 1-877-52-Labor. Leaflets are available in the back of the Church.

KEEP IT UPI

As you may have noticed, the Increased Offertory Collection has been a success for us. But this advance needs to be sustained. Many change their giving patterns initially but over time, they go back to previous patterns. We need you to help us keep the advance we have worked so hard to achieve. Many thanks to the parishioners that made significant sacrifices for our parish.

THANKS TO THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PARTICIPANTS

Our last appeal was a resounding success. Almost one quarter of our registered parishioners took part. We not only gave to the Diocese what it needed to do the great things they do, but we have been able to install a great new surveillance system that will make all of us safer, especially our children and senior citizens. If you have not finished fulfilling your pledges, please do so. We are expecting our last check soon so that we can finish paying for our new system.

BOOK CLUB TAKES ON DOSTOYEVSKY

Our Book club will be meeting on Tuesday, February 2nd at 8:00 p.m. to discuss **Crime and Punishment** by Fyodor Dostoyevsky. If you have already read this classic and would like to join us, please come to the rectory (and bring your copy of the book as well!)

PASTOR'S COLUMN

The scenes of the devastation are horrendous. The death toll keeps rising. Frustration and hunger take their toll. Disease has started to spread. Mass graves have been dug and bodies have had to be bulldozed into them. Doctors, when available, cannot do even routine things due to lack of facilities and medication.

Haiti.
One word says it all.

The good news is the outpouring of love and concern unprecedented. Here at Immaculate, our

special collection for Haiti reached \$6,763.06! There will be another opportunity to help this weekend when we will have another special collection as well. This money will go to Catholic Relief Services which is a very effective charity that has proved effectiveness throughout the globe.

One of the Holy Union Sisters, Sr. Eileen Davey, runs a social charity in Port au Prince. We were nervous about her safety until the convent found out that she was safe but where she works was leveled.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be sending her a check for \$5,000 to help her rebuild her outreach. In addition, both the school and the CCD program will be collecting money for Sr. Eileen and the very worthy work she does with the very poor children of the slums of the capital.

We must not stop at this, however. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and one of the poorest in the world. It is also overwhelmingly Catholic. It would truly be a great gesture by our government if it granted Haitians refugee status, thereby making it easier for them to come to this country and settle here with us. This could be the greatest hope for many of the impoverished of Haiti who often die on the open seas trying to land at our shores. As one of the richest countries in the world, could we not make room for these unfortunate persons. We grant refugee status to those who are being persecuted by political regimes, is not this dire poverty a horrible persecutor and a terrible destroyer of humanity?

Rev. Monsignor Fernando Ferrarese

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY – January 25th

7:00 a.m. Donald Fitzgerald
9:00 a.m. Lazaro Hernandez Arevalo, Mary Arevalo
12 Noon Margaret & William Kelly, William Kelly

TUESDAY – January 26th

7:00 a.m. Leah, Charles & Buddy Vallone
9:00 a.m. Calogero Aquista
12 Noon Jose L. Reyna, Jr.

WEDNESDAY - January 27th

7:00a.m. Olga Espinoza
9:00 a.m. Antonio Filagrossi (27th Anniv.)
12 Noon Arnaldo Fiorentino

THURSDAY- January 28th

7:00 a.m. Msgr. Walter C. Galuszka
9:00 a.m. Salvatore D'Alessandro
12 Noon Kathryn & Lester Frank

FRIDAY - January 29th

7:00 a.m. Maria Muzic
9:00 a.m. Anne J. Conroy
12 Noon Raymond & Alice Larkin, Patricia Larkin Fernandez

SATURDAY - January 30th

7:00 a.m. John Marsic
9:00 a.m. John Cavagnolo
12:00 Noon Denise, Blanche & Jesse Smith
5:00 p.m. Purgatorial Society

SUNDAY - January 31st

7:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:00 a.m. Anthony Loria
10:30 a.m. Alice Williams
11:45 a.m. Spanish- Melissa Sanchez
1:00 p.m. Tringali Family

Lower Church:

9:00 a.m. Italian - Berardino & Angela Pietromonaco

THE BREAD AND WINE are donated this week in loving memory of Virginia Dugnani (Anniv.), requested by Margaret & Fred DeSimone.

THE CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are donated this week in loving memory of Consiglia Croce requested by Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Franki.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP is burning this week in loving memory of John Cavagnolo requested by his children.

PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS



Please pray for the recently deceased:

Nubia Mejia
Elio Fulgoni

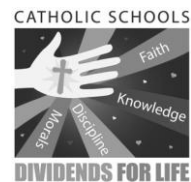
Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine on them forever. +

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The Holy Name Societies of Immaculate Conception and St. Francis of Assisi are sponsoring a Day of Recollection for men on February 6th, 2010 at St. Ignatius Retreat House in Manhasset, Long Island. All men of the parish are invited to attend. Space is limited. Transportation is available. A donation of \$40 is requested. For information or reservation please contact Matt Bogovich (646) 642-4275.

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, January 30, 2010- Friday, February 5, 2010



Saturday 1/30/10---Free Movie Horton Hears a Who - 2:30 p.m. in the Lower Church

Sunday 1/31/10---Continental Breakfast -10:00 a.m. in the School Hall

Monday 2/1/10---Morning Mingle 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
School Tours 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday 2/2/10-- Morning Mingle 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
School Tours 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Thursday 2/4/10--8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
School Tours 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Friday 2/5/10---8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
School Tours 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Science Fair 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Family Science Night -- -6:30 p.m. - 8:30p.m.

**Please come and get to know us and have some fun at the same time.
Pass the word bring a friend.**

"BABY BOTTLES SAVE LIVES"

On the weekend of January 30 & 31st and February 6th & 7th, members of the St. Gianna Respect Life Committee and the Knights of Columbus will be outside the church doors giving out empty baby bottles. Please take one home, fill it us with your coins and bring it back on February 14th when the Knights of Columbus

volunteers will be outside the Church to collect them.

Your coins will help Bridge to Life continue their missions helping mothers, their babies, children and their families.

CHOOSE LIFE

“Since the right to health care is based on the right to live, it is also clear that what attacks life is not health care at all, and not a legitimate goal of health care reform.

**Richard Doerflinger, Associate Director of
USCCB's Pro-Life Directorate**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS YOUTH PROGRAM

The Youth Program will continue on Friday, January 29th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Children who have not yet registered can still sign up from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. only. All new registrants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Weekly admission fee is \$4.00.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS

Celebrate St. Valentine's Eve by renewing your wedding vows at the 5 o'clock Mass on Saturday, February 13th. Wine and cheese will be served in the School Hall after Mass for participating couples. \$10.00 per couple. Advance Registration. Please contact Steve Wilhelm (718) 274-2969 by Wednesday, February 10th. All married couples are welcome

TAKE A CHANCE!!!

The Columbian Squire Circle of our parish would like to give you a chance to win a Toshiba 46 inch flat screen LCD TV. Raffles are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 and are being sold in the school hall on January 24th & 31st from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Drawing will be held on Sunday, January 31st at 2:00 p.m. in the school hall. Winner need not be present.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a free-throw contest on Friday, January 29th at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym (please use side entrance). The contest will be open to all boys and girls ages 10-14. All those eligible to participate will be divided into their respected age division. A parent or guardian must be present to sign the registration form. **Please do not bring basketballs.**

MARCH 12-14, 2010 YOUTH RETREAT (AGES 15-30) AT IMMAC

Our parish is pleased to announce that on March 12th, 13th & 14th, we will be hosting a **Youth 2000 NY Retreat** weekend. This is a beautiful and unique opportunity for the youth of our parish and surrounding parishes, and they are invited and strongly encouraged to attend the weekend. They will join young people from around the metropolitan area to pray, talk and socialize. Registration forms are available in the back of the Church and in the rectory. Please call Kitty Prager at 917-714-7360 for more information.

Youth 2000 is organized by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. They have held monthly prayer festivals that have touched the lives of thousands of young people in the Metropolitan area. Their simple life style, love of Christ, and service to the poor present to the young people a powerful and much-needed witness of Christ living in today's world. YOUTH 2000 was invited by the World Youth day committee to lead Eucharistic Adoration at the World Youth Days in Manila in 1995, Paris in 1997, Rome in 2000 and again in Toronto in 2002. YOUTH 2000 Prayer Festivals occur almost every week somewhere in the US. At present, YOUTH 2000 is active in the US, England, Ireland, Germany, Australia, Panama, the West Indies, and hopes to expand into other countries in Europe and in Africa. One may also visit the Youth2000NY website: <http://www.youth2000ny.com/MajorEvent2009/MEO9.htm>.

COLLECTION

Week of:	<u>January 16TH & 17TH</u>
Amount of Collection:	\$8,529.32
Attendance:	1,950
Per Capita:	\$4.38

NO COST MAMMOGRAMS

Look for the mobile mammography van at St. Margaret Mary Church located at 9-18 27 Avenue, Astoria on **Monday, February 22nd**. An appointment is necessary. Please call 718-721-9020. Eligibility Criteria: Women age 40 and older, no mammogram in the past 12 months.