

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2010  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION – CANDLES TO BE  
BLESSED**

On Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, we will bless all the altar candles that we use during the course of the year. We invite you to bring your candles from home to be blessed. **The will be blessed on at the 9:00 a.m. and 12 Noon Masses.** In addition, candles will be available for a donation of \$5.00. They will be blessed at the Mass and available after the Masses.

**THROATS TO BE BLESSED ON THE FEAST OF ST.  
BLAISE – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

It has been the custom since the Middle Ages to bless the throats of the faithful on the feast of St. Blaise. He is reputed to have saved someone from choking on fish bones.

**The blessing will take place only in Church as the regularly scheduled Masses: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 12 Noon.**

**SPECIAL ANOINTING MASS IS SET FOR FEBRUARY  
10<sup>TH</sup>**

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is the day set for prayers for the sick. On the eve of that feast, Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at the 12 Noon Mass, we will celebrate the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. If you have a serious or chronic malady or are a senior citizen, we invite you to that mass to receive the sacrament.

**NET TV (NEW EVANGELIZATION TELEVISION)**

Catholic Television needs your help to accomplish the mission of New Evangelization envisions by Pope John Paul II. In order to accomplish this goal the NET needs to increase it's broadcast reach to include Verizon FIOS, RCN, Dish Networks & Direct TV. Please do your part by simply filling out the Net Postcard provided for you next weekend. When completed, please place your cards in the collection basket. Remember, the NET is Good TV!

**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 UPIII**

As you 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 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.

**PASTOR'S COLUMN**

Last week we celebrated the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas who is the patron Saint of Catholic Schools. This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week.

We are justly proud of our Parish School. Here at "Immac" we offer a world class education in a completely Catholic environment. Our test scores continue to be way above the Public Schools and even above most other Catholic Schools.

In addition, the priests of our parish visit the school rooms on a weekly basis, to answer faith questions from the children and to bring an added Catholic presence in the school.

We are blessed with a stable faculty that has years of experience. They are a proven force good for our children. In addition, we have programs for music and film education. Our computer program is second to none.

If I could accomplish it, I would love to see our school tuition free, but alas that is not possible. However, through the generosity of parishioners and alumni we can offer financial help for those who are strapped.

We congratulate our school on its 85 years of operation. We look forward to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary when the children now at their desks will be the alumni of the future!

Rev. Monsignor Fernando Ferrares

**RECORD RELIEF FOR HAITI**

We are pleased to announce that through our two collections for Haiti, we were able to send \$12,223.70 to Catholic Relief Services to help that devastated country. In addition, our own Sister Eileen Davey, who grew up in our parish and joined the Holy Union Sisters, is safe and sound. She will be returning to the US for a few weeks rest and recuperation and then will return to Port au Prince and her mission in that city. The St. Vincent de Paul Society will provide \$5,000.00 to her to help rebuild her mission. This is money that is collected each week from the generosity of our parish community in the poor boxes of our church.

### SCHOOL NEWS

News has reached our Holy Union Sisters that Sister Eileen Davey, who has ministered in Port au Prince since September 2000, is safe, but the Center for Early Childhood Education is destroyed. Immaculate Conception Students had a Dress Down Day for Charity and raised \$830.00 which will be given to The Holy Union Sisters to help in Haiti.

### BOOK CLUB TAKES ON DOSTOYEVSKY

Our Book club will be meeting on Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!)

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### MONDAY – February 1<sup>st</sup>

7:00 a.m. Maria Cires  
9:00 a.m. Antonia Cittina, Erminio  
Magnetico, Concetta Columbo  
12 Noon Maria DiMarco

#### TUESDAY – February 2<sup>nd</sup>

7:00 a.m. Hugh Carney (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)  
9:00 a.m. Laura Filagrossi  
12 Noon Michael DePace (13 Anniv.)

#### WEDNESDAY - February 3<sup>rd</sup>

7:00 a.m. Melanie & Rene Sylvestre  
9:00 a.m. Beatrice Reilly  
12 Noon Rosa Galante

#### THURSDAY- February 4<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a.m. Edilberta De la Rosa  
9:00 a.m. Domenick & Helen Sokolovic (60<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary Celebration)  
12 Noon Vrankovic, Vitas & Miocic Families

#### FRIDAY - February 5<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a.m. Carmelo Mallia, Joseph, Paula &  
Anna Bezzina  
9:00 a.m. Beatrice & Otilio Morgor  
12 Noon Maria Mincone

#### SATURDAY - February 6<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a.m. Rose Lauria  
9:00 a.m. Virginia Maglio  
12:00 Noon Joseph Vincent DeCato (15<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
5:00 p.m. **Purgatorial Society**

#### SUNDAY - February 7<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Hirschy  
Family  
9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners  
10:30 a.m. Albert J. Anderson (Birth. Remb.)  
11:45 a.m. **Spanish**- Martha Aguilar  
1:00 p.m. Virginia Maglio

### Lower Church:

9:00 a.m. **Italian** – Anna & Giuseppe Ciccotto

**THE BREAD AND WINE** are donated this week in loving memory of Irene & James Dunne requested by the Boot Family.

**THE CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are donated this week in loving memory of Rose Walsh requested by Rose Cavagnolo.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** is burning this week in loving memory of James J. McCauley requested by Florence McCauley & Family

### **PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS**



**Please pray for the recently deceased:**

Maria Lavandera  
Maria Oliva  
Olga Fontova

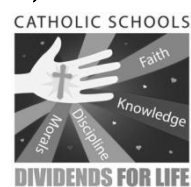
**Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine on them forever. +**

### 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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

Sunday, January 31, 2010- Friday, February 5, 2010



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”**

**This weekend, January 30 & 31<sup>st</sup> and next weekend, February 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>,** 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 up with your coins and bring it back on February 14<sup>th</sup> when the Knights of Columbus volunteers will be outside the Church to collect them. Bottles may also be returned to the Rectory between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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

**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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 10<sup>th</sup>. All married couples are welcome

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

Our parish is pleased to announce that on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 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/ME09.htm>.

**COLLECTION**

<b>Week of:</b>	<b>January 23<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 24<sup>th</sup></b>
Amount of Collection:	\$9,025.62
Attendance:	2,062
Per Capita:	\$4.38

**ROSARY SOCIETY**

Please join us for the Rosary Society mass on Sunday, February 7. Mass will be at 10:30 a.m., and if you want to recite the Rosary before mass, please arrive by 10:00 a.m. and sit in the front rows on the left side of the chapel. We will then move over to our usual spot on the front left side facing the altar a few minutes before mass starts. Thank you.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

There is still time to volunteer for the Youth 2000 Retreat taking place in our parish from March 12 to 14. Please consider helping out with this exciting event. If you are interested, please come to our volunteer meeting on Monday, February 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the school hall or contact Karen Weinhofer at 917-836-0995 or [karen\\_weinhofer@mckinsey.com](mailto:karen_weinhofer@mckinsey.com). Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity.

**WORK AVAILABLE THROUGH THE AARP AND THE CATHOLIC MIGRATION OFFICE**

The AARP Foundation WorkSearch, Senior Employment Program is looking for bi-lingual Spanish speakers, 55 and older, on limited income and who live in Queens to answer phones and perform light office work for the Catholic Migration Office, a non-profit legal and social services provider for the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens. If you are interested please call the AARP at (718) 433-0010 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and ask to speak with an Employment Specialist or the Catholic Migration Office at (347) 472-3500 and ask for Katie Carew. Please mention this ad.

La Fundación AARP tiene una programa de trabajo para personas mayores de 55 años o más, con ingreso bajo y que residan en Queens. Para contestar el Tel éfono y trabajo liviano de oficina para la Oficina de la Migración Católica sin fines de lucro que provee servicios legales y sociales por la Diócesis de Brooklyn y Queens. Si Ud. está interesado llamemos a la oficina AARP al (718)-433-0010 entre las 9 a.m. y 3 p.m. y preguntar por un Especialista de Trabajo, o llamemos a la Oficina de la Migración (347) 472-3500 y preguntar por Katie Carew. Por favor, mencionar este aviso.