

**SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2010
SEVENTEETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**



FILM FESTIVAL – SUMMER SMILES

Groundhog Day with Bill Murray – A Comedy about Reality - **Wednesday, August 4th**

The Loved One with Jonathan Winters – A Comedy about Death – **Wednesday, August 11th**

Liar Liar with Jim Carrey – A Comedy about Truth – **Wednesday, August 18th**

All Films are at 7:00 p.m. – Air conditioned space and High Definition – Free

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!
WE'VE REACHED OUR GOAL**

Congratulations and thank you to all those who have contributed so generously to the Annual Catholic Appeal. We have reached our goal of \$120,000 with a total pledge amount of \$131,385.51. We had a total of 549 donors and \$101,217.42 has already been received. **Once again, thank you for making this Annual Catholic Appeal a success.**

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY – July 26

7:00 a.m. Lena Perno
9:00 a.m. Carmela Facarile
12 Noon Anton Sintich

TUESDAY – July 27

7:00 a.m. John Dredger
9:00 a.m. Martin & Lillie Kelly & Family
12 Noon Patrick Reynolds

WEDNESDAY - July 28

7:00 a.m. Angela Arnone
9:00 a.m. Benedetto Zito
12 Noon Tiha Wallace

THURSDAY- July 29

7:00 a.m. Olive Donovan
9:00 a.m. Kate & Nikola Mrakovic
12 Noon Margaret & Victor Lynch,
Kelleher & Kata Families

FRIDAY - July 30

7:00 a.m. Thomas J. Fay, Sr.
9:00 a.m. Margaret, Tom & James O'Neill
12 Noon James Foley

SATURDAY - July 31

7:00 a.m. George & Grace Vallone
9:00 a.m. Donato Gasparro
12 Noon John & Josephine Prager,
Eugene Williams
5:00 p.m. All those enrolled in the
Purgatorial Society

SUNDAY - August 1

7:00 a.m. Denise, Blanche & Jesse Smith
9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
10:30 a.m. Mr. Sinisa Pesa
11:45 a.m. **Spanish-** Anacleto, Catalina &
Doris Ramos, Mario Garcia
1:00 p.m. Albanese, Blaul & Spellman
Families

Lower Church:

9:00 a.m. **Italian-** Pasquale, Chiara &
Nicola Gasparro

THE BREAD AND WINE are donated this week in loving memory of the deceased members of the Mirto Family requested by the Crum Family.

THE CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are donated this week in loving memory of Maria Meditz requested by the Crum Family.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP is burning this week in loving memory of Mary, Salvatore & James Bartilucci requested by Lucy Rago & 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. +

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. From July 1 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!

"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 in the school gym during the hours of 7:45 am – 5:45 pm. If the gym is closed due to a field trip, please go to the rectory. Forms can be returned to the same location. Look for the drop box.

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."

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011

The Youth Group of our parish is beginning its year long fundraising to send teens and young adults to share in the worship and praise with our Holy Father. Next weekend members of the Youth Group and Squires will be handing out cans for you to take home and collect money for this cause throughout the summer. They will be collected the week of Sept. 11th through Sept. 19th. Thank you for your generosity.

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

CONGRATULATIONS

We are happy to announce that the following list of students made the honor roll for the school year at St. John's Preparatory School:

Principal's List

Lisa Michaelides	Veronica Suarez
Michael Giorgetti	William Babikian
Jeffrey Rivas	

First Honors

Francis Williams	Christina Botero
Daniela Pirrera	Chelste Cuervo
Ante Turkovic	Lisa Guerra
Daniella Misetic	Jerry Bedoya
Lisa Spina	Walter Rada
Duilio Bini	Jessica Rotenberg
Daniel Lima	

Second Honors

Fiorella Bini	Anthony Gallino
Genesis Fonseca	Jaclyne
Washington	
Kevin Wang	Mirna Espinoza
Samantha Ramirez	Thomas Gallino
Amanda Morenzi	Marta Botero
Annalise Sinnona	Meagan Trizarry
John Brodber	Maria
Scalici	

FOUNDATION FOR MINISTRY PROGRAM

Are you thinking about volunteering for a parish ministry? Are you already in ministry or part of the Parish Pastoral Council, but need an update on the teachings of the Catholic Church? Perhaps the Pastoral Institute's **Foundations for Ministry Program** is for you! This 10 week program, designed for adult learners, covers a different topic each week. Classes begin in September and are being offered in English and Spanish in the Parish Center at Mount Carmel. If you are interested call Nelsa Elias at the Pastoral Institute at 718-229-8001 ext. 350 for more information.

EL PROGRAMA FUNDAMENTOS PARA LOS MINISTERIOS

Esta pensando ofrecer su tiempo como voluntario en un ministerio de la parroquia? Ya esta colaborando en un ministerio o es miembro de Consejo Pastoral Parroquial pero quiere actualizar su conocimiento de las enseñanzas de la Iglesia Catolica? Tal vez el programa **Fundamentos Para Los Ministerios**, ofrecido por el Instituto Pastoral, es para usted! Este programa de 10

semanas, especialmente diseñado para estudiantes adultos, trata un tema diferente cada semana. Las clases empiezan en septiembre y se ofreceran al Monte Carmelo en ingles y espanol. Si usted esta interesado, por favor llame al Instituto Pastoral para mas informacion al 718-229-8001 ext 350 (Pregunte por Nelsa Elias).

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 car seats (not older than 5 years old) Also 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.

"In 1857, the U.S. Supreme Court looked at the slave, Dred Scott, and came up with the wrong decision, declaring the slave as "property" and not a "citizen"..The slave's life was still protected. In 1973, the U. S. Supreme Court got it wrong again and handed down decisions on abortion which declared "open season" on unborn children throughout the full nine months of pregnancy...Most people have not noticed that the population descended from U.S. African slaves comprising around 12% of the population, make up about 35% of the abortion population. [Since 1973, more than 14 million unborn black children have died from abortion].

Dr. Mildred Jefferson, M.D.

REMEMBER IMMAC!

Countless charitable organizations rely on Estate Planning and Bequests to help them survive financially in a troubled economy. Our beloved parish is no different. Occasionally a far thinking and generous parishioner remembers the parish in the will.

It is important that everyone plans for the future by naming a health care proxy and an individual to be the Executor of their estate. To not plan is to give the government a foothold to make its own demands. So plan ahead for your family's sake and when you do, please remember to name Immaculate Conception Parish or School as one of your beneficiaries. The thanks of future generations will accompany you on your journey to the Lord!

IN SEARCH OF PHOTOS

The Holy Union Sisters are going to open a ***Heritage House*** in 2011 in Groton, MA. This will be a museum displaying various artifacts and historical documents relating to their 125 years in the United States. If you have any pictures or memorabilia that you would be willing to contribute to the museum, the Sisters would be very grateful to receive it. They are especially interested in photos relating to the first years in each of the schools and ministries they staffed. For more information contact their Milton office at 617-696-8765.