

**SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2010
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Summer approaches and thoughts go to beaches, mountains, travel and sleeping late! June has always been a great planning month for the family and the parish. We are in the midst of planning for next year. Societies and ministries are selecting dates to put on the parish calendar for next year.

While you are planning for the summer with your family, please remember that the parish must keep going throughout the summer. A fall in revenue usually occurs as people go to churches in other areas. While it is good to be generous to your 'vacation parishes', we also continue to need your support throughout the summer. If you are going away, consider placing your envelopes for the weeks you will be away in the collection basket either before you leave or when you come back.

Slowly, our increases that we projected at our Increased Offering Campaign have eroded. We need to get back to the \$9,000 - \$10,000 range a week. The bills keep mounting. Air Conditioning is great but very expensive for big areas like our church. Insurance bills, Major medical, Pensions for workers, Diocesan assessment, etc. all have to be paid.

Please keep up your generosity during the coming summer months. For us, it is of great importance.

Thanks for helping us and have a good time planning your summer!

WE ARE GETTING THERE!

Our Annual Catholic Appeal is slowly climbing the charts! The goal for the Diocese is \$64,869. So far we have pledged \$109,339.51. Of 2,109 active members of the parish, we have 455 donors. Our hope is to reach a total of \$120,000 so that we can make the Liturgical changes we have outlined. We wish to thank all those who have contributed so generously to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Week of: June 5 th & 6 th	<u>COLLECTION</u>	\$7,974.32
Attendance:		1,693
Per Capita:		\$4.71

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY – June 14th

7:00 a.m. Giacomo Rodorigo (19th Anniv.)
9:00 a.m. Joseph J. Conti (Birth. Remb.)
12 Noon Richard J. Pokorny

TUESDAY – June 15th

7:00 a.m. In Honor of St. Anthony
9:00 a.m. Colomba & Antonio Pesca
12 Noon In Honor of St. Anthony & St. Vito

WEDNESDAY - June 16th

7:00 a.m. In Honor of the Sacred Heart
9:00 a.m. Jane Blank
12 Noon John J. Prager

THURSDAY- June 17th

7:00 a.m. Lazaro Hernandez Arevalo, Mary Arevalo
9:00 a.m. Marino, Caterina & Santa Carattoni
12 Noon Antonio Pace & Nicola Mincone

FRIDAY - June 18th

7:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart & Blessed Mother
9:00 a.m. In Honor of the Sacred Heart
12 Noon Martha McDougall

SATURDAY - June 19th

7:00 a.m. Giovanna & Joseph Camenzuli
9:00 a.m. Gerarda Luisa Maglio
12 Noon AnnaMaria & Giuseppe Rotolo
5:00 p.m. All those enrolled in the Purgatorial Society

SUNDAY - June 20th

7:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:00 a.m. Jose L. Reyna, Jr.
10:30 a.m. Indalecio Babio
11:45 a.m. **Spanish-** Alberto Diaz, Basilio Torres, Mario Antonio Yanez & Johanna Torres
1:00 p.m. Antonio Filagrossi & Arcangelo Evangelista

Lower Church:

9:00 a.m. **Italian** – Concetta, Giovanni & Gina Pollicita

THE BREAD AND WINE are donated this week in loving memory of Joseph J. Conti, requested by his family.

THE CANDLES ON THE ALTAR were donated last week and this week in loving memory of Catherine Kiffmeyer requested by her son.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP is burning this week in loving memory of Nellie, James & John McCauley requested by Florence McCauley & Family.

THE FLOWERS AT THE TABERNACLE are donated this week in loving memory of Anna Maria & Giuseppe Rotolo requested by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Zupo.

PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS



Please pray for the recently deceased:

Alfred Gatt

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

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!

2011 MASS BOOK & MEMORIALS

The 2011 Mass book is now open. The 2011 memorial book will open on Monday, June 14th. Anyone interested in getting a mass or memorial for a deceased loved one may do so at the rectory during regular office hours.

COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION PICTURES

The Religious Education Communion and Confirmation pictures and certificates are ready for pick up. Please contact Mrs. Crum at 718-956-4494.

2010/2011 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

For information please contact Mrs. Crum at 718-956-4494 Monday thru Thursday 11 AM to 3 PM or email to mcrum@ic-astoria.org.

Please note the following:

- Proof of Baptism unless the student has been baptized at Immaculate Conception.
- If your child is in grade 1 in the public school, he/she should be registered in Level 1 in the Religious Education program.
- After First Communion, students are required to continue in the program until they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- All families registered in the Religious Education Program must be registered in the Parish.**

CCD Tuition for the school year 2010/2011 is \$75.00 for one child, \$85 for two children, \$100.00 for three or more. Please note that tuition includes textbooks and other supplies. If you have any question, please contact Mrs. Crum at 718-956-4494 Monday thru Thursday 11 AM to 3 PM or email to MCRUM@IC-Astoria.org.

OUR LADY'S PRESCHOOL

Our Lady's Preschool offers a Sunday Program for all children- ages three, four and five. The program introduces the child to our Catholic teachings on their own level. Classes are from 9:00 - 10:00 AM in the school beginning on October 3. Registration is \$45.00 for one child and \$70 for two children.

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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.

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.

ST. GIANNA RESPECT LIFE

"All are welcome to attend the next St. Gianna Respect Life Committee meeting Wednesday, July 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory". The last two meetings for this year will take place on Wednesday, September 1st and Wednesday, November 3rd.

basket, please contact :
kprager@stjohnsprepschool.org

SCHOOL NEWS

We congratulate Adelina Barcero, our Fourth Grade student, who won the annual Flag Day Essay Contest sponsored by "Sons of the Revolution". Adelina and her classmates in the Fourth and Fifth Grades at Immaculate Conception School will march in the annual Flag Day Parade in lower Manhattan. At the end of the parade, Adelina will read her essay "What the American Flag Means to Me" Adelina and her parents will also be treated to a meal at Fraunces' Tavern in New York City. By winning the essay contest this year, Adelina continues a decade tradition of a Fourth Grade Student from Immaculate Conception School winning this contest! Congratulations also to Mary Ann Coffrini, Fourth Grade Teacher, who submits the entries for the contest each year.

The Squires and Knights of Immaculate Conception Parish will host their annual Flag Day Ceremony on Monday, June 14 at 9 AM. Weather permitting, the ceremony will take place in the Convent Courtyard between the school and the rectory. All are welcomed. The Catholic War Veterans, who celebrate their 75th Anniversary this year, will be honored as well as other dignitaries.

The 2010 Graduating Class of Immaculate Conception School will celebrate their Graduation at the 1 PM Mass on Sunday, June 13. All are invited to participate and wish them well on this happy occasion.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2010-2011 School Year at Immaculate Conception School is ongoing. Please come to register Mondays through Fridays from 9AM until 11 AM. If these hours are not suitable for you, please call the school office at 718-728-1969 to arrange a more convenient time. We look forward to meeting with you and providing your child with the best of Catholic Education.

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

BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM

Have you ever started reading the Bible, only to put it down after a few weeks? Do you listen to the Scripture readings at Mass and wish you knew more about the story? Join us for an incredibly easy and fun way to read through the Bible. It's nothing like you've ever seen before!

The Great Adventure Bible Timeline Bible Study is your answer! Registration forms can be found in the back of the church, rectory, and our website. Please register by submitting the completed form along with your payment of **\$45** to the rectory **no later than Saturday, June 26, 2010 at 4:00 P.M.**

CATHOLIC MIGRATIONS

The Catholic Migration Office (CMO) provides non-profit legal services to immigrant communities in Brooklyn & Queens. CMO-Queens is located at 47-01 Queens Blvd., Suite 201, Sunnyside, NY 11104. The following legal services are available at CMO-Queens.

- Immigration Legal Services
 - Citizenship
 - Non immigrant visas
 - Family based petitions
 - Adjustment of status
- Housing Legal Services
 - Help getting repairs in your apartment
 - Anti-eviction
 - Anti-harassment
- Workers' Rights Counseling
 - Wage and Overtime
 - Unsafe working conditions

For more information about CMO, call 347-472-3500. Free consultations. For questions pertaining to workers' rights, call our toll free hotline at 1-877-52-LABOR (52267).

BASEBALL, SOCCER & BASKETBALL CAMPS

Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School - 71-06 31st Avenue, Elmhurst, NY, will be holding:

Baseball camp for boys ages 6-15 years from July 5 – 9, July 12 – 16 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. - Cost: 1 week - \$160, 2 weeks - \$300.

Soccer Camp for boys ages 6-14 years – July 26-30 – 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Cost: \$160.

Basketball Camp for boys ages 7 – 15 years – August 2 – 6 – 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. – Cost: \$160.

For more information and/or registration please call 718-898-3800 Ext. 18 or email – MCCLANCYCAMP@YAHOO.COM