

**SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2010**  
**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**PASTOR'S COLUMN**

On Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, the priests and the seminarians of our parish invaded the Beer Garden for the big game between United States and England. When the man at the door saw my collar, he respectfully requested that I say a prayer that it did not rain that day. I found out why when we entered the Beer Garden. There was over a thousand people already waiting for the game!

It was a very young crowd. I thought that it would be wonderful if all the Catholics there would come to Mass on Sunday! What energy they could give our mission to evangelize. It was my fervent prayer as I surveyed the group, that God would inspire these young people to dedicate themselves to God!

**A WORD FROM ONE OF OUR SEMINARIANS**

My name is Cesar Cabrera. I was born in San Salvador, El Salvador in 1987. I am the oldest in a family with three sisters. My family and I immigrated to Orange County, CA when I was 14 years old. During my spare time I enjoy listening to music, playing guitar and reading.

My journey to the seminary has been a real adventure. I never thought of becoming a priest, in fact I wanted to be an architect all my life. However, I discovered that God might have other plans for me. I belong to the Neocatechumenal Way, which is a reality of the Church that forms small communities in the parish where the Catholic faith is fomented and nourished. It was through this Way that I first discover the call after a pilgrimage to San Francisco in 2002; I was 15 at the time. It took me by surprise because the calling came through a bible reading I picked at random during this pilgrimage. In this reading I felt as if God was courting me, as a boy courts a girl when he is in love. "Open to me my love" the reading said, and so I did, I opened myself to whatever God wanted to do in my life.

After a period of discernment I entered the seminary in 2005. My life has been an adventure since then. This year I finished the second year of theology and I am about to begin a period of missionary work as part of my formation in September. I have had ups and downs but I see that the Lord has been faithful all this time. I realize during these five years that a vocation must be exactly that, a calling that does not come from within me but that it comes from God. This has been my experience in the seminary, and even though I am not doing what I always wanted, i.e. to marry and be an architect, I can still be happy because I know I am doing the will of God.

Currently I am living at rectory of Immaculate Conception Parish for the month of June until July 13<sup>th</sup> to get a small taste of what the parish life is like. I am very happy with this opportunity and I hope to take advantage of all the graces God wants to give me during my stay. I entrust myself to your prayers as I continue my way of discernment towards the priesthood. God bless you.

**THANK YOU!**

We would like to express our thanks to Rose and Joe's Bakery for the donation of bread to honor St. Anthony of Padua!

While we are at it, we would also like to thank Anthony and Jean Mule for the donation of flowers for the feast of the Wonder Worker of Padua.



**FILM FESTIVĀL – SUMMER SMILES**

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

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

**Liar Liar** with Jim Carrey – A Comedy about Truth – Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>

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

**WE ARE GETTING THERE!**

Our Annual Catholic Appeal is slowly climbing the charts! So far we have pledged \$110,519.51. Of 2,109 active members of the parish, we have 467 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.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY – June 21<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Joseph & Albina Squeri  
9:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena  
12 Noon John Radich (Anniv.)

**TUESDAY – June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Michael DePace  
9:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena  
12 Noon Mary Browne

**WEDNESDAY - June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Concetta & Giuseppe Davolas  
9:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena  
12 Noon Elsa Friedman & Ilda Cocolicchio

**THURSDAY- June 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. In Honor of St. John the Baptist  
9:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena  
12 Noon Eugene, Danny & Eugenia Gasparro

**FRIDAY - June 25<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Lulita Bohorques & Carmen Arakas  
9:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena  
12 Noon Kathryn & Lester Frank

**SATURDAY - June 26<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Frances Irace (31<sup>st</sup> Anniv.), Margaret Montalbano (8 Anniv.), Angie Viacava (11<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
9:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena  
12 Noon Kelleher & Kata Families  
**3:00 p.m. Wedding:** Erika Nicola & Pedro Rivera  
5:00 p.m. All those enrolled in the Purgatorial Society

**SUNDAY - June 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners  
9:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena  
10:30 a.m. Raul Heredia  
11:45 a.m. **Spanish-** Catalina Betes  
1:00 p.m. Michele Colal  
**3:30 p.m. Wedding:** Anthony Vaccaro & Nicole Biolsi

**Lower Church:**

9:00 a.m. **Italian-**Vincenzo Carullo

**THE BREAD AND WINE** are donated this week in loving memory of Anna Maria & Giuseppe Rotolo, requested by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Zupo.

**THE CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** were donated last week and this week in loving memory of Paul Manna & Salvatore Persico requested by Milly & Anthony Persico.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** is burning this week in loving memory of Filomena Foschini & Family requested by L. Henfield.

**THE FLOWERS AT THE TABERNACLE** are donated this week in loving memory of Anton Sokolic requested by Morfia Sokolic.

**PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS**



Please pray for the recently deceased:

Aldo Spagnoli  
Gary Visconti  
Thomas Zultko

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

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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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**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

On June 1<sup>st</sup> at Resurrection Ascension Parish, Rev. Msgr. Paul Sanchez, Vicar for Queens, conferred awards on the following catechists in our parish. We wish to congratulate them for their dedications and thank them for their commitment to Jesus' words – "Go, teach all nations."

Michael Heredia      15 Years of Service  
Religious Education Program

Shaun Caruana      5 Years of Service  
Religious Education Program  
Debra Radelicki      Our Lady's Preschool Program  
Sarah Radelicki      Our Lady's Preschool Program

We also wish to congratulate our faithful hall monitor, Sr. Alice Rees, on her 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Holy Union Sister. May God continue to bestow His many blessings upon her.

### **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. 11<sup>th</sup> through Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity.

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

**Congratulations to the Class of 2010 on their Graduation from Immac!**

Angel E. Calderon  
Monica Celaj  
Krista M. Cohen  
Emmy Joan Espinal  
Leyla Michelle Fonseca  
Peter Gomes  
Veronica Angela Gomez  
Herman Clyde N. Guerrero  
Kennedy Elizabeth Kilderry  
Anthony J. Lescano  
Amanda Jean Malfitano  
Makshy Mallqui  
Lauren Rose Martinez  
Rhia Angelica Martinez  
Joey M. Mifsud  
Christopher G. Pappas  
Sabrina Ramirez  
Jennifer K. Rivas  
Diamond Alexis Small  
Madeline Tavarez  
Tomislav Turkovic  
Nicole Andrea Vasquez  
Danielle Marie Vendome  
John R. Yavaldakis

**We congratulate and acknowledge our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students who have received scholarship awards:**

Monica Celaj has been awarded: \*\$3,000.00 per year scholarship – Cathedral High School

Leyla Fonseca has been awarded: \* Msgr. Asip Scholarship -\$1,500.00 per year – St. John's Prep

Peter Gomes has been awarded: \* Quarter tuition 4-year scholarship – St. John's Prep

Anthony Lescano has been awarded: \* Full 4 year scholarship – St John's Prep \*  
Accepted to Bronx High School of Science

Joe Mifsud has been awarded: \* Quarter tuition 4-year scholarship – La Salle Academy

Diamond Small has been awarded: \* \$1,000.00 per year scholarship – Archbishop Molloy High  
\* \$3,000.00 per year scholarship – Cathedral High School  
\* \$2,200.00 per year scholarship – Saint Michael Academy

Madeline Tavarez has been awarded: \* \$1,000.00 per year scholarship – Notre Dame High School  
\*\$1,300.00 per year scholarship – Saint Michael Academy

Nicole Vasquez has been awarded: \* \$ Half tuition 4 – year Mrs. Jane Devlin Scholarship – St. John's Prep  
\* \$ 1,700.00 per year scholarship – Saint Michael Academy

Danielle Vendome has been awarded: \* Quarter tuition 4-year scholarship – St. John's Prep

John Yavaldakis has been awarded: \* Half tuition 4 – year scholarship – St. John's Prep

### **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.

### **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.**