

**SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2010  
PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**PASTOR'S COLUMN**

We all remember our childhood birthday parties, don't we? They were times that our families could express to us how happy they were that we were born.

I was a 'surprise' at birth for a number of reasons. My father was 54 and my mom was 41 when I was born. Both married for the first time, not expecting to have children at so late an age. But God loves surprises! To make matters even more interesting, I was almost 12 pounds at birth! Born at home in Calabria, this had to be tough going for my mom who weighed about 95 pounds at her wedding! So my birthday parties were always special because I was so unexpected and yet so welcome!

Last week we celebrated Fr. Liju's birthday. He hit the ripe old age of 37. (So Young!)

Organizations celebrate their 'births' or foundings. Last week the Catholic War Veterans had a kind of birthday party for the national organization that started right here at Immac. It was 75 years old. Today is Pentecost – we celebrate our birthday as a Church. Almost 2000 years ago the Apostles and Mary the Mother of Jesus were huddled in the Upper Room, afraid of being arrested. Yet with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, a new courage was placed in them. The doors flew open and they went out to proclaim that Jesus is Lord! Because of the Spirit, they changed the world.

So we need to say to our Church "Happy Birthday! I am sure we will continue to grow and to mature according to God's plan.

*Msgr. Ferrarese*

**FLANNERY O'CONNOR BOOK CLUB**

The Flannery O'Connor Book Club is meeting this Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. in the Rectory. The book that will be discussed is C.S. Lewis' The Great Divorce. If you love to read and want to discuss the very best in Christian literature, join us this Wednesday!

**PENTECOST FLOWERS**

Following is the list of those who donated towards the Pentecost Flowers.

**In Loving Memory of:**

Juliana Puente Aparicio  
Giuseppe, Giovanni & Giulia Cacchioli  
Attilio D'Alessandro  
Anna & Richard DeSimone, Catherine & Aldo Meloni  
Michael DePace  
Henrietta & Antonio Evangelista  
Vincent & Lena Lanza  
Maria Santos Puente

Jose L. Reyna, Jr.

Deceased members of the Sansone Family  
Rose & Richard Walsh, Sr.

**A Gift to my Church:**

Bernadette McDougall

**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 \$97,877.51. Our hope is to reach a total of \$120,000 so that we can make the Liturgical changes we have outlined. We are getting some beautiful drawings of what we plan to do if you will make it happen!

During the next few weeks a representative of the parish (Msgr. or one of our Finance Committee members) will be calling prospective donors who have not taken out a pledge.

Week of: May 15 <sup>TH</sup> & 16 <sup>TH</sup>	<b><u>COLLECTION</u></b>	\$8,396.16
Attendance:		2,053
Per Capita:		\$4.09

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY – May 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Francesca DiMaggio & Rosaria Mannino  
9:00 a.m. Eugene M. Roberts  
12 Noon Agnes & George Borneman

**TUESDAY – May 25<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Nancy E. Pellitteri (19<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
9:00 a.m. Lazaro Hernandez Arevalo & Mary Arevalo  
12 Noon Jorge Bonilla

**WEDNESDAY - May 26<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Sylvestre Family  
9:00 a.m. Anna Gualtieri  
12 Noon Gino Legovich

**THURSDAY- May 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Boris Sutlovich  
9:00 a.m. Tonica Orlic  
12 Noon Edward & Mary Casey & Family

**FRIDAY - May 28<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Pasquale Mignano & Simone Zito  
9:00 a.m. Paola & Anthony Quattrocchi  
12 Noon Evelyn & James Ronaghan

**SATURDAY - May 29<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Olga Mardach de Nunez  
9:00 a.m. Armando Lattanzio, Rinaldo & Maria Soccorsa Lattanzio

12 Noon Angelo Catano  
5:00 p.m. All those enrolled in the Purgatorial Society

**SUNDAY - May 30<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Nick, Katrine, Pauline & Alfred Elezi  
9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners  
10:30 a.m. Kathryn & Lester Frank  
11:45 a.m. **Spanish-** Bernardo & Carlos A. Montoya  
1:00 p.m. James Irace (53<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.), Frances Irace, Stella & John Murphy

**Lower Church:**

9:00 a.m. **Italian** – Madalina & Giovanni Carullo

**THE BREAD AND WINE** are donated this week in loving memory of Giovanna & Joseph Camenzuli requested by their daughter Virginia Camenzuli.

**THE CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** were donated last week and this week in loving memory Bernardo Petruso requested by Maria & Andrea Colletta.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** is burning this week in loving memory of the deceased members of the Capizzi, Caronia & Coppolo Families requested by Josephine & Larry Caronia.

**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. +

**SCHOOL NEWS**

Congratulations Pietro Rodriguez and Stephen Jules of the Fifth Grade at Immaculate Conception School! They are City-Wide winners in the 24th Annual Water Resources Art and Poetry Contest sponsored by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. Their entries were beautifully executed and revealed a genuine understanding and appreciation of the New York City water supply. Their teacher, Ms. Louisa Brutman, is proud of their achievement.

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Immaculate Conception Students helped to purchase and protect 8.82 acres of the Paraguayan Rainforest of Columbia, South America. The \$441.00 raised on Earth Day will help Big Gift to the Earth 2010 conserve essential habitat for critically endangered rain forest species and offset millions of pounds of carbon pollution!

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The Annual Mite Box donation for Lent, 2010 totaled \$683.00! This money is sent to The Office of the Propagation of the Faith for children in need throughout the world.

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A special thank you to the Parishioners of Immaculate Conception who donated to our Annual Walk-a-thon. We're hoping to reach our goal of \$13,000.

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Thank you for participating in the Pizzeria Uno Chicago Grill fundraiser on May 13. \$480 was donated to the school from this event!

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Third Grade enjoyed a field trip to Central Park with their teacher Mrs. Joan Bertorelli on Wednesday, May 19, 2010.

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Grades Fourth and Fifth Grade went on a field trip to The New York Hall of Science with their teachers, Mrs. MaryAnn Coffrini and Mrs. Louisa Brutman.

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Congratulations to the students in Mrs. Gallagher's Second Grade who received their First Eucharist with our Religious Education Students on Saturday, May 22, 2010. May they be blessed with a lifelong love of the Sacrament.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

Our pantry is in need of Cereal, crackers and cookies. We would appreciate receiving these items in our boxes at the Church doors. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Mount Sinai Que **HEALTH FAIR** Community Civic Association will be hosting a Health Fair on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Large schoolyard (across from the library). Free health screenings: height, weight, blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, pulmonary & bone density. Free massage therapy, face painting, prizes, balloons, food, dj. Bring the family and meet their health professionals.

**MAY CROWNING FESTIVAL**

The Immaculate Conception Prayer Group will be sponsoring an evening to honor Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help on Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m. in the Lower Church. Guest speaker will be Msgr. Ferrarese. For more information please contact May (646) 707-9029 or Linda (718) 726-0674.

**“CREATION, EVOLUTION, AND THE CRISIS OF FAITH”**

On **Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**, we will host guest speaker Hugh Owen on “Creation, Evolution, and the Crisis of Faith.” Hugh is the convert son of Sir David Owen, a former secretary general of International Planned Parenthood Federation. Mr. Owen directs the Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation which provides a forum for Catholic theologians, philosophers, and natural scientists all over the world who are dedicated to making sure that the evidence for and against the theory of evolution is made available to Church leaders and to the lay faithful. In the year of Darwin just ended, Mr. Owen and his colleagues participated in four

conferences on creation and evolution at major academic centers in Europe, including a conference at Gustav Siewerth Akademie in Germany which received the explicit blessing and encouragement of Pope Benedict XVI. The talk will be held in Higgins Hall at **7:00 p.m.**

### **ROSARY SOCIETY MASS**

The Rosary Society will be hosting a Communion breakfast on **Sunday, June 6**, after the 10:30 a.m. mass. The breakfast will be held at Mojave on 31 Street between Ditmars and 23rd Avenue. The cost is \$20 and is due 1 week before the event. If you are interested in attending, please let Karen Weinhofer know (917-836-0995 or [karen\\_weinhofer@mckinsey.com](mailto:karen_weinhofer@mckinsey.com)).

### **CONFIRMATION PICTURES**

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

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

CCD Registration for Public School Students - Grade 1 thru Confirmation will be held on Sunday, June 6 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am and on Monday, June 7 from 11 am to 1 pm in the lower level of the School for the 2010/2011 school year. 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.

Registration is in the lower level of the school on Sunday, June 6 from 10 -11:30 am and Monday, June 7 from 11 am to 1 pm.

### **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).

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

The following student achieved Honor Roll status at Holy Cross High School for the Third Marking Period:

Norrin Martinez

### **T.A.C.H.S. PREPARATION PROGRAM**

Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School is now accepting applications for the T.A.C.H.S preparation program to be held at the school for the first seven Saturdays of the next school year beginning on September 12<sup>th</sup>. For more information please contact the school at 718-898-3800 ext. 18.

### **BASKETBALL CAMP**

St. Francis Prep will be offering the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Terrier Basketball Camp this summer. The Girls Week will be July 12 – 16; Boys Week July 19-23. The hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. For additional information and application please call 718-423-8810 ext. 310 or visit the school website at [www.sfponline.org](http://www.sfponline.org) and click on sports, then basketball camp.