

Immaculate Conception Parish

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The Wisdom of Lent

First Sunday

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news.

Second Sunday

This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him!

Third Sunday

What sign can you show us? I will raise up the temple.

Fourth Sunday

Whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Fifth Sunday

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 09, 2009 St. Frances of Rome

8:00 AM Raymond Eckert—Family

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

8:00 AM Bill Schnitzer—The Family

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

8:00 AM Raymond Eckert—Family

Thursday, March 12, 2009

8:00 AM Mary Jane Fiebelkorn— The LeVeque Fam.

Friday, March 13, 2009

8:00 AM Elizabeth J. Donaldson—Don & Pat Brock

Saturday, March 14, 2009

4:30 PM Howard Corah—Wife, Jeanette

Sunday, March 15, 2009

8:00 AM Laura Zizzi—Paul Verostko & Mary Ann Heary

9:30 AM Donald J. Danner—Family

11:15 AM Matthew & Mary Gormly—Family

March 14/15

ALTAR SERVERS

4:30 PM L. & L. Schaefer, R. Krempholtz,
C. Ostrowski-Martin

8:00 AM A. & N. Hackford, M. Munschauer

9:30 AM K. O'Connor, J. Werbitsky, M. Wryk,
M. DeSantis

11:15 AM A. & B. Alessi, J. Bogard, J. Jarlinski

LECTORS

4:30 PM B. Kirsch 9:30 AM R. Trzyzewski

8:00 AM L. Lohr 11:15 AM H. Alessi

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30 PM C. Burgess, J. Kosinski, L. Nareau,
K. Lenihan, L. Lexo, J. Norton

8:00 AM M. McNaboe, D. Dombrowski, D. Bodekor,
K. George, J. Garvey, P. Flavin

9:30 AM T. Roth, H. & D. Walczyk, A. O'Connor,
C. Schutrum, J. Werbitsky

CUP J. & C. O'Brien, T. Thomas, H. Sadek,
K. Weigel. P. Tanner

11:15 AM N. Lazarus, L. Easton, P. Miliotto, B. Koller,
N. Saad, T. Bogard

SACRISTANS

4:30 PM L. Lexo/ T. Witnauer 9:30 AM T. Thomas

8:00 AM T. Woodward 11:15 AM L. Easton

GREETERS

4:30 PM J. George, M. Keller, I. Yoerk

8:00 AM S. Roemer

9:30 AM S. LeVeque, B. Suttell, R. & T. Sessaman

11:15 AM A. McGuire, R. & C. Howard

ALL PARISHIONERS INVITED!

LENTEN RETREAT

You are invited to attend a **four day Lenten retreat**, "A Lenten Journey with Jesus" - A Season of Renewal, **March 8 - 11, 7:00 PM to 8:15PM.** Directed by Father Steve Vasek, OMI and Sister Jean Fitzpatrick, SSC. There will be a separate program for children K through 6th grade and a nursery service for younger children.

March 8th and 9th will be at **St. Vincent de Paul, 6441 Seneca St., Springbrook.** **On March 10 and 11, the retreat will be at Annunciation.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS


THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE invites all parishioners to join them for the **Stations of the Cross Respecting Life** this **Friday, March 13th at 7:00 pm in the Church.**

We also invite you to come and say the **Rosary for Life** every day immediately following the **8:00 am Mass** right here at Immaculate Conception Church.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION


Please plan to attend the **Adult Faith Formation** offering during Lent to be held on Wednesdays in Lent. Three remaining sessions will be offered at **9:00AM and 7:00 PM March 11th, 18th, and 25th** and will explore four themes for Lent: water/thirst, light/darkness, and death/life. To register or for more information, please contact the **Religious Education office** at **655-0067** or **Don Weigel** at **864-9525** or **dweigeljr@gmail.com.**

On **March 18th** before the evening session, please come and share a **Soup Supper at 6 PM in the Parish Dining Hall.** There is no cost and all are welcome.



POT O' GOLD

FINAL COUNT-DOWN



Tickets for the **Pot O'Gold drawing** will be sold after all the Masses this weekend and in the Rectory during regular business hours. **Grand Prize is \$10,000.** The **drawing will be held on Saturday, March 14th.**

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

This weekend the Church is asking your support of the **NATIONAL COLLECTION for BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS in the UNITED STATES.** The need for Evangelization programs is so important to our Church in this changing world..**PLEASE BE GENEROUS.**

**Thank you for whatever you can give
and God bless you.**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Did you know that the Appeal for Catholic Charities is able to direct **92 cents of every dollar you contribute to programs and services benefiting friends and neighbors in your community?** As the most comprehensive human service agency in WNY, Catholic Charities' mission is to provide help to all people—infants, youth, families, elderly and disabled regardless of race or religious affiliation. May we all be inspired by the example set by St. Martin de Porres 400 years ago, and may we follow his example of unbounded and helpful charity to the poor during Appeal 2009. **Whoever. Wherever. Whenever.** **Catholic Charities is always there. Please be there too.** Give selflessly to Appeal 2009. Find out more at www.ccwny.org or call (716) 856-4494.

SCHOOL NEWS

During February, we had a visit from the Canine Helpers. The 7th Graders organized fundraisers and collected money to help this organization. We raised over \$300 and collected many old blankets and dog items to help this worthy cause.

On March 4th, we had a penny collection "Pennies for Peace" to help build schools in Pakistan. The Buffalo News carried an article about this cause in the "Next" section.

This week, our 8th Graders are taking their State Math Tests.

There is no school on Fri., March 13th, for Immaculate Conception School. The teachers will be at a staff development day at Queen of Heaven in West Seneca..

NYS CATHOLIC CONFERENCE'S 2009 PUBLIC POLICY DAY IN ALBANY TUESDAY, March 10, 2009

—Demonstrate the strength and unity of the Catholic voice to state lawmakers.

—Learn about and advocate on critical social issues impacting our state.

—Worship at Mass with Cardinal Egan and the state's Catholic Bishops.

—Meet with legislators, attend Senate and Assembly committee meetings, watch your lawmakers in action.

—For more information, or to register, call (518) 434-6195 or www.nyscatholic.org.

Round trip bus transportation is available at no charge from most parts of the state!

The New York State Catholic Conference is the official voice of the Catholic Church in the Empire State. Info @ nyscatholic.org.

TAX STATEMENTS AVAILABLE

Statements for your 2008 church contributions are now available upon request. Please call the Rectory office during regular business hours—8:30am to 3:30 pm.

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS

The next Pre-Baptism class will be held on Mon., March 9, 2009 at 7:00pm. at the Rectory. All parents **must** attend classes prior to their child's Baptism. Please call the Rectory at 652-6400 during normal business hours (8:30am.—3:30pm.) to register.

PRAYER TO PROTECT LIFE

Loving God, I thank you for the gift of life you gave and continue to give to me and to all of us.

Merciful God, I ask your pardon and forgiveness for my own failure and the failure of all the people to respect and foster all forms of life in our universe.

Gracious God, I pray that with your grace, I and all people will reverence, protect, and promote all life and that we will be especially sensitive to the life of the unborn, the abused, neglected, disabled, and the elderly.

I pray, too, that all who make decisions about life in any form will do so with wisdom, love and courage.

Living God, I praise and glorify you as Father, Source of all life, as Son, Savior of our lives, and as Spirit, Sanctifier of our lives. Amen

**LENTEN REFLECTION
THE CALL TO FAITH
Third Sunday of Lent– March 15th
Trust and Doubt**

- Reading I** Exodus 20:1-17 (the ten commandments)
- Reading II** 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 (the wisdom and folly of the cross)
- Gospel** John 2:13-25 (cleansing of the temple)
- Key Passage** For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles. (1 Corinthians. 1:22-23)

Points to Ponder!

ADULT: When has the message of the cross seemed absurd to you, and when have you seen its wisdom?

CHILD: What puzzles you in the gospel stories? Which story makes you the most hopeful?

SCRIP SALES

As usual, Scrip will be sold after all the Masses and in the Rectory during regular business hours. Please keep this in mind and come to us before going to the stores. Your support for our school is greatly appreciated.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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