

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 10:00 AM
9:00 AM (Miraculous Medal Shrine)
Weekdays (Monday - Thursday): 5:30 PM (Parish Center Chapel)
Holydays: 5:30 PM and as Announced

OUR PARISH STAFF

Rev. John J. Holliday, CM, Pastor
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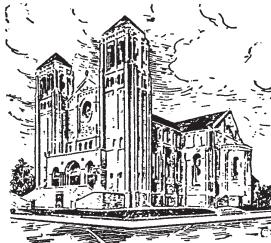
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St. Athanasius/Immaculate Conception School 215-424-5045
Principal: Sister Joan Alminde, SSJ



SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism - Please contact the Rectory as soon as possible after the birth of your child to make arrangements. Baptisms are scheduled on Sundays throughout the year as needed. Parents and Godparents must attend a preparation session before the Baptism. Older children and adults who would like to become members of the Catholic Church participate in the RCIA program. Please contact the Rectory for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Celebrated communally in our cluster in Advent and Lent. Confession is also available in the Miraculous Medal Shrine every Monday throughout the day. Individual appointments also available by calling the rectory.

Sacrament of Marriage - Please contact the Pastor at a minimum of 6 months in advance of the date of your planned wedding. Attendance at a Pre-Cana Program held by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is mandatory for all couples.

Sacrament of the Sick - The rectory may be called at *anytime* for the Sacrament of the Sick. Also, we will gladly bring the Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass regularly because of sickness or infirmity. If family/neighbor has gone to the hospital or is recently sick, please inform the rectory.

Pray for all the intentions listed on our Prayer Board in the back of the Church and for our Sister Parish, Immaculate Heart of Mary in Andorra.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday School - Religious Education for Children & Teens - held in the Parish Center on Sundays from September to May from 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM. All Catholic children are encouraged to attend. Parents are obligated to see to their children's faith development.

Adult Bible Study - Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in the Parish Center. Bibles and notes are provided.

PARISH NOTES

Welcome Visitors! You are most welcome and we are happy you could join us today. We invite you to stay and introduce yourself to parishioners after Mass. Registration envelopes are available in the back of the Church. We invite all of our Visitors and past and present parishioners to celebrate our Homecoming Liturgy with us each year.

Interested in Finding More About the Catholic Church? Have questions about the Church? Considering initiation into the Catholic Faith? Please call the Rectory. We would love to share our faith - the Good News of Jesus Christ - with you.

Parish Center Meetings/Activities - For parish groups and events contact Mrs. Helen Rosales, Parish Secretary for the use of a room. Please put all requests in writing so that we can put the meetings on our calendar.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 7, 2010

WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SUNDAY COLLECTION

February 28, 2010 \$2,865.50
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STEWARDSHIP REMINDER

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	10:00 am:	People of the Parish
Monday	5:30 PM:	Miraculous Medal Intention
Tuesday	5:30 PM:	Holy Souls In Purgatory
Wednesday	5:30 am:	Ann Covolus
Thursday	5:30 PM:	Francis P. Thomas, Jr.
Friday		NO MASS
Saturday	5:00 PM:	Neil Mullen

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA with Rev. John Kennedy, C.M. His topic is "Mary, Comfort of the Afflicted." Novena is every Monday at 500 E. Cheltenham Avenue, with Mass at 7 & 9 am and 12:05 PM. Novena with Benediction at 2, 3, 4, 5, 6:30 and 7:30 PM. Confession is available during the services.

TO THE PARISHIONERS OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Jesus and Mary Hope Ministry airs on Tuesday and Thursday at 2 PM and every first Friday of the month at 1 PM on WTMR 800 AM, with talk Programs

and calls for broken families. Hosted by Deacon Brouycie I sley.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Laura Alfonse, Kennedy Clinton, Mary Coulter, Gregory & Angel Culler, Jim Dierkes, Linda Dunbar, Mae Frazier, Marcella Gant, Christine & Fred Grandy, William Green, Charles Goode, Margaret Hagan, Fred Hamilton, Gloria Harell, Julia Herrera, James Johnson, Dorothy Lyons, Mercedes Magers, John Magrigali, Amelia Maruzzi, McIntosh Family, Ursula Novak, Patricia Palmer, Dolores Rosales, Antonetti Rucci, Mary Smith, Rosalie Smith, Roslyn Stewart, Sharon Williams and Pioquinto Voluntad. All Catholic residents of Willow Terrace, Belmont Residence and all the people we pray for in the Prayer Book.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Monday	2 Kings 5:1-15b, Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday	Daniel 3:25, 34-43, Matthew 18:21-25
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4:1-5, 9, Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday	Jeremiah 7:23-28, Luke 11:14-23
Friday	Hosea 14:2-10, Mark 12:28-34
Saturday	Hosea 6:1-6, Luke 18:9-14
Sunday, March 14, Fourth Sunday In Lent	
	Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
	2 Corinthians 5:17-21
	Luke 15:1-2, 11-13

MEETINGS

PREP every Sunday from 11:30 am to 1 PM in the Parish Center.

LEGION OF MARY meeting every Wednesday at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center.

BIBLE STUDY meeting on Wednesday at 7 PM in the Parish Center.

CHOIR PRACTICE Thursday at 7 PM in the church.

SICK & SHUT-INS meeting on Friday at 1 PM in the Parish Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Wednesday, March 10	Cluster 18 Lenten Prayer Service @ Immaculate Conception, 7 PM
Wednesday, March 17	Cluster 18 Lenten Prayer Service @ St. Vincent's 7 PM

Code #185, Immaculate Conception Church,



abstain from meat does not bind on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Friday, March 19.

Third Sunday of Lent

God's promise to Moses in this week's first reading from the Book of Exodus was that he would free the people of Israel from slavery in the land of Egypt. Now that we've been thoroughly into Lent for a while, we have each probably discovered what sins we are slaves to. It is not slavery in the land of Egypt from which we seek liberation. Rather, it is the sin to which we are beholden day after day that needs to be broken by the power of God.

While fasting from food or drink is often in vogue during Lent, it might also be time to fast a bit from some of the noise of our world so that we can have some quiet time for self-reflection. This may be the week to turn off the cell phone or television for a brief period of time and listen to God speak to our hearts.

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FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT 2010

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, February 17, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in "Operation Rice Bowl," which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.

Special Note: *Because the Feast of Saint Joseph will be on a Friday in Lent this year, the obligation to*

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to Christopher T. Chenet who achieved Second Honors at Cardinal Dougherty H.S.

BISHOP McDEVITT H.S. PRACTICE SCHOLARSHIP TEST FOR 7TH GRADE

STUDENTS will be held on Saturday, March 13 at 8 am. Fee is \$30. Registration Form is available at www.mcdevitths.org For further information call Chris Seifert at 215-887-5575, ext. 257. **ALSO:** there will be a recital by Michael Scott on Sunday, March 14, at 3 PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Easton Rd. & Mt. Carmel Ave., Glenside. Admission is \$10, all proceeds to benefit the Royal Masque. For tickets & information call Sr. Marianne Beatty at 215-884-3773.

HALLAHAN H.S. THEATER COMPANY presents "Joseph & the Technicolor Dreamcoat", Thursday, March 18, Friday, March 19 & Saturday, March 20 at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$12 for adults & \$7 for students. For tickets & information call 215-563-8930 ext. 228 or go to www.jwhallahan.com

PRE-8TH GRADE SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR BOYS & GIRLS, June 28 - July 28, from 8:45 am - 1 PM. For more information call the Summer School office at 215-978-1954 or visit www.SJPREP.ORG/PRE8

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Commemorate Lent in a special way this year. The Miraculous Medal Shrine is celebrating three days of Prayer and Confession during Lent on March 12, 13 and 14. Novena Prayers, Mass, Confessions and Homily are each day at 9 am (Ex. Friday at 8 am), 12:05 p.m. and 5 p.m. All are invited to attend and hear Fr. Thomas McKenna speak about Charity in our lives.

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