

The Church of the Immaculate Conception

Welcome to our parish! As a Church Family, we will use the wisdom of the past to shape our thoughts, words and actions, to bring the love of Christ to the world." (ICC Mission Statement)

Online Opportunities in this newsletter! Click on the words in blue! You can also find this newsletter on our website iccgreene.com. From there, click on weekly bulletins. Scroll down to find the bulletin or flier you want to see, then click the words in blue to access the extra news and articles.

To watch our Sunday Mass via livestream [click here](#) for our Youtube channel.

Confessions are held before or after weekend Masses.

Saturday Vigil Mass- 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass- 10:00 AM

To read the Bible readings below on the USCCB website [click here](#)

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15,17-19

Peter preaches that Jesus has been raised from the dead and calls upon the people to repent.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 4:2,4,7-8,9

A prayer seeking God's favor

Second Reading

1 John 2:1-5a

Those who know God keep his commandments.

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:35-48


Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.

The Saturday Mass Intention is for Bill Opeka requested by Cathy Opeka.

The Sunday Mass intention is for Dorothy Turrell requested by Judy Adams.

Per the Diocese request, we now ask for \$15 per Mass Intention to help Father with his gas and car upkeep.)



 **"Lord, hear our prayer"** ~ The ICC Prayer Chain requests your prayers for the following people: Marianne Hardy, Mia Murray, Jebediah Trepka, Kristin and Justin and their family, Dilon Dickerson, Felix, Vinny and Frank Lamanna and family, and Selena Wanjiku Wangui, our sponsored friend from Kenya.
Reminder: If you requested prayers for someone and it has been over 2 weeks, please call Ruth Coppola, Pam McLaren or the church office if you would like them to remain as recipients of our prayer chain. Thank you~

Liturgy Team Schedule:

	April 13, 2024 4:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass	April 14, 2024 10:00 AM Sunday Mass	April 20, 2024 4:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass	April 21, 2024 10:00 AM Sunday Mass
Sacristan	Sue Carlin	Peggy Stanton and Barb Coleman	Karen & Norm Montgomery	Lorraine Detweiler
Lector	Bunny Delaney	Donna Heisler	Joe Trepka	Youth
E.M.	Terri Scalici	Paul King and Bev Doughty	Holly Connelly	Joanna Tompkins and Kelly Erickson
Altar		Keaton Browning and new server		Ben Weiss, Alex Anastos, Connor Anastos, Jackson Rice
Counters		Annie Simpson and Joanne Kasmarcik		Bonnie Norton and Eileen Browning

* LITURGY TEAM MEMBERS THAT GET SUBS FOR DAYS AWAY SHOULD MARK THE INFORMATION ON THE SCHEDULE IN THE SACRISTY. THANK YOU!



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The ICC Volunteer Thank You Luncheon will be immediately after the Sunday Mass on April 28! All volunteers at our parish are invited! Please make sure you are signed up to attend, so we can let the caterer know the right amount of food to prepare. This will be a fun gathering for our parish family!



SUNDAY CONNECTION - A Bible Study on this week's Gospel Reading- By Loyola Press.com

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper. Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

Parish Council Nominations will be taken at both Masses April 21 and 28. New members will begin at the May meeting and will serve for 2 years. This council meets 4x per year to discuss the pastoral life of the church. (May, August, November and February) We offer zoom participation for those that cannot make it to these in person meetings. Each meeting lasts 1 hour and is focused on cooperation and thoughtful discussions about the life of our parish. Start thinking of who you could nominate to represent you.



The Bible Timeline Great Adventure Bible Study- Thursdays- 5:30-7:00 PM

Dear friends,



A thought provoking reflection I read, made me think of many conversations I have had with parishioners in regards to the words we use when we talk about our faith. "How would you describe God to someone who doesn't know Him? Perhaps as your Heavenly Father or the Creator? The Old Testament Prophet Zephaniah said that God takes great delight in you. He is the God who finds joy in His creation. He is the source of joy and therefore, He plants His seed of joy through the fruit of the Holy Spirit...in you! Joy is not only a gift, it is a divine characteristic." It's important to have those conversations. Share your thoughts on faith! The Prophet Zephaniah lived in the 6th century B.C. That's a long time before Jesus was born, yet these words are just as relevant for you and me today. *"The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in His love He will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."* Zephaniah 3:17 Peace my friends, Mary Wentlent



Final Youth Mass Sunday April 21 - All children and youth in grades k-7 plus our Confirmation Students in grades 8-10 will be participating in the last youth Mass on Sunday April 21. They will serve as greeters, lectors, gift bearers and musicians. They should arrive at 9 am for preparation. Seminarian Cornelius Deep will assist Father Paul this day with a special message for our parish family. Following the Mass we will have a coffee hour in the social hall, and our Confirmation students will begin their Confirmation Retreat. They will be gathering in the church library with some visiting Confirmation students from area churches in Chenango County.



Bread Sunday for our First Communion Students- This annual event at ICC will take place during their First Communion Mass on May 5. The children will prepare a loaf of bread at home with their families and they will give it to someone special in our church in return for special prayers as they begin their Eucharistic Journey with Christ. Please keep these children in your prayers: Ava Dunlap, Stella Gilbeau and Lucas Weiss.

First Communion Sunday at ICC will be May 5, 2024 during the 10:00 AM Mass. Please join us as we celebrate the three children who will receive this sacrament. There will be a reception following the Mass in the social hall.



The Confirmation Mass for Our Second Year Confirmation Students will take place in Norwich at St. Paul's Catholic Church on Thursday May 23. Please keep these High School Church Members in your prayers: Johanna Trepa, Macie Browning, Arie King and Giuseppie Sferrazza.

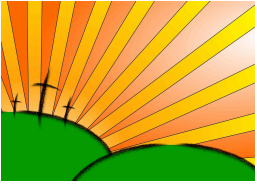


Cards and Conversation - Tuesday April 30 from 10:30-12:00. Join us for a fun game of the card game "Golf", some laughs and fellowship. All are welcome!



Garden Planning Meeting at ICC- Monday April 22, 2024 at 5:30 PM

We will meet on Wednesday morning at 10 AM to plan the care of the historic Mary Garden, the garden by the Unborn Child Statue, the outside Stations Walking Path, the garden around the Statue of Mary, the new raised vegetable beds, and the care of the bushes in front of the church. We will not be getting our hands dirty on this day, but we will do a walk-about to see the spring growth. If you cannot join us on this date but would still like to help in some way, please contact Mary at 607-644-3883 or email mwentlent@syrdio.org.



Family page

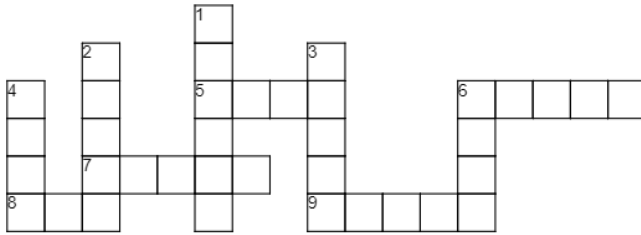


Jesus Appears to the Disciples

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." Luke 24:36 (NIV)



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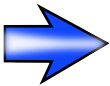
ACROSS

- 5. An animal that lives in the water
- 6. The soft outer parts of the body; skin
- 7. What the skeleton is made of
- 8. To take in food through the mouth
- 9. to handle or feel something with your fingers

DOWN

- 1. To feel pain
- 2. To be unsure about something.
- 3. A dead person appearing in a bodily form
- 4. To return from death
- 6. An animal that lives in the water

TOUCH	RISE	FISH	FLESH	BONES
FISH	EAT	DOUBT	SUFFER	GHOST



Religious Education Parent Meeting ~ Sunday April 21 following the Youth Mass

All parents, grandparents and caregivers are invited to a special parent meeting to wrap up our educational year for Grades K-7. We will be presenting a new program that will be offered for 2024/2025. We have an exciting format that will support the busy lives of families today. Per our usual here at Immaculate Conception, we are designing a unique program that listens to our families needs, supports them along their parenting journey, and offers them engaging opportunities to share their faith in Jesus Christ and his teachings. If you are new, please join us! We will gather in the social hall at the coffee hour. **The ICC Confirmation Program** - We plan to continue this 2-year program for Grades 9-10 that meets several times each month for in person classes, meaningful conversations and service projects, with teachers Chris Wentlent and Sue Carlin. Registration for all classes will take place in August 2024.

ICC Summer day trip to the Sight and Sound Theater.

"Daniel"

ICC presents a summer excursion to the Sight and Sound Theatre! Wednesday August 7, 2024 Parish members are invited to reserve their spot on the bus for this trip by signing up in the church vestibule.. The cost per person is \$75. This covers the bus, show and buffet lunch



36th Annual Knights for Life Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

Sunday April 21, 2024
St. Paul's Catholic Church
282 Chenango Street
Binghamton NY
Noon-4:00 PM
Eat in OR Take out
Adults: \$15
Children under 12: \$10
See flier in the church Vestibule for more information.

Volunteer Opportunity at ICC Greene- Our church volunteers at the local Greene Area Churches Food Pantry during the **month of May**. The hours they are open are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-12:00 and every other Saturday from 10-12:00 PM. If you would like to help at the Food Pantry on one of the dates needed in May, please contact Joanna Tompkins at jtompkins@syrdio.org.