

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

Photo: *Seminarian Cornelius Deep speaks to the congregation on 4/21/24.*

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

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Paul is accepted by the apostles at Jerusalem.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22:26-27,28,30,31-32

The whole world shall praise the Lord.

Second Reading

1 John 3:18-24

God commands us to believe in Jesus Christ and to love one another.

Gospel Reading

John 15:1-8

Jesus teaches that he is the vine and that his disciples are the branches.



The Saturday Mass Intention is for Joan Trepa requested by Norm and Karem Montgomery.

The Sunday Mass intention is for Marilyn Michelet requested by her son Charles Michelet.

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: Mark Greene, Gary Ives, Marianne Hardy, Mia Murray, Jebediah Trepa, 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 27, 2024 4:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass | April 28, 2024 10:00 AM Sunday Mass | May 4, 2024 4:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass | May 5, 2024 10:00 AM Sunday Mass |
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| Sacristan | John & Marie Carucci | Donna Curtis | Lori Edwards & Janet Taylor | Margaret Hanrahan |
| Lector | Doris Maginsky | Lorraine Detweiler | Bunny Delaney | Rebecca Banas |
| E.M. | John Carucci | Jackie & Joe Henninge | Sue Carlin | Paul King & Bev Doughty |
| Altar | | Arie King and Alex Anastos | | Andrew Erickson. & Easton Dopp |
| Counters | | Luke Erickson and Joanne Kasmarcik | | Joanne Kasmarcik. and Doris Maginsky |

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



Please consider donating to the work of our parish using online giving. [Click here](#) for a direct link to WeShare, our safe online giving platform. It will take you to an option for a one time or a recurring donation.

The ICC Volunteer Thank You Luncheon- Sunday Mass on April 28 after the 10:00 AM Mass



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!

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



Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists.



Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel. Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always.

Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word.

Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

Parish Council Nominations will continue to be taken this weekend. 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,



What a treat to hear from seminarian Cornelius Deep last Sunday. Wow, is he a great speaker! I think we all walked away thinking about his message about being a joyful Catholic and the impact that has on others. Many thanks to Fr. Paul for inviting him to our last Youth Mass. Our young adults, Andrew and Noela spoke at the Confirmation Retreat and echoed the words of Cornelius as they both talked about their personal faith journey and how important church and receiving Holy Communion has been for them. In *Sacred Companions*, author David Benner says that "Church keeps us in touch with others on the spiritual journey. Spiritual growth is just too hard to maintain alone: we need one another. We need the witness of those who have gone before us. We need the companionship of those who walk with us today. And sometimes others need us - they need to know we are there to walk with them." This is one of the strong points of our parish family: the way so many reach out to walk with others in Christian companionship. Thank you for being part of ICC! Peace my friends, Mary Wentlent



Bread Sunday for our First Communion Students- This annual event at ICC will take place during their First Communion Mass on May 5 during the 10:00 AM Mass. Please keep these children in your prayers: Ava Dunlap, Stella Gilbeau and Lucas Weiss.



The Confirmation Mass for Our Second Year Confirmation Students- St. Paul's Catholic Church in Norwich. Thursday May 23 at 6:30 PM. The rehearsal is on Sunday May 19 at 4:00 PM at St. Paul's Church, Norwich. Please keep these High School Church Members in your prayers: Johanna Trepa, Macie Browning, Arie King and Giuseppie Sferrazza.



Summer Garden Watering Schedule at ICC

Please sign up in the vestibule to be part of a rotating schedule for watering the flowers in the Mary Garden.

Church Garden Spring Clean! Saturday May 11, 10-12:00 PM

All hands on deck for spring raking and cleaning of the church flower beds - Saturday May 11 from 10-12:00. Bring your gardening gloves and your favorite hand clippers if you have them. Rakes will be available.

Save-The-Date - Spring Finance and Parish Council Meetings ~ Tuesday May 21.

Finance Council will meet from 5:30-6:00 PM and Parish Council will meet from 6:00-7:00 PM

May Volunteer Opportunity- GAC Food Pantry- Tues. & Thurs. 9:30-12:00. every other Sat. 10-12 PM. Please contact Joanna Tompkins at jtompkins@syrdio.org for more information.



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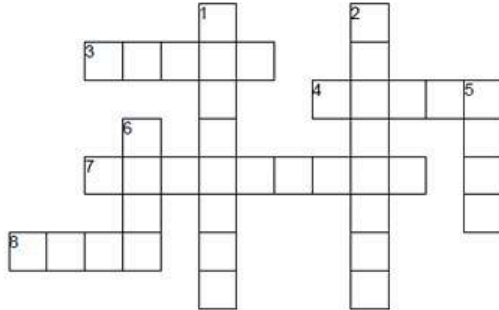


The True Vine

"I am the vine: you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.." John 15:5 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 15:1-8.



ACROSS

- 3. Praise or honor
- 4. The part of a vine or tree which is eaten
- 7. Those who follow Jesus
- 8. A plant that climbs or creeps along the ground

DOWN

- 1. Arms that grow out from the trunk of a tree
- 2. A person who works with plants and flowers
- 5. The opposite of false
- 6. Burning flame

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| TRUE | FIRE | GARDENER | FRUIT |
| DISCIPLES | GLORY | VINE | BRANCHES |

Chenango County's Deacon Tim McNerney invites you to explore God's Grace in your life in five book study sessions. Each participant will receive a copy of "Beautiful Mercy" edited by Matthew Kelly. Contact Dc. Tim to register for the May sessions:
tmcnerney@syrdio.org or
 (315) 570-3114



Spring Flower Sale at ICC ~ May 11 & 12

Annuals and hanging baskets. Order forms are in the main vestibule. The plants are from Schaefer Gardens. Order forms should be returned to the flower basket in the church vestibule no later than Sunday May 5. Pick up on Saturday May 11 from 11-12 and also after both weekend Masses. All proceeds will benefit our lovely Mary Garden.



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. There is financial assistance. Please contact Mary in the church office.

Learn while Coloring the Catholic Alphabet:

This week begins an alphabet coloring lesson for children.

"A" is for Altar!

An altar is a table where, through the words of the priest and the power of the Holy Spirit, bread and wine become Jesus' Body and Blood.

