

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 readings below on the USCCB website [click here](#)
First Reading
 Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46
 The Law regarding leprosy is given to Moses and Aaron.

Responsorial Psalm
 Psalm 32:1-2,5,11
 A prayer of contrition and confession for sin.

Second Reading
 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1
 Paul urges the Corinthians to imitate him as he imitates Christ.

Gospel Reading
 Mark 1:40-45
 Jesus cures a person with leprosy, who reports his cure to everyone.

The Saturday Mass Intention is for Bill Opeka requested by Cathy Opeka.
The Sunday Mass intention is for the Amell and Nixon Families requested by Nancy Amell.
 (Per the Diocese request, we now ask for \$15 per Mass Intention to help Father with his gas and car upkeep.)



This is our sponsored friend Selena, in her new school uniform.

“Lord, hear our prayer” ~ The ICC Prayer Chain requests your prayers for the following people: Patricia Heisler, Jebediah Tropa, Kristin and Justin and their family, Gary Husband, Marie Carucci, Bonnie Norton, Joan Schlacter, 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~*



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anthony (Tony) Fagnoli, who passed away on February 1, 2024. May he rest in peace.

Liturgy Team Schedule:

	February 10, 2024 4:00 PM Vigil Mass	February 11, 2024 10:00 AM Mass	February 14, 2024 Ash Wednesday 5:30 PM Liturgy	February 17, 2024 4:00 PM Vigil Mass	February 18, 2024 10:00 AM Mass
Sacristan	Karen and Norm Montgomery	Margaret Hanrahan	Audre Egan	Sue Carlin	Peggy Stanton & Barb Coleman
Lector	Bunny Delaney	Rebecca Banas	Lorraine Detweiler	Jerry Lademan	Donna Heisler
E.M.	Sister Margaret	Paul King & Bev Doughty	Bev Doughty	Sue Carlin	Diane & Joe Weiss
Altar		Andrew Erickson & Connor Anastos			Keaton Browning
Counters		Joanna K. and Mary W.			Annie Simpson and sub

* 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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IGNITE MEN'S CONFERENCE- Sat. March 23, 2024 - This annual men's conference will be held at Bishop Ludden Junior/Senior H.S.I in Syracuse. You can [register here](#) or go to ignite.catholicmen.org.

Lenten Retreat for Catholic Women - Saturday February 17th at St. James Church Binghamton NY.

This morning retreat includes: Breakfast, Mass, Speaker Reflection, Confession, Adoration, Rosary, and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. You can mail in your registration ASAP using the information on the flier in the church vestibule or email swc@syrdio.org with your name, retreat location and parish. Limited walk-in registrations are available as well. The cost is \$25. A few ladies from ICC are registered and hope others will attend as well.



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

In today's Gospel, we continue to hear Mark report the miraculous healings that Jesus performed in Galilee. The Gospel begins with Jesus healing a man with leprosy. Leprosy is a disfiguring, infectious skin disease that has been surrounded by many social and religious taboos throughout history. In 1873, the cause of leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, was identified. We now know that leprosy is caused by a bacterial infection.

Although it is infectious, modern medical studies have shown that transmission is more difficult than previously thought. Since the 1940s, medical treatments have been available, and the patient no longer needs to be isolated once long-term treatment has begun.

In Jesus' time, however, religious and social taboos dictated the behavior of those with leprosy and other skin diseases. The Law of Moses provided for the examination of skin diseases by the priests, and if leprosy was identified, the person was declared unclean. People with leprosy lived in isolation from the community. They were instructed to rip their clothes and to announce their presence with loud cries when moving in the community. If the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community.

End of Year Tithe letters of parishioner tax deductible donations

If you would like a letter detailing the total amount of your donation to Immaculate Conception, please sign up in the vestibule and a letter will be mailed to your house.



Ash Wednesday News ~ The beginning of Lent is just around the corner. Our parish will provide the following:

12:00 PM- Greene Ecumenical Service with Ashes followed by a Soup luncheon. We are happy to host the community again this year. We are looking for folks to donate a homemade crock pot of soup. Please sign up in the vestibule or contact Deb Rice if you can help out.

5:30 PM- Communion Service with Distribution of Ashes- This will be led by Mary Wentlent, the Parish Life Director.



The ICC Football Pool- If you purchased a square in our pool this year, please check out the completed board in the social hall for your numbers. The payout will be: 1st Qtr. winner - \$250, 2nd Qtr. winner - \$250, 3th Qtr. winner - \$250 and Final Score winner - \$500. Thank you for your support!

Mass Intentions for 2024-

Please stop by the church office on Wednesdays between 9-11 or fill out one of the Mass Intention envelopes located at the rear of the church, and drop it in the collection plate. We will try to accommodate the dates you request and will send you a confirmation letter in the mail. Intentions have increased to \$15 each to help Father with gas for his vehicle and car maintenance. Thank you.



Dear friends,

Father Paul sent me this cool video to share with everyone. If you're reading this online, [click here to watch it](#). It shows a man with two lighters in his hands. He drops one in water that symbolizes the various things that can happen in life that can bring us down. That lighter doesn't work after being submerged in the water: times of defeat. But the unaffected lighter can restart the flame of the damaged one. This is a really cool way of learning a life lesson on how we can help each other. You never know what someone else is going through! A new beginning is always possible with Jesus. His tears can give dignity to yours. His arms can become your shelter when you are afraid. He is the conductor when the tunnel looks dark. He announces a new season when the last leaf of your season falls to the ground. Not only does he give second chances, but a brand-new beginning. Let's pray for each other as we begin the season of Lent this Wednesday. A wonderful season of self-reflection and new beginnings. Peace my friends, Mary Wentlent



Family page



Religious Education

“HOLY PAUSE” Lenten Retreat

for grades K-7. All children should plan to attend with at least 1 parent. Other family members are welcome as well as friends to this fun, hands on event. The families will learn about the three lessons during the season of Lent: Prayer, Almsgiving and Fasting.

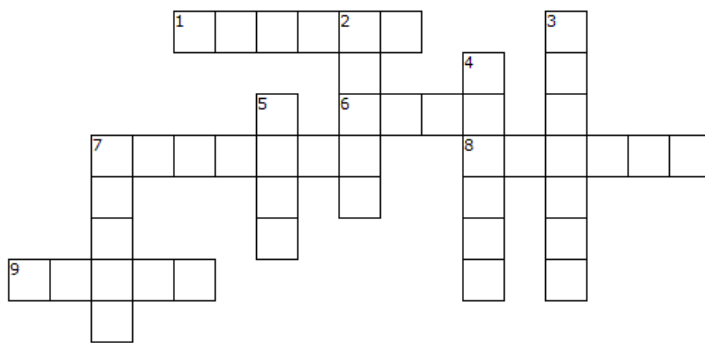
Confirmation 1 & 2

Sunday Feb. 11

Naaman Healed of Leprosy

So Naaman went down to the Jordan River and dipped himself seven times, as the man of God had instructed him. And his skin became as healthy as the skin of a young child's, and he was healed! 2 Kings 5:14

Based on 2 Kings 5:1-14



ACROSS

- The river where Naaman was told to dip
- The one who told Naaman's wife about the prophet
- Someone who serves in the army
- The country where Naaman went for healing
- How Naaman looked after dipping in the Jordan

DOWN

- How Naaman felt when he was told what to do
- The disease that Naaman had
- The prophet who told Naaman what to do
- The person Naaman first went to for healing
- The number of times Naaman was told to dip

JORDAN	SOLDIER	ELISHA	ISRAEL	ANGRY
SEVEN	GIRL	KING	CLEAN	LEPROSY



Jared Dees created a very interesting video lesson explaining the meaning/history about Ash Wednesday.

[Click Here to watch!](#)



The next American Red Cross Blood Drive at our church will be Wednesday **March 13, 2024** from 12:30-5:30 PM.

Generous supporters are offering incentives for folks to donate blood. If you give this month you will receive a \$10 pet supply e-gift card which means you can use it for online orders of pet supplies. You will also be enrolled in a chance for a \$3k gift card. Please [click here to sign up to reserve a time](#) for your donation.



Ever wondered what they do at a Bible Study? Our study at ICC is unique in many ways. We have a fun group of 8 people from our church that gather on Thursday evenings. We watch a video lesson presented by Jeff Cavins, who created this study that presents the story woven through the Bible. It's very interesting and he's an engaging speaker. We have some great conversations after the video and wrap up usually by 6:45. All are

welcome to join us for **The Bible Timeline Great Adventure Bible Study- Thursdays- 5:30-7:00 PM**

Click here for more information: [The Bible Timeline study program](#)

The Diocese of Syracuse recognizes World Marriage Day on Sunday February 11. We unite in prayer for married couples everywhere. May our prayers uplift and support them in navigating life's challenges with grace and resilience, fostering joy in their relationship.

