

# 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](http://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**

Genesis 9:8-15

God establishes a covenant with Noah, giving a rainbow as its sign.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 25:4-5,6-7,8-9

A prayer praising God for his covenant

**Second Reading**

1 Peter 3:18-22

In our baptism, we are saved through Christ's death and Resurrection.

**Gospel Reading**

Mark 1:12-15

Jesus is tempted in the desert by Satan.



**The Saturday Mass Intention** is for Phylis Lerwick requested by Bev Doughty

**The Sunday Mass intention** is for Dorothy Turrell requested by Judy Adams and for Fred Henninge requested by the Henninge Family.

(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: Joan Trepa, Patricia Heisler, Jebediah Trepa, 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~*



**Liturgy Team Schedule:**

	February 17, 2024 4:00 PM Vigil Mass	February 18, 2024 10:00 AM Mass	February 24, 2024 4:00 PM Vigil Mass	February 25, 2024 10:00 AM Mass
<b>Sacristan</b>	Sue Carlin	Peggy Stanton & Barb Coleman	Janet Taylor & Lori Edwards	Lorraine Detweiler
<b>Lector</b>	Jerry Lademan	Donna Heisler	Bunny Delaney	Youth
<b>E.M.</b>	Sue Carlin	Diane & Joe Weiss	Sister Margaret or Father Paul	Joanna Tompkins and Kelly Erickson
<b>Altar</b>		Keaton Browning		Ben Weiss and Connor Anastos
<b>Counters</b>		Annie Simpson and sub		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!



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.



**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](http://ignite.catholicmen.org).

**WINTER PARISH COUNCIL AND FINANCE COUNCIL MEETINGS - WEDNESDAY FEB. 21, 2024**

5:30-6:00 PM Finance Council followed by 6:00-7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting.



### **Wednesday Stations of the Cross opportunity.**

The church will be open for individuals to pray the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday mornings from 9-11:30 AM. Booklets will be available to assist you on this powerful prayer journey. Karen will be in the church office if you need other assistance.

### **Lenten Prayer Walk this weekend!**

All are invited to experience the prayer walk set up in the social hall before or after Mass this weekend, Feb. 17 & 18. This group of 14 tables are draped in a purple cloth and each offers a different opportunity to pray for someone in our world. Many thanks to Heather Rice for creating this special Lenten prayer walk for us.

### **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. Limited walk-in registrations are available. 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

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This event in the life of Jesus is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—but it is not found in John's Gospel. This year we read Mark's account of this event.

Mark tells us that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks the beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.

### **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.

**The ICC Football Pool-** Thank you to everyone that supported this year's fundraiser. We were able to raise \$1250 for ministries at our church.

**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,

There are many things I love about our church family. One aspect is this idea of "family". While we may not be biologically related to our church members, we can still feel the closeness and love, like we do for a parent or sibling. That woman who patiently shares her meatball recipe with me as I continue to try and perfect them, feels like a favorite cousin I look forward to being with. That child who smiles at me when she welcomes me to the youth Mass, seems like a niece who hasn't yet passed through the waters of teenage angst. That choir member who joyfully sings with me on Sundays reminds me of happy times singing harmony with my sister at the piano. The gangly high school boy who sheepishly glances my way while laughing with his friend, reminds me of those happy days when my own brother was young and carefree. And lastly there's that older woman or man in our parish who loves to share the joy they have inside for their faith in God. I remember ladies like this in my church when I was little. They made sure to bring my favorite potluck dessert, and they didn't hesitate to encourage me with a kind word. As this older generation turns the corner on their life journey, my heart aches and I am thankful to have witnessed their passion for Jesus, their courage to stand up for their faith. Each of us is called to be a source of joy or consolation for someone else. Jesus said that you and I are to be the light of the world. Think about your parish family and remember that you are a valued member! Find someone this week to talk to, to care for, to pray for and to love.

Peace my friends, Mary Wentlent



# Family page



## Religious Education

There are no in person classes this week for grades k-7 or Confirmation.

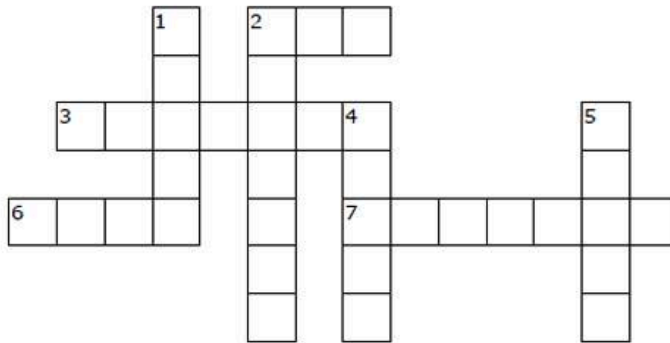
Children and youth should be collecting money in their Baby Bottles to be donated to Birthright to help pregnant mothers in need. Bring your baby bottles back to the next youth Mass on Sunday Feb. 25.



## The Rainbow of Promise

"Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth." Genesis 9:16

Puzzle is based on Genesis 9:8-17



### ACROSS

2. A large boat in which Noah and his family were saved from the Flood
3. An agreement between two people do do (or not do) something
6. A winged animal covered with feathers
7. A colored arc of light that appears in the sky after it rains

### DOWN

1. A great amount of water that rises and spreads over the land
2. Dogs, cats, lions, and tigers for example.
4. The planet where you and I live
5. A light puffy mass of water vapor floating in the sky

BIRD	RAINBOW	EARTH	PROMISE
ARK	CLOUD	ANIMALS	FLOOD

Learn about the significance of the number 40 in the Bible! [Click here](#) for the short video lesson.



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.



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

**AUTHENTIC INTELLIGENCE**  
LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES  
FOR YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-39)

**BEER TREE FACTORY, JOHNSON CITY**  
TUESDAYS, 7-9 PM  
FEBRUARY 27 | MARCH 5 | MARCH 12 | MARCH 19

**ABBIOCO BY A MANO, SYRACUSE**  
THURSDAYS, 7-9 PM  
FEBRUARY 29 | MARCH 7 | MARCH 14 | MARCH 21

Theology on Tap is a gathering for young adults (ages 18-39) looking to connect and learn more about the Catholic faith. More information can be found on the diocesan website:

<http://syracusediocese.org/theology-on-tap>

