

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

Exodus 20:1-17

Moses is given the Ten Commandments.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 19:8,9,10,11

A prayer of praise to God who gives us his commandments

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Paul preaches Christ crucifixion to the Corinthians.

Gospel Reading


John 2:13-25

Jesus drives out the moneychangers from the Temple and says that he will destroy the temple and raise it up again.

The Saturday Mass Intention is for Ryan Cazzador and Marguerite Flanagan requested by Linda Casella.

The Sunday Mass intention is for Larry Forkey requested by Bev Doughty.

(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: Barbara Bok, Fred Hadlick, Jebediah Tropa, Kristin and Justin and their family, Gary Husband, 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:

	March 2, 2024 4:00 PM Vigil Mass	March 3, 2024 10:00 AM Mass	March 9, 2024 4:00 PM Vigil Mass	March 10, 2024 10:00 AM Mass
Sacristan	Karen & Norm Montgonery	Donna Curtis	Sue Carlin	Margaret Hanrahan
Lector	Joe Tropa	Bonnie Norton	Jerry Lademan	Rebecca Banas
E.M.	Bev Doughty	Lorraine Detweiler and Jim Norton	Sue Carlin	Paul King and Bev Doughty
Altar		Arie King and new server		Andrew Erickson
Counters		Jim Norton & Don Brown		Joanne Kasmarcik and Luke Erickson

* 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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Many thanks!

John and Marie Carucci would like to thank our parish family for remembering them in prayer over the past 2 months. Marie is feeling much better and is glad to be home. To those that sent cards, called with a friendly hello, subbed for them on the Saturday Mass Liturgy Team and offered kind words, John and Marie are truly thankful.



IGNITE MEN'S CONFERENCE- Sat. March 23, 2024 - Bishop Ludden Junior/Senior H.S.I in Syracuse. [register here](#)
The Knights of Columbus Holy Trinity Council will hold a boot drive after both Masses the weekend of Feb. 24 & 25 at ICC Greene. These funds will go to support young men studying for the priesthood. Please consider donating to the Knights Boot Drive.



Wednesday Stations of the Cross opportunity.

The church will be open for individuals to pray at 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.

Good Friday Stations at ICC- 5:30 PM - March 29 We will once again offer this special sung version of the Stations of the Cross prayer called, "He knows my pain". All are welcome.

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



In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshipers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect great tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative.

Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.



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.



Dear friends,

The Funeral Team gets a special shout out this week. We were able to offer two funeral Masses with luncheons last week. It was a busy week but an honor to minister to these families. Bonnie Norton and Deb Rice have a large number of parishioners they work with to create beautiful Masses of remembrance. I can't list everyone's name here, but you know who you are! From the Sacristans, Musicians, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers to those that prepared food at home and brought it to the luncheons. There's also those that cleaned the church and social hall and set the tables, to make sure the families felt welcome and had a warm loving space to visit with family and remember the deceased. I am so very thankful and proud of our church family. Each and every person is vital! The church is not just a building, but a community of faithful people. Thank you! Peace my friends, Mary Wentlent

"Together, we are His house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus Himself. We are carefully joined together in Him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord." Ephesians 2:20-21



Family page



Religious Education

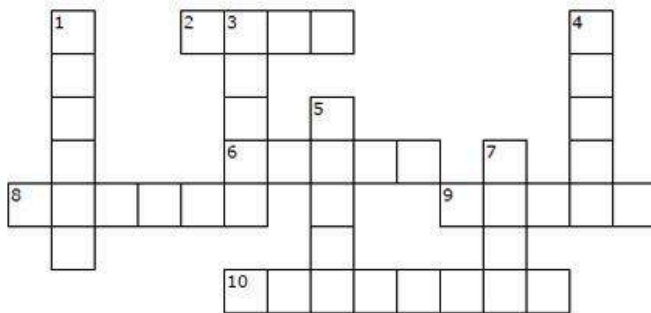
Grades k-7 In person class Sunday March 3
Confirmation meets in person March 3.



Cleaning House

So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. John 2:15 (NIV)

Based on John 2:13-16 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. A strip of leather or cord fastened to a handle
6. An animal raised for its wool
8. A building dedicated to the worship of God
9. Coins or bills used to pay for something
10. A Jewish holiday celebrating being freed from slavery in Egypt

DOWN

1. A place where people gather to buy and sell things
3. A building where a family lives
4. A piece of furniture with a smooth, flat surface and four legs
5. The Son of God
7. A small, wild pigeon

WHIP	MARKET	PASSOVER	SHEEP	TEMPLE
HOUSE	TABLE	MONEY	JESUS	DOVE

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



Here's a very interesting video that people of all ages will learn something from. [Click here to learn](#) "Who was Moses in the Bible"?

A TEN COMMANDMENTS PRAYER

My Lord and God,

1. Help me keep you first in my life.
2. Help me speak only good things in your name.
3. Help me attend Mass each week.
4. Help me honor my parents.
5. Help me protect life.
6. Help me be faithful to those I love.
7. Help me be generous.
8. Help me speak the truth.
9. Help me celebrate the beauty of others.
10. Help me to want to share.

Amen.

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