

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH

APRIL 14, 2024 | Third Sunday of Easter



**“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them,
‘Peace be with you.’**

But they were startled and frightened...”

LUKE 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life.

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MASS SCHEDULE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
 30 North Fullerton Avenue, Montclair

Indicates the Mass is livestreamed.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
 Saturday: 5:30 pm
 Sunday: 8:00 am | 10:30 am | 6:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:
 Monday - Friday at 8:00 am

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

5:30 pm † Ricardo Dauval
 † John Kieferdorf Jr.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

8:00am † Christopher Greed
 † Josephine Maffei

10:30am † Michaela Archer

6:00 pm People Of The Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 15

8:00am † Josephine Gaisie

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

8:00am † Mario Corado Avila
 † Elaine Szabo

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

8:00am † Elizabeth Fleming

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

8:00am † Charlene Widmaier
 † Marie Antoinette Lily Sicard

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

8:00am † John G. Tucker III

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

5:30 pm † Gangone & Chiulli Families
 † All Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

8:00am † Angela Decroce

10:30am † Elizabeth Fleming

6:00 pm People Of The Parish



THE MERCY HOUSE FOOD PANTRY

Can you help fill the shelves at the Mercy House Food Pantry?

WE ARE COLLECTING:



We will be collecting donations at all Masses!

- Pasta/Pasta Sauce
- Coffee/Tea
- Canned Fish/Chicken
- Complete Pancake Mix
- Pancake Syrup
- Breakfast Cereal (Hot/Cold)
- Canned or Dry Beans
- Bags of Rice (1lb, 3lb, or 5lb)
- Evaporated Milk
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Various Condiments/Seasonings

"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." - Ecclesiastes 3:11

"... A TIME TO BE HEALED..."

Michael Bruder III, Anthony Pacifico Jr, Joel Rivera, Carmen Kessler, Ieda Giles, Doreen Carson, Lauren Ojido, Connie & Vinny Romano, Maria Metzel, Eileen Burriss, Sylvia Magliaro, Kevin Haber, Karen Potucek, Frank Gallo, Barbara Regan, Jose Fidalgo Sr, Bridget Connell, Jaxson Rivera, Carole DeCepoli, Oneida Fernandez, Michelina Giuliano, Chester Karnas Jr., Laura McGannon, Joseph Carrier, Fabiola Fong, Charlene Widmaier, Kenneth Busku, Rose Bruner, Edward T. Crowe, William Crowe, Terry Henson, Robert Henson, John Rahilly, Kent Riggs, Harriet Riggs, Jim Norris, Gary Davila, Charlene Widmaier, Melba Espinoza, Kevin Cole, Carlos Mario Moreno, Anne Granja, Shannon Finnegan, Catalino So, Jacob Rivera, Gloria Dwley, Clara Rojas, John Giustiniani, Cliff Schaffer, Barbara Ann Ellert

Please contact the Parish office if you would like to add someone to the sick list.

"... A TIME TO DIE..."

Recently Deceased
DEIRDRE GRAHAM

THE 'PRIVILEGE OF BEING A WOMAN' *the 1st Easter shows us*

The story of the first Easter can become so familiar that it no longer brings the sense of awe, shock, wonder, and amazement that it brought to the first Christians.

ONE THING THAT CAN HELP IS TO PICTURE OURSELVES IN THE SCENES OF THE GOSPEL STORY. We can envision the people and settings of the Bible and imagine that we are there, beside them, watching it all take place, contemplating each figure in turn.

I've reflected at times on the men in the Easter story. St. Simon of Cyrene, St. Joseph of Arimathea, and St. John, among others, showed admirable support for Jesus during and after his Passion.

Now I'd like to turn some thought to the women in the story too. Their role is so important and thought-provoking for all Christians.

In fact, the role that women play in the Easter story highlights what philosopher Alice von Hildebrand called "the privilege of being a woman" in her book of that name. She wrote,

As soon as we abandon a secularistic interpretation of the Bible, we can perceive that, from a supernatural point of view, women are actually granted a privileged position in the economy of redemption.

These women's roles in the Easter story show their extraordinary closeness to Christ during his Passion.

ST. MARY OF MAGDALA

St. Mary Magdalene was the first person to see the Risen Lord. Von Hildebrand writes,

The first witness of the resurrection was a woman: Mary Magdalene. Typically enough, the apostles refused to believe her testimony... She knew that she had been privileged to see the risen Lord and did not try to justify herself. She knew the One she loved would defend her by appearing to those whose faith had faltered... She knew He was the conqueror of death, now a triumphant victor. Mary Magdalene believed more strongly because she loved more.

THE WOMEN WHO HAD FOLLOWED HIM FROM GALILEE

Several women ("the other Mary," Salome, Joanna, and others) traveled with Jesus and supported his ministry. They did not flee his Passion, as most of his disciples did, but followed the Way of the Cross and were present when he died. Von Hildebrand writes,

Simon of Cyrene did indeed help carry Christ's cross, but St. Luke tells us explicitly that "he was forced" to do so. The holy women certainly envied Him: How they would have welcomed the possibility of partaking physically in the sufferings of the one they loved so ardently.



THE MOURNING WOMEN

"The women of Jerusalem weep over the fate of the Holy One unjustly condemned to death while the soldiers brutally mistreat Him," von Hildebrand writes. Their weeping highlights a holy compassion and concern for others.

ST. VERONICA

One of the few people to offer a gesture of kindness during Christ's Passion, St. Veronica is a powerful example of how **even the smallest act of love is always worth it.**

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Of course, Our Lady played an all-important role. She stood with Jesus as he died, and it was into her arms that they laid his broken and lifeless body. Von Hildebrand writes,

The fourth station pictures the Savior meeting His beloved mother; not a word is said about this heartbreaking encounter, but the faithful are challenged to meditate reverently upon this scene of ultimate love and ultimate sorrow which renders words meaningless.

Theresa Civantos Barber
March 28, 2024 | Aleteia.org

<https://aleteia.org/2023/04/08/the-inspiring-women-who-were-with-christ-at-the-first-easter/>



FAMILY FAITH EASTER WEEK HIGHLIGHTS!



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PRESENTS

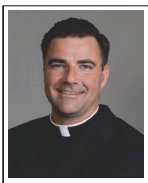
A Five Week Easter Series *with* Fr Jared Brogan

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UPCOMING WEDNESDAYS:

April 17 & 24, May 1 & 8

7 pm | Madonna Hall



FR. JARED BROGAN was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. He was educated at Xavier High School, Manhattan, St. Joseph's University, NY (BA in Speech Communications) and the Steinhardt Graduate School of Education at New York University (MA in Speech-Language Pathology). He completed his studies for the Priesthood at St. John's University, Queens, NY, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington, NY, and Theological College at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. On May 28, 2011 Fr. Jared was ordained a priest by Bishop Serratelli. Prior to entering the seminary, he worked as a Speech-Language Pathologist for the New York City Department of Education. Fr. Jared has ministered in various capacities throughout his priesthood. He served as parochial vicar at St. Margaret of Scotland, Morristown, NJ (2011-2013); St. Philip the Apostle, Clifton, NJ (2013-2015); and pastor of St. Catherine of Siena, Mountain Lakes (2015-2020). He also served as an assistant vocation director (2014-2017). Fr. Brogan has been part of various diocesan committees, on the Presbyteral Council and College of Consultors for several terms, and on boards and membership in national groups including the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions. In January 2021, he was appointed Director of the Office of Divine Worship and Diocesan Master of Ceremonies for the Diocese of Paterson. That same year, he began further studies at the Liturgical Institute, University of St. Mary of the Lake at Mundelein Seminary, completing a Licentiate in Sacred Theology in 2023 (Liturgical Studies and Sacramental Theology). In August 2023, Father Brogan was appointed an adjunct professor of Systematic Theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology.



Mother Teresa's 10 essential ways to grow in humility

Cerith Gardiner | February 14, 2024
 St. Teresa of Calcutta's advice is particularly pertinent in today's digital age.

Lent gives us the opportunity to reflect on how we can use our faith to be our best selves. And there's no greater example than the life of the much-loved saint, Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

The saint, who devoted her long life to serving the poor, often shared some simple ways in which we can improve ourselves on a daily basis. And in *The Joy in Loving: A Guide to Daily Living*, a compilation of her wisdom, we find some essentials for bringing a little more humility into our lives.

Interestingly, Mother Teresa died before the turn of this century, yet hers is advice that we should really adhere to today. This is particularly true as we navigate the world of social media, in which people sometimes feel capable of sharing opinions and ideas that are far from humble.

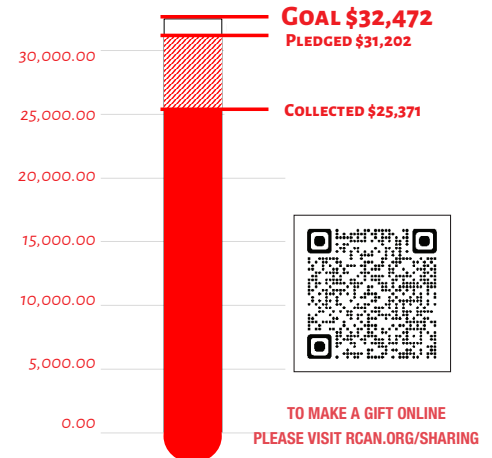
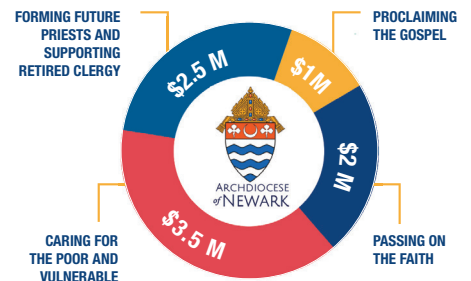
The Joy in Loving shares these steps to humility from Mother Teresa, and as you'll see, most of them **unwittingly provide the basic guidelines for being a good communicator on social media:**

- ✓ To speak as little as possible of one's self.
- ✓ To mind one's own business.
- ✓ Not to want to manage other people's affairs.
- ✓ To avoid curiosity.
- ✓ To pass over the mistakes of others.
- ✓ To accept insults and injuries.
- ✓ To accept being slighted, forgotten and disliked.
- ✓ To be kind and gentle even under provocation.
- ✓ Never to stand on one's dignity.
- ✓ To choose always the hardest.

While we can take these pearls of wisdom to live a more humble life, we can also be sure to share them with our children to help them not only behave more virtuously in their daily lives, but also to be kind when online.

Stewardship of Treasury week ending March 29		
Collections	Weekly	Fiscal YTD
Budgeted	\$6,692	\$254,308
Actual	\$8,241	\$285,137
Excess (Deficit)	\$1,548	\$30,829
Means of Giving	Weekly	YTD
Envelopes	69	2,113
Loose checks	11	398
Other	2	135
Online gifts	65	2,308

2024 ANNUAL APPEAL



ST. TERESA'S SOCIETY FOR SENIORS

Thursday, April 18

1-3 PM | POPE FRANCIS HALL

Join us for Part 2 of our Church Tour!

Mike Farrelly, a member of our parish's RCIA team and town historian, will continue sharing his knowledge about our church. We'll have our refreshments in Pope Francis Hall, and then walk over to the church.

Please join us! Bring a friend!