

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH

MAY 19, 2024 | Pentecost Sunday



Come, Holy Spirit!

Parish Info

PARISH CENTER CONTACT:

1 Munn Street, Montclair, NJ
PHONE: 973.744.5650 FAX: 973.744.7936
EMAIL: info@montclaircatholics.org

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY 9am-4pm
TUESDAY - THURSDAY 9:30 am-3:30 pm
OFFICE CLOSED Friday, Saturday and Sunday



PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor, REV. A. BENNY PRADO

Business Manager, PATTY SITAR
Patty@montclaircatholics.org

Faith Formation Coordinator, MARY PETERS
familyfaith@montclaircatholics.org

Technology, JOSHUA BENEVENTO
Joshua@montclaircatholics.org

Parish Secretary, SAMANTHA FUSI
Samantha@montclaircatholics.org

Receptionist, LUCILLA PIERINI
lucilla@montclaircatholics.org

Maintenance
JOE ZICHELLI
joe@montclaircatholics.org
JOE MULFORD

Parish Trustees
JAN ZIOBRO • RENEE BIANCAMANO

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CEMETERY

Supervisor, CHRISSY NASCE
chrissy@montclaircatholics.org

PHONE: (973) - 744-5939
FAX: (973) -744- 5659

712 Grove Street
Montclair NJ 07042

MASS SCHEDULE

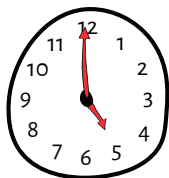
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
30 North Fullerton Avenue, Montclair

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

PLEASE
NOTE:



Mass Schedule change
beginning June 1:
Saturday Vigil Mass
5:00 pm

THE Legacy FUND

This fund is specific to our parish needs and also helps support our ministries and community outreach and programs. Your online contributions can also be directed toward The Legacy Fund.

Thank you for your generous giving

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 18

5:30 pm † All Souls in Purgatory
† Barbara Ann Ellert

SUNDAY, MAY 19

8:00am † John & Marie Carrara

10:30am † Elizabeth Fleming
† Giuseppe Pandolfo

6:00 pm † Gregorio A. Prado
People of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 20

8:00am † Jeff Panek

TUESDAY, MAY 21

8:00am † Diane Franzese
† Marie Antoinette Lily Sicard

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

8:00am † June Ermick

THURSDAY, MAY 23

8:00am † Nancy Chidichimo

FRIDAY, MAY 24

8:00am † Maria Anna Cavallaro

SATURDAY, MAY 25

5:30 pm † Mario Corado Avila

SUNDAY, MAY 26

8:00am † Darliene Iamele

10:30am † Barbara O'Keefe

6:00 pm People of the Parish

"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, Jacob Rivera, Gloria Dwley, Clara Rojas, John Giustiniani, Cliff Schaffer, Khameryn Oliver, Lindsay Trembulak

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

"... A TIME TO DIE..." Recently Deceased

**ANTHONY J. VENIA
ANNA MARIE LOMBARDI**

USE YOUR GIFTS!

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!
(PS. 104:CF. 30)

By Mrs. Ferguson



I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth!

I am a scientist AND I believe in God! Why do I need to say that? Ask my First Communion children about the story – we had a great discussion after I told them! A few decades back, a father and his two young sons were in a bookstore. While the boys were looking at children's science books on a table, the father said, "Don't look at those books. Scientists don't believe in God." I was standing right next to them; I was shocked, cut to the bone, but didn't respond – something that I regret to this day! As a scientist, I am constantly asking questions. Sometimes I find the answers; but most times, it leads to more questions. Of course, I have asked myself why I believe in God in the first place. I am sure that it started from my parents' unshakable faith, but as I get older, I learned that it goes much deeper than that. I ask myself another question – What is the alternative to believing in God? Perhaps the alternative is believing that all of creation is an accident, happenstance, and that my life has no purpose. How can I look at the wonder and beauty of all of creation, and not believe in our awesome God? How can I believe that each of us has no purpose in life – that our lives are meaningless, that my life is meaningless? So, at this point in my life, I focus on another question:

How can I repay the Lord for all the good he has done for me? (Ps 116:12)

One way is to thank God for everything...all that He has made...all the blessings that God has given me. Another way is to believe in and follow His Son.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord!

Yes, I believe in Jesus, that He is my Savior, that He died for my sins, my offenses. I believe that He gives us hope even in the midst of the worst situations, as in the words of St. John Paul II "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are an Easter people and Hallelujah is our song!" If I believe in Jesus, the Blessed Hope, then I ask, what is the best way to follow Him? Is it enough to try and be a good person, and go to Church? That's probably a good start, but I think Jesus wants more from us... more compassion, more acceptance, more love, more forgiveness. I look to Christ's disciples for answers, especially after His death. For example, Mary of Magdala at the tomb, and the two disciples on the road to Emmaus – they didn't recognize the risen Lord at first. How were they able to see His face? I realized with those Easter stories, that Jesus wants us to see His face too, but in all people. After all, we are all children of God. I ask myself – Do you see the face of Christ in others? Am I able to accept, love and forgive someone...all people? It is not easy sometimes, but Jesus provides His life as a model for us, and sent us an Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will guide us to all truth. The truth that is different from just knowledge and answers. The truth that can make us be more loving, more forgiving, true disciples of Christ.

How can I repay Jesus for all He has done for me?

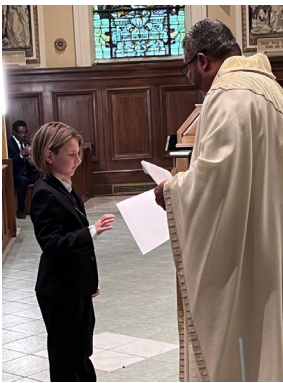
One way is to thank Him for everything...all that He has given me and given up for me. Another way is to believe in and be open to the Holy Spirit, and strengthen and grow His church.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church!

I not only believe in the Holy Spirit, I can feel the action of the Spirit in my life and in the church. Can't you? I can feel the gentle signs, sometimes in a reading from the Bible, or in a Priest's homily, or in a beautiful hymn, or when someone simply plants a seed in my mind and heart. I have been inspired by other disciples in our church to share my gifts, sometimes in ways I never expected. Have you been inspired to share your gifts? If not, then perhaps your answer lies in the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians...look to the spiritual gifts we have been given "for some benefit". Never underestimate the power of the Spirit that has been granted to you as a disciple of Christ! Using your gifts will have some benefit, even if you do not see the effect. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!

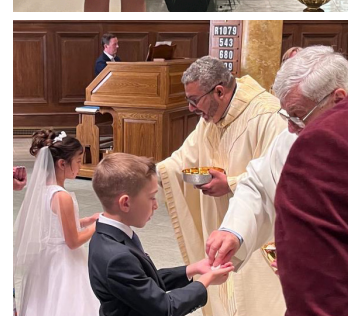
How can I repay the Holy Spirit and the Church for all the good they have done for me?

During this Easter season especially, I find myself asking this question quite often. The Lord has provided me, my family, and my church many blessings. How can I repay Him? Perhaps you have the same question? Allow the Holy Spirit to inspire you to use your gifts to strengthen and grow the church, and renew the face of the earth!



First Holy Communion Ceremonies last weekend!

Congratulations and God Bless our First Communicants!
Welcome to the Table!





SUMMER MISSION TRIP

CATHOLIC CHARITIES RESPITE CENTER
 (McAlLEN, TEXAS | JULY 27, 2024- AUGUST 2, 2024)

Purchase your 50/50 tickets today and help support our teen missionaries traveling to Catholic Charities Respite Center in McAllen, Texas.

With your ticket purchase, we will be able to:

PROVIDE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR OUR 11 TEENS

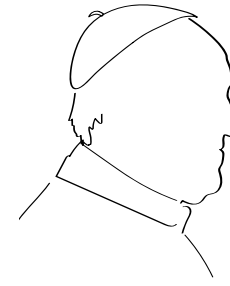
MAKE DONATIONS TO THE RESPITE CENTER FOR SUPPLIES

MEET THE NEEDS OF THE FAMILIES WE ARE SERVING

Additional tickets are available for purchase at our Parish Office, M-F, 9am-4pm

Please look for the collection board located in the back of the Church, with tags of items that are requested for the teens to bring on the Mission trip to McAllen, Texas in July. All items can be returned to the Church, or Parish Office.

The families at the Respite Center are in need of a warm meal, clean clothes, a place to rest, and a welcoming smile, and that's just what we will provide during our week of service.



POPE FRANCIS
 QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The joy of the Gospel consists in this: that God loves us with tenderness and mercy. We are called to make this joyful message resound throughout the world, testifying to it with our lives. May everyone discover the beauty of the love of God manifested in Jesus.

Stewardship of Treasury week ending April May 11-12

| Collections | Weekly | Fiscal YTD |
|------------------|---------|------------|
| Budgeted | \$6,692 | \$261,000 |
| Actual | \$8,629 | \$293,766 |
| Excess (Deficit) | \$1,937 | \$32,766 |
| Means of Giving | Weekly | YTD |
| Envelopes | 64 | 2,177 |
| Loose checks | 12 | 410 |
| Other | 6 | 141 |
| Online gifts | 66 | 2,374 |



ST. TERESA'S SOCIETY FOR SENIORS

Thursday, May 23rd

1-2 PM | POPE FRANCIS HALL | 1 MUNN ST

Join us for Part 2 of our Church Tour!

Join us for a fascinating talk by STCP parishioner Bob Campion - Pilgrimage: The Way to Santiago de Compostela! Light refreshments will be available. Please join us! Bring a friend! If you can, please bring a package of baby diapers (sizes 3-5) or baby wipes to donate to Mercy House.

Online Giving

Are you enrolled?
 It's simple and secure.

