

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH

MARCH 5, 2023 | *The Second Sunday in Lent*

Our Lenten Journey

PRAYER

LOOK AT THE PARABLES
WITH FR. CHRIS CICCARINO
6 Week Bible Study
Wednesdays 7:00pm
March 8, 15, 22,
29 and April 5

IRON SHARPENS
IRON, a Lenten
Study for Men with
Fr. Cesar Jaramillo
Thursdays 7:00pm
March 9, 16, 30

STATIONS
OF THE CROSS
Fridays in Lent 7:00pm

FISH N CHIPS DINNER
AND FELLOWSHIP
Saturday, April 1



FASTING

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

GIVE FROM
YOUR TABLE
TO MARY'S PANTRY

Donate toiletries,
detergents, toilet paper,
baby products, and
other nonperishable
food items.

ALMSGIVING

"INTENSE LOVE DOES NOT MEASURE, IT JUST GIVES."

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Please take an envelope from the Cross.

Parish Info



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MONDAY 9am-4pm
TUESDAY - THURSDAY 9:30 am-3:30 pm
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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, MARCH 4

5:30pm † Souls In Purgatory

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

8:00am People of the Parish

10:30am †John Edward Kinney IV

6:00pm † Evelyn Pena

MONDAY, MARCH 6

8:00am † Roberto Fernandez

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

8:00am † Gregorio Prado

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

8:00am † Gregorio Prado

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

8:00am † Gregorio Prado

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

8:00am † Jim Martin

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

5:30pm † Mario Corrado Avilla

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

8:00am People of the Parish

10:30am † Fred Beckert

6:00pm † Breunig Family

Thank You...

Dear Parishioners,

On February 12, while vacationing with my parents, in our home country of Nicaragua my father passed away. It was sudden and unexpected. It was the hardest and most difficult day of our lives, especially for my Mom. With almost three years of dating and fifty-two years of marriage her companion and love of her life passed away. As you can imagine it has not been easy for any of us; his children, grandchildren and extended family.

The real shock sets in now, learning to navigate life that he is no longer with us in to share. Many of you may have known my Dad from attending Mass, or Parish events, he was a simple and quiet man who dedicated his life to his family. To our family he was a strong, humble and faithful husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

On behalf of my family I want to thank you for your prayers, your kindnesses, and for your support. Your thoughtfulness has been most appreciated.

-Fr Benny



"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, Michael Arminio Jr., 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, Genevieve Johnston, Ferruccio Intrivici, Frank Gallo, Barbara Regan, Paula Scaglione, Jose Fidalgo Sr, Bridget Connell, Jaxson Rivera, Carole DeCepoli, Oneida Fernandez, Michelina Giuliano, Chester Karnas Jr., Laurie Steffy, Laura McGannon, Joseph Carrier, Fabiola Fong

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

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

Recently Deceased
THOMAS LENNEY
JOAN ANN PRACHAR
MONSIGNOR DAVID C. HUBBA



Lenten Regulations

A reflection on the second Sunday of Lent

THE GOSPEL FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT IS MATTHEW'S ACCOUNT OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS ATOP THE HIGH MOUNTAIN. All four Gospels contain an account of Christ's Transfiguration indicating the significance of the event from the very beginnings of Christ's Church on earth. Throughout the Bible, high mountains are used as settings of important biblical events. For Jesus they were always a place for prayer and contemplation, a place where he could, for brief periods of time, separate himself from the large crowds and focus on his relationship with his heavenly Father. Perhaps the ancient writers saw mountaintops as places closer to heaven, far above the daily trials and tribulations of earthly life, a place where silence allows us to truly hear the voice of God and thus better discern his will for us.

The Transfiguration of Christ frightened the apostles who accompanied him to the mountaintop. They did not yet fully understand the nature of his divinity and his power over both heaven and earth. Jesus was a teacher, however, and tried to use the Transfiguration to instruct his closest friends on the importance of prayer and the absolute need to remain obedient to the will of our heavenly Father. The voice of God spoke an eternal truth:

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

God was pleased with Jesus because of his complete obedience to his will; never choosing to follow his own longings or desires but always listening to his Father's voice and submitting to his will. God tells Christ's apostles to listen to him. A simple command but one so very difficult for them and we are human beings thus subject to human frailties and weaknesses. Our holy desires want close relationship with God but the material pleasures of the world constantly seek to pull us away from him.

PRAYER, AS JESUS DEMONSTRATED THROUGHOUT HIS PUBLIC MINISTRY, IS OUR SECRET WEAPON; for when we pray, we move closer to God, sharing intimate words of love, need and gratitude. When we pray the world, for a brief moment in time, suddenly becomes less frightening and more welcoming to the things of the spirit. We focus more intensely on our creator and less on our own needs and desires. It is like being on top of a high mountain, silence pervades and we can hear the voice of God telling us he loves us, is proud of us and wants us to be with him in his kingdom. Through prayer we too can become transfigured; changed from human beings of sinfulness and vanity into children of God; men, women and children striving to live lives of holiness and good works. As we continue our Lenten journey let us find time for prayer. It is our lifeline to heaven.

1

- The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

- Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.
- On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2

The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 26 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 4, 2023.

**Canon 920, § 1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

February 10, 2023 | Office of the Vicar General
Archdiocese of Newark



Ad resurgendum cum Christo

("To Rise With Christ")

Below is the [continued] English text of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) Instruction Ad resurgendum cum Christo ("To Rise With Christ"), released at Roman Noon on October 25, 2016 regarding burial rites involving the ashes/cremains of the deceased.

We will be featuring parts 5-8 in the following bulletins.

3.

*F*ollowing the most ancient Christian tradition, the Church insistently recommends that the bodies of the deceased be buried in cemeteries or other sacred places. In memory of the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord, the mystery that illumines the Christian meaning of death, burial is above all the most fitting way to express faith and hope in the resurrection of the body. The Church who, as Mother, has accompanied the Christian during his earthly pilgrimage, offers to the Father, in Christ, the child of her grace, and she commits to the earth, in hope, the seed of the body that will rise in glory.

By burying the bodies of the faithful, the Church confirms her faith in the resurrection of the body, and intends to show the great dignity of the human body as an integral part of the human person whose body forms part of their identity. She cannot, therefore, condone attitudes or permit rites that involve erroneous ideas about death, such as considering death as the definitive annihilation of the person, or the moment of fusion with Mother Nature or the universe, or as a stage in the cycle of regeneration, or as the definitive liberation from the "prison" of the body. Furthermore, burial in a cemetery or another sacred place adequately corresponds to the piety and respect owed to the bodies of the faithful departed who through Baptism have become temples of the Holy Spirit and in which "as instruments and vessels the Spirit has carried out so many good works".

Tobias, the just, was praised for the merits he acquired in the sight of God for having buried the dead, and the Church considers the burial of dead one of the corporal works of mercy.

Finally, the burial of the faithful departed in cemeteries or other sacred places encourages family members and the whole Christian community to pray for and remember the dead, while at the same time fostering the veneration of martyrs and saints.

Through the practice of burying the dead in cemeteries, in churches or their environs, Christian tradition has upheld the relationship between the living and the dead and has opposed any tendency to minimize, or relegate to the purely private sphere, the event of death and the meaning it has for Christians.

4.

*I*n circumstances when cremation is chosen because of sanitary, economic or social considerations, this choice must never violate the explicitly-stated or the reasonably inferable wishes of the deceased faithful. The Church raises no doctrinal objections to this practice, since cremation of the deceased's body does not affect his or her soul, nor does it prevent God, in his omnipotence, from raising up the deceased body to new life. Thus cremation, in and of itself, objectively negates neither the Christian doctrine of the soul's immortality nor that of the resurrection of the body.

The Church continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased, because this shows a greater esteem towards the deceased. Nevertheless, cremation is not prohibited, "unless it was chosen for reasons contrary to Christian doctrine". In the absence of motives contrary to Christian doctrine, the Church, after the celebration of the funeral rite, accompanies the choice of cremation, providing the relevant liturgical and pastoral directives, and taking particular care to avoid every form of scandal or the appearance of religious indifferentism.



WHERE?
Catholic Charities Respite Center
[McAllen, Texas]

WHEN?
July 22, 2023 - July 28, 2023

WHO IS ELIGIBLE
-Students in grades 10-12
-Up to 15 students per parish

COST: \$1,200
- \$400 deposit out of pocket
- \$800 fundraised
(Up to 50% of the deposit is refundable)

APPLY FOR TRIP:
Applications are due
by March 31, 2023

 ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA
[MONTCLAIR]
  ST. TERESA OF AVILA
[SUMMIT]
  ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
[CEDAR GROVE]

PROVERBS 27:17

IRON

SHARPENS

IRON

A LENTEN STUDY FOR MEN WITH

FR. CESAR JARAMILLO

THURSDAYS 7:00PM
MARCH 9, 16, 30

A **LOOK** at the
PARABLES
with **FR CHRIS CICCARINO**



**Six Week
Adult Bible Study!**

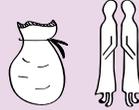
All are welcome!
Wednesdays | 7 PM
Madonna Hall
(Church Basement)

Week 2 **March 8**

■ TBD

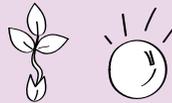
Week 3 **March 15**

- THE PARABLE OF THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT
- THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS



Week 4 **March 22**

- THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER
- THE PARABLE OF THE HIDDEN TREASURE AND PEARL OF GREAT PRICE



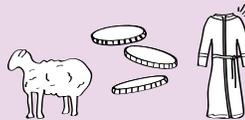
Week 5 **March 29**

- THE PARABLE OF THE PHARISEE & THE TAX COLLECTOR
- THE PARABLE OF THE GREAT BANQUET



Week 6 **April 5**

- THE PARABLES OF THE LOST:
LOST SHEEP, LOST COINS,
AND LOST SONS



**ABOUT
FR. CHRIS**



Reverend Christopher M. Ciccarino grew up in Scotch Plains and is the youngest of five. He attended Bucknell University, majoring in history and religion, then entered seminary. After a year of Pre-Theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary, he continued at the North American College in Rome. He completed an S.T.B. at the Pontifical Gregorian University and was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark on May 25, 1996. Archbishop John Myers appointed him to the faculty of Immaculate Conception Seminary and asked him to return to Rome for graduate studies. Fr. Ciccarino completed an S.S.L. at the Pontifical Biblical Institute and an S.T.D. at the Pontifical Gregorian University.



God Bless the Newly Baptized!



God Bless Mario Michael



God Bless Thomas Alberic

Stewardship of Treasury
week ending Feb 17

805 REGISTERED FAMILIES

Collections	Weekly	Fiscal YTD
Budgeted	\$7,098	\$227,136
Actual	\$6,593	\$211,827
Excess (Deficit)	(\$505)	(\$15,309)
Means of Giving	Weekly	YTD
Envelopes	56	1,757
Loose checks	12	261
Other	1	100
Online gifts	60	1,963

Annual Appeal the 2023

The 2023 Annual Appeal is underway! We have \$14,170 already pledged.

This is 43.4% of our goal of \$32,674.

The outpouring of support from many parishioners like you helps sustain the important ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark. These programs help to make our own parish a more vibrant place of worship.

If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge envelope at the back of the church or visit www.rcan.org/sharing.

