

March 1, 2026

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“Come and See”

John 1:39

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

“And he was transfigured before them...”
Matthew 5:17:1-9

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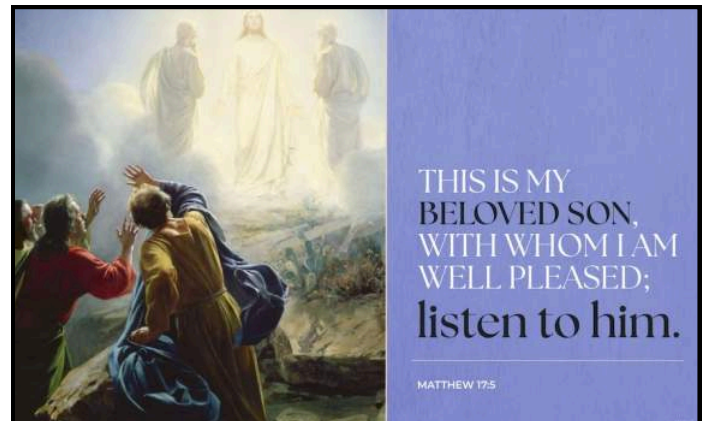
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Our Eucharistic Celebration

Saturday in Anticipation 5:30 PM
**Sunday 7:30 AM, 9 AM (Spanish),
10:30 AM, 12 Noon**

Weekdays: 12:05 PM
Saturday: 8 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 4 PM - 5 PM and by appointment

Holy Days of Obligation
5:30 Vigil, 7AM, 12 , 7PM

Our Communal Devotions

Eucharistic Adoration
First Friday of the Month
11 AM Holy Hour
6:30 PM KofC Rosary / Stations of the Cross
during Lent
7PM Mass & Adoration

Novena to St. Jude and Anointing of Sick
First Tuesday of the month
following the Noon Mass

Our Mother of Perpetual Help & St. Joseph
Wed 6 PM

Sunday, March 1st Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 am - Kathy Steffens
9:00 am - People of the Parish - Spanish
10:30 am - Elena Jordan
12:00 noon - Maria Picinic & Ignacio Wust



Monday, March 2nd - Lenten Weekday

12:05 pm - Fr. Jose Maria Parcon

Tuesday, March 3rd - St. Katharine Drexel

12:05 pm - Zachary Abdel Salam

Wednesday, March 4th - St. Casimir

12:05 pm - Charles & Katherine Rotondaro

Thursday, March 5th - Lenten Weekday

12:05 pm - Joan Sturmfels (Living)

Friday, March 6th - First Friday

12:05 pm - Janet DeFelice

7:00 pm - People of the Parish

Saturday, March 7th - Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

8:00 am - Memorial Mass

4:00 pm - Confession

5:30 pm - Rosaelvira Pozu

Sunday, March 8th - Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 am - Rosina Minutella

9:00 am - People of the Parish - Spanish Mass

10:30 am - Kathy Steffens

12:00 Noon - Marie Roesing



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THE WORD OF GOD

Sunday: Genesis 12: 1-4a /

2 Tim 1:8b-10 / Matt 17: 1-9

Monday Daniel 9:4b-10 / Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 / Matt 23:1-12

Wednesday Jeremiah 18:18-20 / Matt 20:17-28

Thursday Jeremiah 17:5-10 / Luke 16:19-31

Friday Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a /

Matt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 / Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday Exodus 17:3-7 /Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 /

John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



Reflections for Sunday's Readings

Reading I: Genesis 12: 1-4a

The great grandfather of Israel is Abraham. This holy man, "our father in faith" as the First Eucharistic prayer calls him, showed heroic trust in God. He is also the divinely chosen mediator of worldwide blessings.

Reading II: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Paul is alone and chained like a criminal as part of his holy calling. He tells his readers that the grace we receive from God is free and unmerited. Only if we cooperate with it can we hope to reach our life's goal.

The Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

Jesus' transfiguration confirms His divine Sonship. It also strengthened the faith of three early Church leaders, just after Jesus had made His first Passion prediction.

Memorial Intentions

The **Altar Bread** is in memory of
People of the Parish



The **Sanctuary Lamp** is memory of
Constance Lombardi



We pray for those in our parish who are sick:
Denise Van Heumen and Nancy Van Es, the homebound, patients in Hudson Regional, Meadowview Hospital, Hudson Manor and the Fountain at the Manor.

We pray for all those called home
to God especially,

Doris Doyle, Umberto Aversa



The Journey of Faith

Sacrament of Baptism

Celebrated on the Second and Fourth Sunday of each month. Parents are asked to make arrangements at least one month in advance by calling the Parish Office.

201-863-4840 or iccofficemail@gmail.com

Sacrament of First Communion

Contact Veronica Stuart, Catechetical Leader.

201-309-5584 or veronicas.icc@gmail.com

Sacrament of Confirmation

Offered to High School Freshman.

Contact Veroinica, Catechetical Leader.

201-309-5584 or veronicas.icc@gmail.com

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples contemplating marriage should speak to a priest at least one year in advance. Contact the Parish office to make arrangements.

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Anointing of the Sick

If you or a loved one would like to receive an anointing due to serious illness, injury, or the frailty of old age, please contact the Parish Office.

201-863-4840 or iccofficemail@gmail.com.

For after-hours emergencies, please follow the prompts on our main phone line.

Christian Initiation for Adults

(OCIA, formerly RCIA)

For those who wish to enter the Catholic faith, those Baptized in another Christian faith or Catholics who need to complete full initiation: Baptism-Eucharist-Confirmation.

Classes are Sundays/Sept-April at 1:15pm.

Please contact Don Caputo at

adultfaithformation.icc@gmail.com

Bereavement Ministry

If you've lost a loved one and are seeking bereavement support, our confidential, caring, and supporting group meets every Tuesday in Notre Dame Hall at 7PM. For more information email **iccbereavement@gmail.com**

Vocations Ministry

Pray for Vocations. Contact the parish office for weekly sponsorship of the Vocations Cross.

201-863-4840 or iccofficemail@gmail.com

Pastor's Corner



By now, the ashes of Wednesday have long faded from our foreheads, but their message should be settling deep within our souls: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." March finds us in the heart of the Lenten desert. This is not a season of passive waiting, but of active transformation through our three pillars:

Prayer: To reconnect our voices with the Father.

Fasting: To quiet the noise of our desires and hunger for what truly satisfies.

Almsgiving: To see the face of Christ in our neighbor and hold our earthly gifts with a looser grip.

Lent is often called a "joyful season of penance." While that sounds like a contradiction, it is the truth of the Gospel. We strip away the excess not to be empty, but to be filled with the grace of the Resurrection.

As we continue this journey, let us not be discouraged by our stumbles. Each day is a fresh opportunity to turn back to the Lord with our whole heart.

In Christ,
Father Sergio, Pastor



The following individuals will be remembered in a special way during our **Monthly Memorial Mass for March.** We invite their families and the entire community to join us in prayer.

March Remembrances:

Sophie Cali

Fannie Chzanowski

Simona De Luna

Alexander Lisondra, Jr.

Nilo Maniwang

Fr. Redempto Maniwang

William A. Pein

Mike & Joan Schneeweiss

Joseph Spiekermann

Emmitt Thompson

Maria Luisa Zuleta

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."



Sick or Homebound



If you or someone you know are unable to attend Mass due to ill health or hospital stay and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Tony Aiello through the parish office 201-863-4840




On this Second Sunday in Lent, we journey from the wilderness to the mountain top. As we witness the Transfiguration of Christ, we are reminded that even in the shadows of our Lenten discipline, the glory of God is ever-present. Today, we pray for the clarity to see His light and the courage to follow Him back down into the valley to serve.

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A SPECIAL EVENT

A Lenten Reflection

featuring



The Most Reverend
Pedro Bismarck Chau,
D.D
Auxiliary Bishop of
Newark

**Wednesday
March 18th
ICC @7PM**

Join us for an evening of spiritual nourishment and shared wisdom.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH SECAUCUS

Lenten Penance Service

to grow,
reflect,
and
draw closer
to Him.

**Monday March 23
ICC 7PM**

Saint Peter the Apostle
PARISH MISSION
Come be inspired. Go serve with mercy.

Lenten

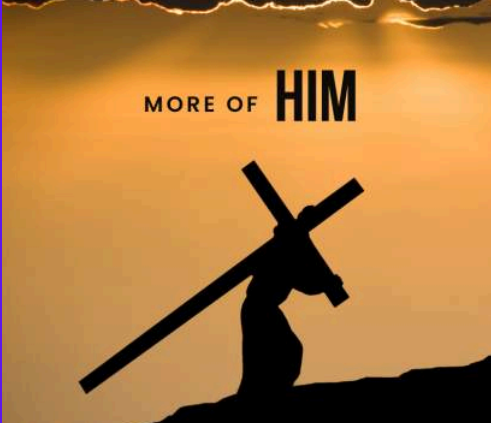


**MARCH 1ST
SUNDAY | 7:00 PM**
445 Fifth Avenue
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Guest Speaker:
SR. PIA JUDE
Sisters of Life

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LESS OF ME MORE OF HIM



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT 7PM**

Living Stations of the Cross

Join our parish family in this powerful, prayerful presentation of Christ's Passion. Our young people will bring the Stations of the Cross to life through living portrayals, music, and reflection.

Help share the story of Jesus' love and sacrifice.
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Good Friday
7pm
ICC Church



For more information please contact:
Veronica Stuart
201-309-5584
Veronika.stuart@gmail.com




LENT

PRAY + FAST + GIVE

Will You Consider Giving Back This Lenten Season?

King's Kitchen

Volunteers work in teams to provide home bound senior citizens in town a home cooked meal every Saturday of the month

HOW CAN I HELP?

- Donate (food containers, fresh meats, grains, fresh or frozen vegetables, appetizers, desserts, dinner rolls, beverages)
- Buy and cook parts of the meal in the comfort of your own home (entree, side, appetizer, dessert)
- Meet at ICC Cafeteria at 9AM any Saturday to assemble the meals *must contact Agnes in advance*

Contact:
Mrs. Agnes Bowman
agnes.bowman21@gmail.com
201-456-9584



"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..."
Mt 25:35



PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



Rites of Continuing Conversion & Election

Last Sat Feb 21st, as is tradition, our parish joyfully celebrated sending our OCIA Candidates who are answering the call to continue conversion for Reception into Full Communion with the Eucharist and Confirmation. They joined Cardinal Tobin and over 400 others from the Archdiocese at the Cathedral Basilica for the *Call to Continuing Conversion*.

Today, on the Second Sunday of Lent we offer our Elect, the unbaptized who are entering their final, intense preparation for Baptism, Confirmation, and The Eucharist, with the Rite of Election. Due to the storm last Sunday, the Rite was cancelled and Cardinal Tobin gave the authority to each parish Pastor to administer the Rite. We will celebrate together as a community Sunday March 1st at the 12 Mass. The Rite of Election this year would have brought an unprecedented 700 Catechumen to the Cathedral. In total, approximately 1,100 OCIA elect from our area are seeking initiation into the Catholic church.

The largest in the history of the Archdiocese of Newark!

Please keep all our OCIA Elect in your prayers as they continue this journey, that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and that our parish may support them with our prayers and examples of faith.



Rosary Society Monthly Meeting!

Monday, March 2nd at 7PM.
Mass celebrated followed by Stations of the Cross in Notre Dame Hall Chapel

Meeting to follow

Anyone interested in becoming a Rosarian is encouraged to come and see what we are all about!



Rosarian Easter Candy Drive!
featuring Gertrude Hawk Chocolates



Time is running out!

Only on-lines are being accepted until March 22nd.
Candy will be available the week before Easter.

Pick up a green and white order packet at the church doors for ordering details or contact Betty Ann at 201-866-8521 or Debbie @ 201-937-8666 for more information.



Solemnity of Saint Joseph

Join us for Holy Mass
Thursday, March 19, 2026
Mass 7PM



"He was chosen by the Eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures."
St. Bernardino of Siena

Following Mass, please join us in the Gym for the traditional St. Joseph's Table.

Please bring a dish and drinks of your choice to share with everyone.

Contact or questions:
Menchu Sanchez - 201-725-2416.
All are invited.



We invite you to move past hesitation and join us for this life-changing spiritual encounter.

Time is running out! Registration forms MUST be in by the end of March.

While concerns about safety in the Holy Land are understandable, Cardinal Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, offers a reassuring perspective for those considering a pilgrimage.

He affirms that journeys to the region are currently "absolutely safe" following the ceasefire and the end of major conflicts.

Beyond physical security, the Cardinal emphasizes that this is a "wonderful experience of encounter with Jesus Christ," promising that those who visit will find their faith becoming stronger and more concrete.



ICC Comunidad Hispana

Viacrucis en Español
Todos los viernes de Cuaresma
Hora: 7:45pm

Continuará todos los viernes hasta Marzo 27 y Abril 3 a las 7pm nos unimos al grupo en Inglés despues de la misa.



Retiro de Cuaresma
Fecha: **Sábado Marzo 21, 2026**
Hora: 9am - 3pm

Lugar: Gimnasio de la escuela/Iglesia ICC
Puertas abren a las 8am.
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O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.



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TAKE-OUT or EAT-IN Meatless Friday Dinner

Fish Fry with Potato Salad,
Cole Slaw, Dessert & Beverages
Friday, March 27, 2026
served from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Catered by *Filomena's Deli*
at Immaculate Conception Church
Cafeteria (Centre Avenue Entrance)
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Boy Scout Troop 222 cordially invites you to attend the



Eagle Scout Court of Honor
for
Benjamin Mac La
Oliver Paolo Bucnape

Saturday, March 28, 2026 | 1:00 PM
Immaculate Conception Church Gymnasium
780 Post Place, Secaucus, NJ 07094
Reception Following the Ceremony

Please RSVP by March 7th, 2026
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Pray for Vocations.

Lord Jesus, as you once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: 'Come, follow me!' Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to your voice.

Amen



Our Vocations Cross
Host:
Week of Feb 22:
The Clair Family
Week of Mar 1:
The Bujnowski Family

Happy Birthday Blessings!

Blessings to everyone in our parish family celebrating a birthday in **March.**

We celebrate the gift of your life and thank God for your presence in our community. May your special day be filled with peace and the love of Christ!



ICC Youth Faith Formation!



Volunteers NEEDED

CATECHIST & YOUTH LEADERS

We need help with

- Catechist teachers for the 2026-2027 school year
- Youth Ministry Leaders

No experience nec. We will help train you and assist you in getting certified.

For more info: Contact Veronica at Immaculate Conception Church

1219 Paterson Plank Rd, Secaucus NJ
201-309-5584
veronicas.icc@gmail.com



ICC YOUTH GROUP SOCIAL MEET-UP

ST. PATRICK'S THEME- WEAR GREEN!

DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH, 2026
TIME: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
LOCATION: ICC CAFE

★ ICEBREAKERS • GAMES • FAITH CHAT
★ BREAKOUT GROUPS BY AGE (MIDDLE + HIGH SCHOOL)
★ PARENTS MAY DROP OFF & PICK UP IN THE ICC CAFE
★ DINNER & SNACKS PROVIDED (FREE!)

RSVP BY MARCH 10. INVITE A FRIEND!

FUN FACT: ST. PATRICK USED THE LITTLE SHAMROCK TO EXPLAIN THE HOLY TRINITY — 3 LEAVES, 1 CLOVER... GET IT? ★ GOD IS SO CREATIVE!





JOIN WHATSAPP UPDATES FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM: @ICC_YOUTH_SECAUCUS RSVP HERE (MARCH 13)

YOUTH GROUP TEAM CONTACTS
VERONICA: 201-309-5584 | GABY: 917-701-0395 | JOSE: 347-601-1646
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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



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