



6th
SUNDAY OF EASTER

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always." - Jn 14:15-16

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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Mass Schedule

Weekends:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Family Mass 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Weekdays:

Mon. - Fri. 7:30 a.m. (Rectory Chapel)
Saturday 9:00 a.m. (Rectory Chapel)
Mon. - Fri. 12:00 NN (SMMC Chapel)
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Mass and Prayer Group
(Rectory Chapel)

Holydays – As announced

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MISSION STATEMENT

We at Immaculate Conception Church are a welcoming community of faith that strives to carry out the mission of Jesus by journeying in faith, sharing in joy, and living in hope. Come join us.

Adoration and Holy Hour

First Wednesday of each month 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 p.m.
Rosary 6:00 p.m. followed by Benediction and Mass

Parish Membership

All new families are welcome to the parish and are encouraged to become actively involved. New parishioners should register at the Rectory as soon as possible.

Sacraments

Baptism – On an individual basis by appointment. Please contact the Rectory Office.

Reconciliation – By appointment

Matrimony – Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

Ministry to the Sick – Please inform the Staff about anyone confined in your home or in a Nursing Home. Communion is brought regularly to the homebound.



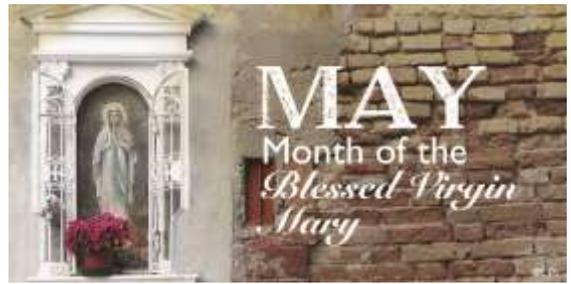
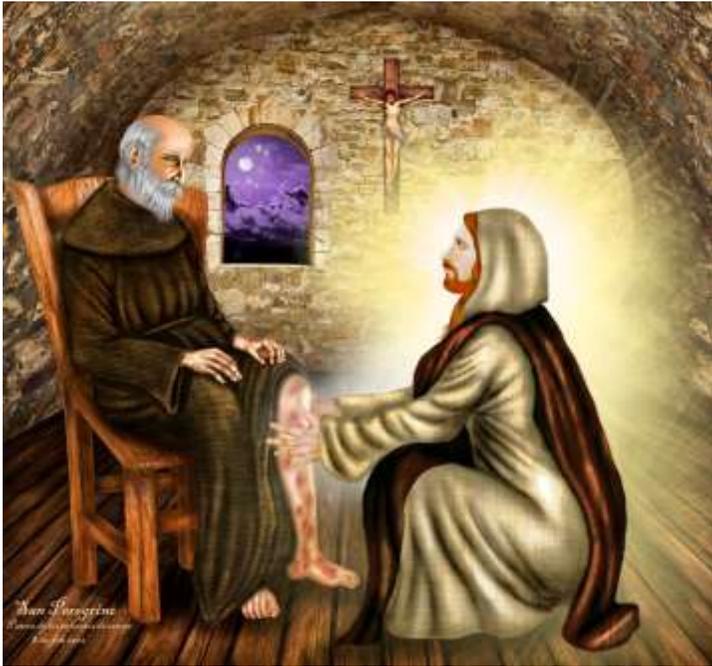
Bulletin Deadline: Friday at Noon

Parish Meetings

St. Vincent de Paul: 7:00 p.m. Monday in rectory

Adult Choir: 2:00 p.m. Tuesday in church

Religious Education: Sundays, bi-monthly from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon



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My children could never succeed
without their mother and me.
That isn't me thinking too much of ourselves,
it is just a fact.
No one can find success in life in total isolation.
I could never have become
who I am today without my parents,
various teachers and mentors, and my wife.
Truth be told,
I probably owe a lot of who I am to my children as well.

I can only imagine the fear and concern
of the first disciples
when it was apparent that
Jesus was not going to be with them much longer.
Some probably thought
since Jesus had risen from the dead,
he might just live with them in the same way forever.
But Jesus tried to calm their fears by assuring them,
"I will not leave you orphans."
He said he would continue to come
to them and that he would send the Spirit to be
with them at all times.
They would not have to continue
what he had started and preach the good news
to the ends of the earth on their own.

We may sometimes feel that we are alone.
We may at times try to do too much or
show others that we are independent and strong.
However, without the help of others,
without the help of God,
true success will always elude us.
Our actions and words can become empty.
The gifts we have received can either
be cultivated in secret and in the shadows,
or we can welcome the help that God
provides in his Spirit, his community,
and the sacraments he gave us.
By working together
the world will truly know
the power of the risen Lord.

Video Recorded Mass
to
St. Peregrine
will be

**celebrated for the many cancer
patients, family members, and friends
who come to pray and find comfort
and strength.**

It should be available on
Facebook and on our website
iclowell.org
no later than
Wednesday, May 20, 2020



COMPLETION OF
2019 ANNUAL GIVING PROGRAM

MEMORIAL GIFTS

John J. Carvile '59
by James M. MacLaughlin

Theresa J. Gavin
by Ann Marie Gavin



**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL
OUR ARMED FORCES**

Lance CPL James Bakanosky	U.S. Marines	AFGHANISTAN
Sgt. James R. Boudreau	U.S. Army	Newport, RI
Capt. Christopher Buck,	U.S. Army	Clarksville, TN
Lance CPL Michael P Crowley	U.S. Marines	AFGHANISTAN
Corp. James Farley	U.S. Marines	Special Forces Mideast
SN Michael Gendron		U.S Coast Guard
Gunnery Sgt. Michael G. Hill	U.S. Marines,	Camp Lejeune, NC
Captain Jeremy LaBranche	U.S. Army	Fort Huachuca, AZ
SPC Pieter Lobscher	U.S. Army	AFGHANISTAN
AST 3 Michael Linehan	U.S. Coast Guard	
SN Nicholas Ludwig	U.S. Navy	
A1C Emily McPhillips	Air Force	
Master Sgt. Nicholas Owens	USAF	MacDill AFB
Staff Sgt. John J. Rogers	U.S. Army	Fort Bliss, Texas

NATIONAL GUARD

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WE ARE NOT IN THE SAME BOAT ...

I heard that we are all in the same boat, but it's not like that. We are in the same storm, but not in the same boat. Your ship could be shipwrecked and mine might not be. Or vice versa.

For some, quarantine is optimal. A moment of reflection, of re-connection, easy in flip flops, with a cocktail or coffee. For others, this is a desperate financial & family crisis.

For some that live alone they're facing endless loneliness. While for others it is peace, rest & time with their mother, father, sons & daughters.

With the \$600 weekly increase in unemployment some are bringing in more money to their households than they were working. Others are working more hours for less money due to pay cuts or loss in sales.

Some families of 4 just received \$3400 from the stimulus while other families of 4 saw \$0.

Some were concerned about getting a certain candy for Easter while others were concerned if there would be enough bread, milk and eggs for the weekend.

Some want to go back to work because they don't qualify for unemployment and are running out of money. Others want to kill those who break the quarantine.

Some are home spending 2-3 hours/day helping their child with online schooling while others are spending 2-3 hours/day to educate their children on top of a 10-12 hour workday.

Some have experienced the near death of the virus, some have already lost someone from it and some are not sure if their loved ones are going to make it. Others don't believe this is a big deal.

Some have faith in God and expect miracles during this 2020. Others say the worst is yet to come.

So, friends, we are not in the same boat. We are going through a time when our perceptions and needs are completely different.

Each of us will emerge, in our own way, from this storm. It is very important to see beyond what is seen at first glance. Not just looking, actually seeing.

We are all on different ships during this storm experiencing a very different journey.

Realize that and be kind.

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St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul is an organization that provides person to person services to the needy in our parish.

We are currently seeking new members. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please call the rectory at 978-458-1474 and leave a message for SVDP or speak to Richard Sweeney at one of the weekend Masses.

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TAX REPORT

For those of you who use regular weekly offertory envelopes for your statement of parish contributions, your tax report is ready. Please call the Office 978-458-1474 between 9 and 3.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PARENTS AND CHILDREN

If you have grandparents who would appreciate the bulletin make them a copy of this bulletin if they usually attend Mass and read it. There will be no hard copy it will be on line only. Thank you. Go to: iclowell.org

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