***From Father Jim***

**“Through the steadfast observance of Lent, may we gain pardon for our sins and newness of life after the likeness of your Risen Son.”**

**This closing line of the prayer** said to bless ashes at the start of this Lent serves to direct us along the way from the experience of forgiveness, and to a newness of life. We are reminded in this season of communal renewal that as disciples we believe in the forgiveness of sins. We profess that each Sunday in the Nicene Creed. God has and does act to save us! We are also reminded that a maturing disciple puts on the image of Christ in their minds, hearts, and behavior. Jesus models for us the God of saving love in all his thoughts, words, and deeds.

**In today’s Gospel story** of his tempting in the desert, we find Jesus aware that his work among us as Messiah was not just one option among a variety of options. It was rather a real testing of His love and depth of His commitment to be the person to live the mission His Heavenly Father called Him to embrace.

**In our Lenten devotions this season** we walk once again in the newness of life in Jesus’ image. We are called to look and listen. We look for the opportunities among us to reveal the God of saving love in the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. We listen to the way in which the Spirit of Jesus is at work in us and through us as we embrace the gifts and Beatitudes with which we are blessed.

**We will be gathering as a community** in prayer and support of each other throughout this season of communal renewal. Be sure you pick up the calendar of events for the Lenten season. Let us keep each other in prayer as we ready ourselves for the Great Feast of Easter!

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**Does your child need to be Baptized?**

The next Baptism Class is **March 18th**, 7:00-8:30 pm in the Parish Center. It’s never too early to prepare for the Baptism of your child. Parents are required and Godparents are encouraged to attend. Contact the Parish Office to register at 410-398-1100.

**Adoration for Vocations**

On the 1st Sunday of each month, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament occurs from 1pm-3pm in IC Chapel. Join us to pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life. The next opportunity is, **April 7th.** Contact Dermott Mullan at 410-398-3368.

**Parish Lenten Opportunities:**

**Lent has begun!** We invite you to join us at any one of our many Lenten opportunities.

* **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**
	+ Saturdays, 4:00-4:50pm, IC Church
	+ Sundays, 8:20-8:50am, SJ Church
	+ **Tuesday, March 12,** 10:00am - School Reconciliation Service, open to all
	+ **Wednesday, March 13,** 6:15pm - Rel Ed. Reconciliation Service, open to all
	+ **Wednesday, April 10,** 7:00pm - Parish Reconciliation Service, open to all
	+ **OR** any time by appointment. There will not be any scheduled confessions during the Sacred Triduum (April 18-20)
* **Lenten Devotions and Opportunities:**
	+ **First Sunday for Adoration:** Sunday, April 7 - 1:30-3:00pm - IC Chapel
	+ **Stations of the Cross -** Fridays, 7:00pm - ICC, March 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12
	+ **Shadow Stations of the Cross -** ICS gym March 27, 6:30pm; March 31, 8:45am
	+ **Good Friday Stations of the Cross -** ICC, April 19, 12:00pm
* **Lenten Presentations:**
	+ **“How is ‘The Community Jesus Left Behind’ Our Catholic Church?” - Fr. Michael Connolly, OSFS** - Saturday, April 13, 3:00pm and Sunday, April 14, 1:15pm in IC Chapel
	+ **“Dare to Walk With Jesus” - Michele Chynoweth** - Sunday, April 7, 1:15 in the Parish Center



**March 11, 2019**

8:30 am Cornelius Perrone

**March 12, 2019**

8:30am Tony Sniadowski

**March 13, 2019**

8:30 am Danilo Sanchez (Living Intention)

**March 14, 2019**

8:30 am Zygmunt Bratkowski

**March 15, 2019**

8:30 am Stanley Goscimiak

**March 16, 2019**

8:30 am Luicia Josep Nguyen

5:00 pm Rebecca Harris

**March 17, 2019 Second Sunday of Lent**

7:00 am Phaolo Nguyen Duc Giang

8:30 am Laura and Earl Koch

9:00 am SJ Fr. Anthony Larry, OSFS

10:15 am Gary K. Lilly

12:00 pm People of the Parish

**Readings for next week:**

**2nd Sunday of Lent**

**First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18**

God told Abram that he would give him the land of Egypt and his descendants would become a great people. Abram then made sacrifices to God, cutting them in half. A torch passed between the pieces, as a sign to Abram of God's promise.

**Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1**

Paul urges the Philippians to avoid becoming too interested in material possessions. He reminds them that their most important wealth is their faith in Jesus, which will lead them to eternal life.

**Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36**

Jesus took Peter, John, and James to a mountain to pray. When his clothes grew incredibly white, Moses and Elijah appeared. Then a cloud came down and a voice said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." The disciples who had seen Jesus' glory did not disclose this experience to anyone until much later.

**Daily Readings:**

***1st Sunday of Lent***

**Sunday....................**Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

**Monday**...........................Lv 19:1-12, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday**.........................................Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday**.................................Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday.***..................*Est C: 12, 144-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

**Friday**.........................................Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday**.......................................Dt 26:16-19; Mt 43-48

**Liturgical Ministers Next Week: *March 16th and 17th***

***5:00 pm***

**Altar Servers:** Grace B, Mason H •**EM’s:** Cheryl N, Julie M, Mary Ann E • **Lector:** John N • **Ushers:** Eileen P, Pat C, Bill B

***7:00 am***

**Altar Servers:** Benedict J • **EM’s:** Frank S, Sandra H, Gerald M • **Lector:** Christopher W • **Ushers:** Charles M, William C

***8:30 am***

**Altar Servers:** Sean M, Alex L • **EMs:** Corazon S, Pat K •**Lector:** Louis N •**Ushers:** Anthony D Wendel S Anthony M, Steve C

***9:00 am (SJ)***

**Altar Servers:** Luke T, Matthew T • **EM’s:** Diane C, Tom V, Narcy Z, Peg O, Pat D • **Lector:** Monica V • **Ushers:** Jule V, Bill D, Kevin O

***10:15 am***

**Altar Servers:** Adam M, David M • **EM’s:** Gwen D, Jim D, Richard L • **Lector:** Tina B •**Ushers:** Bob W, Steve A

***12:00 noon***

**Altar Servers:** Henry W, Damian W • **EMs:** David L, Mary C, Charles C • **Lector:** Brigid W • **Ushers:** Teresa G

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word**

 Children’s Liturgy is for children ages 5-8 ONLY. Children

 who are not in this category are asked to stay in church.

**The catechist for Next week, March 17th is:**

Kathy Chamberlin

**Focus for Lent 2019**

**Our focus for Lent this year** will be a reminder that we are always called to be “Walking with Jesus”. We will be gradually surrounded by footprints proclaiming the Corporal Works of Mercy and the Beatitudes. Parishioners have agreed to write articles describing how we are currently responding, telling of those who are in need, and showing how we might be involved in new ways. These articles will be highlighted in our bulletins and available in their entirety on the parish website and bulletin boards. For Lent we will also again be offering the “Little Black Book”, handing it out after Mass on Ash Wednesday and on the First Sunday of Lent. This provides us with daily opportunities to pause, reflect, and pray.

**“PRISON MINISTRY”**

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* lists visiting the imprisoned as a corporal (bodily) work of mercy. “I was…in prison and you visited me.” -Matthew 25:36

Each church community in Cecil County is eligible to provide volunteers to serve in the prison ministry at the Cecil County Detention Center (CCDC). Our parish currently has two active members serving in this volunteer role. Any parishioner interested in volunteering for this ministry is welcome to contact Deacon Mike Truman for details. Typically, volunteers sign up for one or two sessions per month (one hour per session). CCDC personnel require a background check and attendance at a meeting for volunteers who minister to the unique needs of those incarcerated on a yearly basis.

Prison work helps both the inmates and volunteers recognize the true meaning of forgiveness, repentance, and restoration.” - Anonymous

**“How is ‘The Community Left Behind’ Our Catholic Church?” - presentation by Fr. Michael Connolly, OSFS**

How did a handful of followers of Jesus convert an unwilling Roman Empire? The New Testament tells us that some days after Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection, 11 disciples and a few women and men came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. Before three centuries had passed, these 20 or so lower-class, illiterate Jews from rural Galilee had become a church of some 30,000,000. How did that happen and what does that mean for us? The infant community (28 AD - 110 AD) grew despite persecutions and dissentions. Our 21st century Catholic Church is connected to these primitive roots. **Join us Saturday, April 13, 3:00pm and Sunday, April 14, 1:15pm in Immaculate Conception Chapel** as we explore how our modern Catholic Church is connected to that early Christian community.

**Immaculate Conception**

**School News**

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**Walk-In Wednesdays:**

Walk -In Wednesdays areevery Wednesday from 9:00am–11am. Tours are offered to those who wish to see the school in action!

**Have you come to Story Time yet??** Join us, Wednesdays at 10:00am to listen to Gwen Davis ready classic stories. Mrs. Davis provides activities to compliment the story. It is a morning full of crafts, music, and sometimes even snacks! **The next Story Time** is Wednesday, **March 13th** at 10:00am in the PreK Room. Please visit the ICS Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/icschoolmd](http://www.facebook.com/icschoolmd) and mark “Going” if you plan on attending. Space is limited, but all are welcome!

**In the spirit of Giving:** Our Pre-K and Kindergarteners are doing a great job heading up Outreach donations!

**Last Week...**

The Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation **Mobile Science Lab** visited ICS for an entire week! Hands-on investigations were completed around particular themes: water quality, wetlands, contamination, the foods we eat, healthy snacks, and environmentally friendly products. Each lesson also followed the scientific method.

**Coming Up...**

The High School Placement Test Prep course for our 7th graders will be on March 19th and March 21st from 3:30-5:30pm. Registration for the Prep Course is on the ICS website, [www.icschoolweb.org](http://www.icschoolweb.org).

Our 2nd graders will host Special Person’s lunch at 11:15am on **Thursday, March 21st**

**Faith Formation**

**Religious Education & Sacraments**

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**Religion Classes**

**Reminder: Re-registration has started.**  Registration packets have been sent home. There will be ***NO*** online registration this year.

**First Communion, Tour of the Church** – Sunday, March 19th at 1:30pm at ICC.

**Outreach Donations**: Please remember to bring in your Outreach Donations!!

**Youth Ministry & Confirmation**

#### whats-your-story

**CONFIRMATION**

Next class will be:

Today, March 10th and Wednesday, March 13th

Anyone interested in knitting or crocheting a red confirmation scarf, please contact Cheryl at 410-392-3551.

**YOUTH GROUP**

Youth Group will meet tonight, March 10th.

Coming up: Irish Night - March 17th!

**YOUTH MINISTRY WISH LIST:**  Sodas

**CONFIRMATION WISH LIST:**

Paper products, sparkling grape juice, sparkling cider and applesauce

**YOUNG ADULTS**

Contact Maddie Reese at memreese1010@gmail.com for updates.

**ADULT EDUCATION**

**Interested in a study group?** Many opportunities are available. Call the Parish Office at 410-392-3551.

**RESOURCES FOR THE SEASON:**

Visit the Parish Website at [iccparish.weconnect.com](http://www.iccparish.weconnect.com) and look under Resources to find Resources for Prayer, Scripture, etc.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS**

**Outreach**

Please consider donating to the Outreach! Thank you so much for your help, generosity, prayers, & donations to this essential ministry!!

**Non-Food items currently needed:**

Toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, and feminine hygiene products.

**Food items needed:** Baked Beans, cereal, soup, and jello

**No clothing please!!** As much as we appreciate the gesture, we simply do not have the space to store them. Thank you!

**PARISH & FAMILY LIFE**

**Parish Coffee**

Join us for Parish Coffee, **March 3rd** after 9:00 am Mass at St. Jude’s.

Join us for Parish Coffee, **March 10th** after 10:15am Mass at ICC!

**PARISH EVENTS/INFORMATION**

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**Weekly Church Collections: Week of March. 3rd**

 ICC $11,684

 St. Jude $1,845

Online $3,716

 Total Offertory $17,245

**Keep up with regular offerings by giving electronically!!**

Just as you rely upon receiving income on a regular basis, we rely on your regular contributions. We greatly appreciates the efforts of our parishioners to make consistent donations throughout the year - especially when winter weather makes it difficult to attend services! To assist you, the church provides a convenient electronic giving option for setting up regular contributions. Simply visit our website and click the Online Giving Button!

**How does Online giving benefit you?**

1. It’s easy, convenient, and safe
2. Allows you to give any amount, any time.
3. Allows you to track your giving

**How does Online giving benefit the parish?**

1. Creates consistency of giving
2. Increases efficiency of processing giving

**How to sign up?**

1. Visit iccparish.weconnect.com
2. Click “Go to Online Giving”
3. Sign up! It’s that easy!

**PARISH EVENTS/INFORMATION**

**“Dare to Walk with Jesus” - presentation by parishioner/author, Michele Chynoweth**

We can all say that we want to walk with Jesus, but often we let our egos, fears, and resentments get in the way. We need to take action to cast them aside to be free to step outside of our comfort zones and really make the journey. Award-winning author and speaker, Michele Chynoweth will share with us her personal story of how she overcame her fears and failures to walk in faith. Join us Sunday, April 7, 1:15 in the Parish Center for an intimate, interactive workshop. Michele will talk about how she fell into despair only to find her ministry and purpose through God’s call, how she continues to renew her hope and faith today, and how we can do the same!

Michele is also a writing instructor at Cecil College’s Continuing Education program, a book coach, and a graduate of the University of Notre Dame. She is married with a blended family of five children and two grandchildren, and is a lector and parishioner at ICC and St. Jude’s.

**ROTATING SHELTER:**

We would like to thank all of our great volunteers for their help in making the week in January, along with the volunteers from Truth and Life Church, such a wonderful success! It was truly a week of caring and sharing. We are now signing up volunteers for our next week at Five Rivers Church during the week of March 4-11. Thank you for your continued support. For more information, please contact Carol and Bill Dale, dales7@comcast.net, 410-287-9548.

**Diocesan History Book**

We have **a limited supply** of two history books, “Rejoicing in the Lord,” and “Family of Faith” published by the Diocese to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington. “Rejoicing in the Lord” is a hard-cover, full-color coffee table book that features histories and photographs of all Catholic churches in Delaware and Maryland’s Eastern Shore, plus biographies of all nine Wilmington bishops. “Family of Faith” is a 35-page, color diocesan history done in the comic book or graphic novel style. **“Rejoicing in the Lord” is available for $30 each, and “Family of Faith” is sold for $12.** To purchase one or both books, please contact or visit the parish office **Purchase yours today!!**

**St. Jude’s 50th Anniversary:**

Our parish will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of St. Jude Church in 2019! The committee is collecting pictures and stories to share. There is a box at the entrance to the church where you can leave items you would like to share, or you can drop items off at the parish office (attn: Cheryl Nickle). Please include your contact information on the items you are sharing, so that the items can be returned to you. Thank you! For additional information, or to share ideas for the celebration, please contact Cheryl Nickle at youthministry@iccparish.org.



**Sunday, March 10**

8:20 AM - Confessions - SJ

8:30 AM - Religious Ed

8:30 AM - RCIA Dismissal - CH

6:00 PM - HS Gathering - PC

6:30 PM - Confirmation Class - PC

Monday, March 11

9:30 AM - Novena - CH

8:00 PM - AA Mtg - Caf

Tuesday, March 12

9:00 AM - Holy Hour - CH

4:00 PM - “Honk” Rehearsal - gym

6:30 PM - Knights of Columbus Mtg - PC

7:30 PM - Contemporary Rehearsal - IC

Wednesday, March 13

9:00 AM - Rosary Crusade/SJ Novena-CH

9:30 AM - Cantor Reh - IC

1:00 PM - Leisure Club - PC

4:00 PM - “Honk” Rehearsal - gym

6:15 PM - Religious Ed

6:30 PM - Church Tour - IC

Thursday, March 14

9:00 AM - Rosary Crusade - CH

10:00 AM - Adult Ed Committee Mtg - PC

4:00 PM - “Honk” Rehearsal - gym

6:30 PM - Boy Scouts - PC

6:30 PM - Cub Scouts - PC

6:30 PM - Cantor Rehearsal - IC

7:00 PM - Parish Choir Rehearsal - IC

7:00 PM - RCIA - PC

Friday, March 15

9:00 AM - Rosary Crusade - CH

7:00 PM - NA Mtg - Caf

**Saturday, March 16**

9:00 AM - Rosary Crusade - CH

4:15 PM - Confessions - IC

7:00 PM - NA Mtg - Caf

**Inspirational Quote of the Week:**

“We do not really belong to ourselves. We belong to the One who redeemed us. Our will should always depend on this.” -- Saint Braulio

**COMMUNITY EVENTS/INFORMATION**

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**Knights of Columbus**

***Bishop Becker Council 2427***

**443-616-5370** or [**www.kofc2427.org**](http://www.kofc2427.org)

**Meetings:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center

**LAOH (The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians)**

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. Cecil County Division 1, an Irish Catholic Action group has meetings on the first Wednesdays of the month at 1:00pm in the ICC Parish Center. Meetings run September through May. We are always looking for new members! If you are an Irish Catholic woman and want to serve your community, and learn more about your Irish heritage come join us! Contact Janice White, President at 410-378-3493

**Mount Aviat’s 9thAnnual 5K and Sister Walk**

Join the Mount Aviat community, including the Oblate Sisters, on Sunday, April 7th at 9:15 a.m. for the 9th Annual 5K and Sister Walk. Don’t miss out on the pre-registration rate available until March 18th: $20/per person or $50/per family. Pre-registration fee includes T-shirts. Trophies will be awarded after the race in the gym. To register, go to [www.MountAviat.org](http://www.MountAviat.org) and download a registration form or contact Janie at janietrumbull@gmail.com. Mass will take place prior to the race at 8:00 a.m. at the school.

**Interested in Catholic Homeschooling?** Our local TORCH group (Traditions of Roman Catholic Homeschoolers) is hosting an information session for those considering educating their children at home and those who would like to be involved in our TORCH group. Parents from Cecil, Harford, and Baltimore Counties are welcome to attend to learn how to get started, where to find help, and what options are available. Meeting will be held in Forest Hill on Saturday, March 16 at 10:00 AM at the home of Chrisie Plate. Feel free to contact her - chrisiep@verizon.net, or Rachel Watkins - rmwatkins13@gmail.com for more information.

**The Diocese of Wilmington is presenting a multimedia Lenten series** titled, “Holy Boldness: A Journey through Lent with Four American Saints,” that will be distributed via digital video, radio broadcasts, and podcasts. Written and hosted by Fr. Rich Jasper, Associate Pastor of Saint Ann Church in Wilmington, the 4-part series uses the lives and examples of four holy Americans to help individuals and families get the most out of the Season of Lent and prepare spiritually for the celebration of Christ’s resurrection at Easter. Each 15 minute presentation will debut on Saturday afternoons at 5:00pm during the first four weeks of Lent on the diocesan YouTube channel, YouTube.com/DioceseofWilm. The next morning, the presentation will be included on Catholic Forum on WDEL and available via podcast at cdow.org/CatholicForum or by searching Catholic Forum on Apple, Spotify or iHeartRadio podcasts. The videos, podcasts, and additional Lenten resources are also available at cdow.org/lent.