



OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow



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Our First Christmas Together

What a beautiful Christmas as we gathered together for the first time to celebrate the Lord's birth as a new parish family! The magnificent Liturgy took place Christmas Eve



at Immaculate Conception Church with Bishop John Smith celebrating Mass along with our Pastor, Father Jeff, Father Harry Cenefeldt, and Deacon Guido Mattozzi. The combined choirs of St. Joachim and Immaculate outdid themselves as they sang the many traditional Christmas hymns we



have all come to love. The beautifully decorated church and awe-inspiring Nativity scene added to the solemnity of the occasion. A thank you to all who helped make this first Christmas together a moment to remember.



Two weeks later on January 9, at St. Joachim's the Christmas liturgical season was brought to a close with the traditional "Bacio del Bambino" (Kiss of the Baby Jesus). Our senior priest, Father Harry Cenefeldt processed with the statue of Baby Jesus around the church after the Solemn Mass offered by Father Jeff. Those present then venerated the Sacred Image before



retiring to Centennial Hall for refreshments and pleasant socializing. Many favorable comments were made, especially by those attending for the first time. Again a thank you to all those who helped make the evening so enjoyable and such a success.



The two events should be proof to those who still have doubts that we have come a long way in celebrating our faith together and that we can come even closer in the future if only we work together with our Pastor and support his efforts to make Our Lady of the Angels a thriving, loving community of faith. For many years the motto at St. Joachim has been "Nothing but the best for St. Joachim's." Let us now change that to



"NOTHING BUT THE BEST FOR OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS!"

Just Where Did Our School Hall Go?

Geographically speaking, it's in the same place but everything about it has changed. The former auditorium on the St. Joachim campus, referred to as the Hall, is now the facility for the administrative offices of our parish community. Under the watchful eye of our pastor, Fr. Lee, every inch of the interior has been put to good use. After being 'buzzed' in, parishioners enter through a green door. Once inside a volunteer receptionist greets visitors at the large desk appointed with beautiful lamps. The floor is tastefully carpeted in gray-green tones accenting the soft grays of the walls. These muted tones help create a quiet working environment. New attractive windows and lighting fixtures maintain this atmosphere throughout the room. Offices are now a series of individual work spaces. Here the members of the Administrative Staff carry out their duties for the parish. Sliding doors to each work area provide a sense of privacy. Attractive tables and chairs and a long conference table provide additional work areas.

It's hard to believe that this "new" parish office used to be the 'Hall.' But as one leaves, the faint strains of children singing "Farfallina" could be heard. Nostalgia, I guess!

Update on ICC Renovations

Exciting things are happening in our parish! This is the first article in a series that will be describing the updates, renovations and changes at the Immaculate Conception campus. Father Jeff has been working diligently to insure that the buildings and grounds are in the best condition possible and that everything runs smoothly as we continue the merging of our parish community. He has enlisted the help of many professionals, particularly within the parish community.

It is important to explain that at this time, Diocese of Trenton Officials are negotiating with Franciscan Provincial Officials for the transfer of deeds to the land and buildings that comprise the Immaculate Conception campus. In the meantime, work and plans are progressing. Some of the changes are visible and some are behind the scenes. You may have noticed the removal of all overgrown shrubs and the pruning of the trees to provide clear sight lines and maximize the beauty of the grounds. A new pass key system for all buildings and structures is being developed so that staff persons will have full access in case of emergency. Safety and security lighting is being added to the exterior of the site to further enhance safety for all who visit this site.

Inside the buildings, cleaning and restoration of vessels and other appointments have been done. Father Jeff enlisted the help of parishioners to secure and refurbish many items that were stored away for many years. In addition to restoring these appointments, some items stored in the basements were removed due to mold damage. The results of this undertaking were evident during the Christmas season when the newly restored candlesticks and nativity figurines added beauty and elegance to the church.

In addition to overseeing these projects, Father Jeff has been meeting with engineers, lighting designers, painters, window and door specialists, electrical and HVAC technicians (just to mention a few), to plan for further renovations and maintenance projects. He continues to share his thoughts and vision for the future with the staff and parishioners. We'll keep you updated!



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Fr. Cassian Folsom Celebrates Mass in Italian

On Sunday, January 29, Our Lady of the Angels parishioners attending the 11:00am mass at St. Joachim Church were introduced to Benedictine Friar Father Cassian Folsom, OSB who celebrated mass in Italian. Father Cassian is currently Prior of the newly founded monastery of St. Benedict in Norcia, Umbria, Italy. Father Cassian, previously one of Father Jeff's professors at the Abbey of St. Meniard in Indiana, also travels to Rome weekly to the *Pontifical Liturgical Institute* where he continues his teaching as a professor of the language of scriptural texts. Father Cassian, speaking in both Italian and English, thanked the people of the parish for his warm welcome and promised to keep us in his daily prayers at the monastery in Norcia. Father Cassian hopes that just as Assisi is the geographical center of Franciscan devotion, the monastery of St. Benedict in Norcia will someday be the focal point of the Benedictine order as a destination for prayer and pilgrimage. During mass, there was a beautiful mixture of the ancient with the modern. Readings and prayers in Italian, English and Latin were accompanied by Italian and English hymns. After mass, about 100 parishioners joined Father Cassian for breakfast at Roman Hall. As he visited each table, Father delighted everyone with stories of Norcia and the new monastery. At the conclusion, Father Jeff thanked Father Cassian and hoped someday a parish trip to Norcia could be planned.



TEAMS NEEDED!

Our Lady of the Angels Parish is in need of teams to conduct Baptismal Preparation classes. The classes are scheduled once a month and last approximately one hour. What an enjoyable and fulfilling way to strengthen our faith and meet fellow parishioners! Please call the Parish Office (609-695-6089) for more information.

DO YOU LIKE TO WRITE? - *Anyone who would like to contribute an article or make suggestions to this Newsletter, please contact the Editor, Carlo Benedetti at (609) 581-1351. Your input and ideas are most welcome.*

Parish Worship Schedule (Provisional for 1 Year)



WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday 12:15 PM - English (SJC)
Monday 7:00 PM - English (SJC)
Tuesday 7:00 PM - Spanish (SJC)
Thursday 7:00 PM - Spanish (SJC) (Prayer Group)
Saturday 9:00 AM - English (SJC)

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 4:00 PM - English (SJC)
6:30 PM - Spanish (SJC)
Sunday - 9:30 AM - English (ICC)
11:00 AM - Italian readings (SJC)
12:00 PM - Spanish (ICC)
4:00 PM - English (ICC)
6:30 PM - Spanish (SJC)

Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

Saturday - 3:00 PM - English (SJC)
Sunday - 5:30 PM - English & Spanish (SJC)

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Monday after the 7:00 PM Mass (SJC)

Our Lady of the Angels Holy Week Services 2006

Passion (Palm) Sunday, April 9, 2006

Blessed palms will be distributed at each Mass
in remembrance of Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem

Masses will follow the regular weekend schedule with Solemn Liturgy at 4:00 PM on Sunday at ICC.
4:00 PM Mass will begin outside at the Plaza where palms will be blessed and carried in procession,
weather permitting.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, April 10 - 12:15pm Mass SJC - No Miraculous Medal Novena
7:30 PM Chrism Mass—Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, Trenton, NJ

Tuesday, April 11, 2006 - 12:15pm Mass SJC - No St. Anthony Novena

Wednesday, April 12, 2006—12:15pm Mass SJC

SACRED TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 13, 2006

7:00 PM - Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper (English, Italian and Spanish) - ICC
Outdoor Candlelight Eucharistic Procession to the Chapel of Repose at SJC
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00pm *in Chapel of Repose SJC.*

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion and Death, April 14, 2006

9:00 AM - Morning Prayer in Chapel of Repose—SJC
12:00 Noon - Midday Prayer in Chapel of Repose—SJC
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death
3:00 PM - (English) - SJC
7:00 PM - (Spanish) - SJC - Divine Mercy Novena in Spanish begins following service

Holy Saturday of the Lord's Rest in the Tomb, April 15, 2006

9:00 AM - Morning Prayer with RCIA *in Chapel of Repose - SJC*
12:00 Noon - Midday Prayer with the Blessing of Easter food *in Chapel of Repose - SJC*
7:00 PM - Solemn Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection (English, Italian and Spanish) - ICC
Mass begins outside at the Plaza with the Blessing of Fire, Lighting of the Paschal Candle and procession into church, weather permitting.

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2006

8:15am SJC Mass in English (*with readings in Italian*)
9:30am ICC Mass in English
10:00am SJC Mass in Spanish
11:30am SJC Mass in English
12:00 Noon ICC Mass in Spanish
NO 4:00pm ICC Mass in English
NO 6:30pm SJC Mass in Spanish



Parish Profile - Lisa Bronski, Trustee



Lisa Bronski is a life-long parishioner of St. Joachim's born in Trenton to Vincent and Jean Pucciatti. She is a graduate of St. Joachim School and Steinert High School and attended the College of New Jersey. Married for 23 years to John Bronski they have one son, John who is presently a senior at St. John's University. John, also a graduate of St. Joachim's has been an altar server since third grade and continues to serve for special occasions. Lisa has been active at St. Joachim's since she was sixteen, serving as Prefect of the Sodality of Our Lady. With her husband she was co-president of the PTA and Co-ordinator of the St. Joachim and Immaculate Conception Youth Group. She served for four years as Mercer Regional PTA Publicity and Newsletter Chairperson before being elected President of St. Joachim Sanctuary Guild, a post she still holds. Lisa also serves as an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister and is a member of the Faith Formation Team. Upon her appointment as Parish Trustee by Father Jeffrey Lee, she also began serving on the Pastoral Committee for Temporal Affairs.

Lisa is a thirty year veteran for the State of New Jersey and is presently a systems programmer and part of a team which designs, implements and maintains the Enterprise Management Systems for the State of New Jersey. She resides in Clarksburg, N.J. with her husband John who is Coeditor of *Our Lady of the Angels Newsletter*.

Parish Profile - Carlo Orsini, Trustee



Carlo Orsini was born in Trenton on March 2, 1962 to Gianfranco "Frank" Orsini and Rose Conti Orsini. He graduated from St. Joachim Elementary School in 1976 and McCorry Catholic High School in 1980. Carlo graduated from Mercer County Community College, the New Jersey Correctional Officers Training Academy and the Trenton Police Academy. He served as Senior Corrections Officer for the New Jersey Department of Corrections and has been a member of the Trenton Police Department since 1982. After having served as Police Detective Lieutenant for ten years, Carlo was promoted to Police Detective Captain in September 2004, a position he currently holds. He is respected throughout the community for his diligent and dedicated work in law enforcement.

Carlo is married to Patricia A. Robinson and resides in Hamilton Township with their twin sons, John Franco and Carlo Robert. He was a parishioner of Immaculate Conception Parish and was appointed by Rev. Jeffrey E. Lee as trustee of Our Lady of the Angels Parish in July 2005. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, PBA/SOA#11, N.J. Police Honor Legion, Italian American Police Society, Hamilton Order of Elks Lodge, the Roman Society, and the Board of Directors Trenton Police Federal Credit Union.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP

There are many senior citizens in our parish who are either home-bound or in nursing homes. Although we are doing our best to reach out to them, we need more Eucharistic Ministers to bring Holy Communion to these parishioners. Won't you consider giving an hour of your time to visit and bring our Eucharistic Lord to these wonderful people who because of age and infirmity cannot come to Sunday Mass? What a beautiful and fulfilling way to put our faith into practice! Please call our Pastoral Care Director, Joseph Pica at 695-6089, Ext.104.

THE MERGED CHOIR.....A REAL SUCCESS !

When the choir first heard the news of a “choir merger”, there was a little apprehension. Imagine those who had been singing together for 25 to 50 years - a different church, new voices, different positions! Changes are always difficult, and one choir member describes how she felt in her own words: “The first few rehearsals we all were a little uptight. However, after that we were really on top of our game, especially those divas the sopranos. We were so happy to get five sopranos and one voice for the men from ICC but zero (zippo) for the altos! Well here we are just a few months together with a great blend of talent and most definitely in the loop. Whatever church we sing in, the parishioners have been very generous with their compliments. Under Michael Amentia’s capable direction he has made this transition for all of us very easy. I am loving this ‘new choir’; we are 21 strong and still looking for new members, especially the altos!” The overwhelming majority of the choir members are just as enthusiastic about the ‘new choir’. Following are a few excerpts from their comments:

“The merging of both choirs is a sign of togetherness and I am confident that this merger will blossom as we sing the words of God.”

“...From the first practice we had together we welcomed each other with sincerity...together we blend our voices and sing for praise and glory of God.”

“The choir of St. Joachim’s welcomed us with open arms and made us feel very comfortable...We enjoy singing and are glad to be part of the choir. We look forward to many wonderful years with the choir.”

“It is wonderful to have the ICC and SJC choirs together. The gentlemen and ladies of ICC are gracious and fun to sing with...”

“Describing it as a combined choir would not be an accurate analogy. What we have is the entire SJC choir and a few dedicated ICC choir members. Maybe in time the other ICC members will lend their voices to make Our Lady of the Angels Choir a grand and outstanding one.”

“Merging the two choirs seems to be working out very nicely. They are very nice ladies and gentlemen...”

“...the merging of ICC and SJC choirs has worked out very nicely. I’ve been in the choir for over 50 years and it’s wonderful to have more voices singing in the choir again.”

“We are very happy the ICC members have joined us and we are getting along great. They are great people with great voices!”

“Singing is my way of praying to the Lord. What better way to worship the Lord than to combine our voices with those of ICC.”

“...Both choirs have worked to blend their talents...With more voices, practices are more fun, everybody helps each other and music is easier to learn.”

One choir member described her feelings with this beautiful poem:

“Music filled St. Joachim Church,
We sang our praises loud.
The choir sounded beautiful
and we were all so proud.
Now our sound is richer,
we’ve been joined by ICC.
We welcome them one and all
As we sing in unity.”

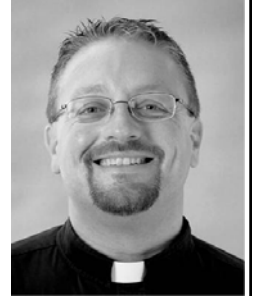
A Message from our Pastor

My Dear Parishioners & Friends:

The Season of Lent is upon us and Easter is only a few weeks away. The calendar year 2006 is in full swing. Don't miss out on the wonderful opportunity for prayer and reflection that the Season of Lent provides for us. Make a conscious effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession). There will be a Penance Service with individual confessions on Tuesday of Holy Week at ICC. There will be 10 or so priests available for your convenience. Take advantage of this opportunity for God's grace.

Please join us for the Lenten Series 2006. Fr. Brennan Joseph, OFM Conv. will be our guest homilist. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to gather in prayer and preparation to be renewed in our faith journey this coming Easter. There is much for us to give thanks. There is also much for us to offer in our prayer as we continue to merge into a new parish community. It is never easy when we go it alone; God will give us all that we need if we ask. Let us put our pride aside and acknowledge our dependency on God.

During the Easter Season the Church celebrates the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Here in our parish I am pleased to report that these sacraments will be celebrated in our parish church buildings. Let us pray for the young people, their parents, godparents, families and catechists. In a special way I greet all of our homebound parishioners and friends. You have a special remembrance in our prayer. Please pray for us as we strive to do God's will in our lives and in our parish community. In a special way I ask you to pray for all those who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation this year - our Catechumen and Candidates in the RCIA, our Candidates for First Holy Communion, our Candidates for Confirmation. May the prayer of our parish community be a source of strength for all these women and men, boys and girls who seek to know and love God more deeply. Peace!



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**PREGHIERA ALLA MADONNA DEGLI ANGELI**

Vergine degli Angeli, ascoltate la preghiera dei figli vostri che fiduciosi ricorrono a voi. I vostri occhi, colmi di tenerezza, ci assicurano una continua, materna assistenza e promettono aiuto divino a quanti si rivolgono a voi. Voi siete veramente la nostra dolce Regina e la nostra speranza. O Madonna degli Angeli, per la preghiera del Beato Francesco, otteneteci il perdono delle nostre colpe, aiutate la nostra volontà a tenerci lontani dal peccato e dalla indifferenza per essere degni di chiamarvi sempre nostra Madre. Benedite le nostre case, il nostro lavoro, il nostro riposo. Aiutate chi non ha sostegno e non ha pane, coloro che si trovano in pericolo o tentazione, nella tristezza o nello scoraggiamento, in malattia o in punto di morte. Benedite la nostra parrocchia dedicata a voi e donateci coraggio, speranza e pace. Amen

ORACIÓN A NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LOS ÁNGELES

Virgen de los Ángeles, escucha la plegaria de tus hijos que confiados recurren a ti. Tus ojos, llenos de ternura, nos aseguran una continua y maternal asistencia, y prometen ayuda divina a cuantos se dirigen a ti. Oh Señora de los Ángeles alcánzanos, por la intercesión de San Francisco, el perdón de nuestras culpas, la ayuda a nuestra voluntad, para mantenernos alejados del pecado y de la indiferencia, a fin de ser dignos de llamarte siempre Madre nuestra. Bendice nuestras casas, nuestro trabajo, nuestro descanso. Ayuda a quien no tiene apoyo y a quien carece de pan, a los que se encuentran en peligro o en tentación, en la tristeza o en el desaliento, enfermos o en agonía. Bendice nuestra parroquia

A SPECIAL PRAYER for OUR PARISH

As we proceed together in our journey of faith merging St Joachim and Immaculate Conception into one parish, we offer this prayer which is prayed at the Patriarchal Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels in Assisi, Italy. It was St. Francis himself who restored the Chapel of the Porziuncola now housed within the Basilica and it was here that he founded the Order of Friars Minor in 1209. May Our Lady of the Angels guide our footsteps and open our hearts and minds along the path of love, harmony and mutual respect, so that our parish, under the loving guidance of our Pastor may prosper and give living witness to our Catholic Christian faith.

**PRAYER CORNER**

O Virgin of the Angels, hear the prayer of your children who trust in you. Your tender eyes assure us of your never failing motherly love and a promise of divine aid to all those who humbly turn to you. You are, indeed, our sweet Queen and our hope. O Lady of the Angels, through the intercession of St. Francis, obtain for us pardon for our sins and help us to keep away from sin and indifference, so that we shall be worthy of calling you our Mother for evermore. Bless our homes, our toil and our rest. Help those who are in need and hungry, those who are in danger of body and soul, those who are sad and downhearted, those who are sick and dying. Bless our newly merged parish dedicated to you and give us courage, hope and peace. Amen (Continued in Italian and Spanish on Page 7)



Fresco in the Basilica of Our Lady of the Angels in Assisi Italy



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