

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

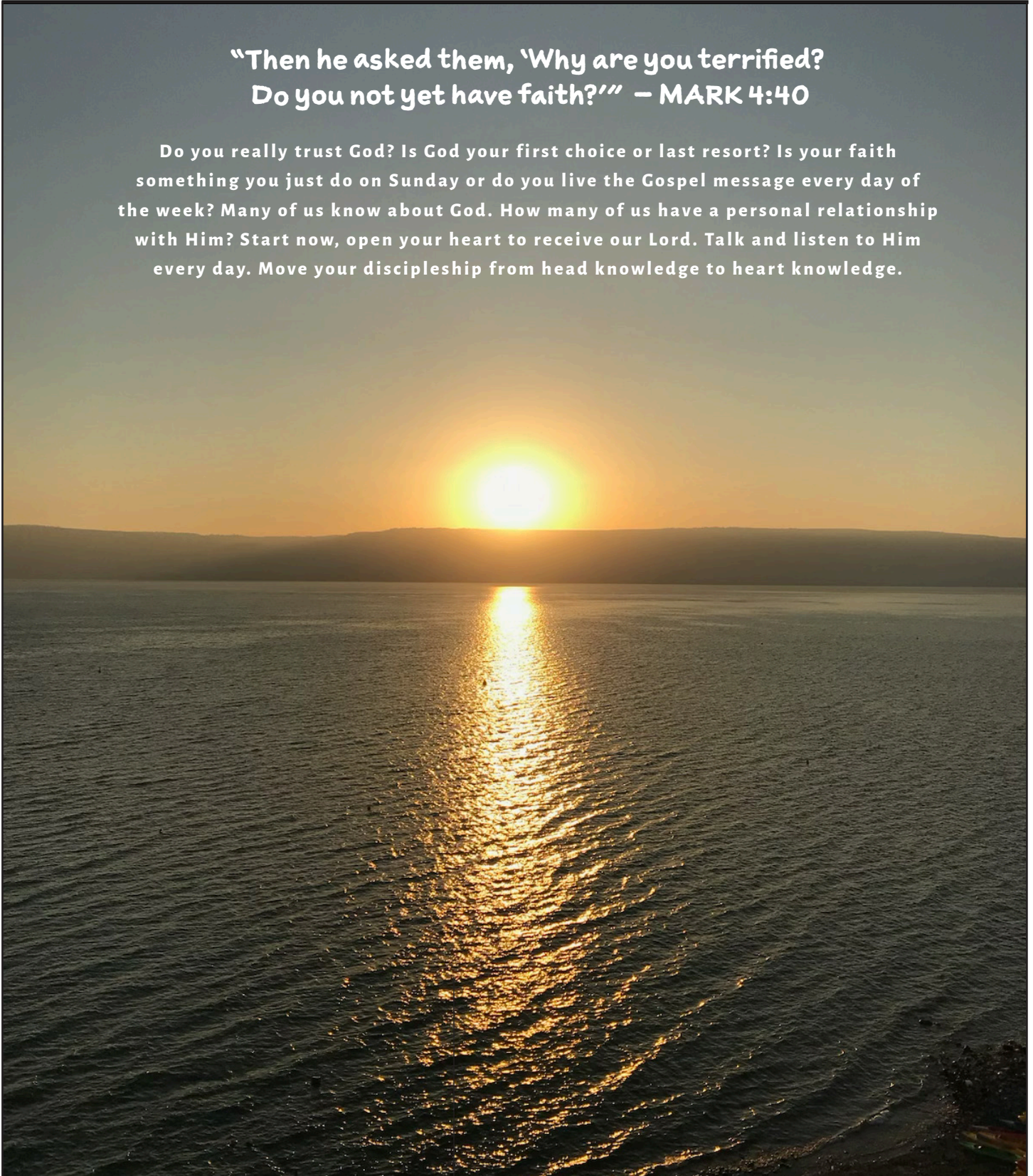
## ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH

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JUNE 23, 2024 | 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**“Then he asked them, ‘Why are you terrified?  
Do you not yet have faith?’” – MARK 4:40**

Do you really trust God? Is God your first choice or last resort? Is your faith something you just do on Sunday or do you live the Gospel message every day of the week? Many of us know about God. How many of us have a personal relationship with Him? Start now, open your heart to receive our Lord. Talk and listen to Him every day. Move your discipleship from head knowledge to heart knowledge.



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Sea of Galilee, 2017 | Fr Benny Prado

# Parish Info



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## MASS SCHEDULE

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**  
30 North Fullerton Avenue, Montclair

Indicates the Mass is livestreamed.

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**  
Saturday: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am | 10:30 am | 6:00 pm

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:**  
Monday - Friday at 8:00 am

*Prayer is nothing but that complete surrender, complete oneness with Christ. And this is what makes us contemplative in the heart of the world; for we are twenty-four hours then in His presence: in the hungry, in the naked, in the homeless, in the unwanted, unloved, uncared for. For Jesus said, "Whatever you do to the least of my brethren, you do it to me."*

*Saint Mother Theresa*



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, JUNE 22

5:00 pm All Souls in Purgatory

### SUNDAY, JUNE 23

8:00am † Yvonne Francois  
† Maria Victoria Hernandez  
10:30am † Elizabeth Fleming  
6:00 pm † Richard Berdnik  
People of the Parish

### MONDAY, JUNE 24

8:00am June Emrick

### TUESDAY, JUNE 25

8:00am † Sharon Snarr  
† Gloria Dwry

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

8:00am † Nancy Chidichimo

### THURSDAY, JUNE 27

8:00am † Varghese Thomas

### FRIDAY, JUNE 28

8:00am † Mary D. Butler

### SATURDAY, JUNE 29

5:00 pm † Margaret D'Ambrisi

### SUNDAY, JUNE 30

8:00am † Angelo Carrara  
10:30am † James Attamante  
6:00 pm People of the Parish

*"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, 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, Frank Gallo, Barbara Regan, Jose Fidalgo Sr, Bridget Connell, Jaxson Rivera, Carole DeCepoli, Oneida Fernandez, Michelina Giuliano, Chester Karnas Jr., Laura McCannon, Joseph Carrier, Fabiola Fong, Charlene Widmaier, Kenneth Busku, Rose Bruner, Edward T. Crowe, William Crowe, Terry Henson, Robert Henson, John Rahilly, Kent Riggs, Harriet Riggs, Jim Norris, Gary Davila, Charlene Widmaer, Melba Espinoza, Kevin Cole, Carlos Mario Moreno, Anne Granja, Shannon Finnegan, Jacob Rivera, Gloria Dwley, Clara Rojas, John Giustiniani, Cliff Schaffer, Khameryn Oliver, Lindsay Trembulak

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

### **"... A TIME TO DIE..."**

**Recently Deceased**  
May all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace



# FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Join us for  
the 2024-2025  
program!

**Family Faith  
Registration is online  
for our NEW FAMILIES,  
PK4- 8th grade!**

**ATTENTION:** All families that currently have their child(ren) registered in our Faith Formation program should refer to the Parish Giving "welcome email" sent on 5/21 to register for the 2024-2025 school year.

If you are unable to register through your Parish Giving account, please email Parish Giving: [info@parishgiving.org](mailto:info@parishgiving.org)



**Confirmation  
Registration  
is online.**

## THE *Legacy* FUND

This fund is specific to our parish needs and also helps support our ministries and community outreach and programs.

Your online contributions can also be directed toward  
The Legacy Fund.

*Thank you  
for your  
generous giving.*



# RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

*Interested in becoming  
Catholic or learning  
more about the Faith?*

*Catholic, but missing  
a Sacrament?*

**PLEASE CONTACT:**  
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YOUTH GROUP 180'S

## END-OF- YEAR PARTY

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

AT ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA  
PARISH CENTER LAWN  
339 POMPTON AVE., CEDAR GROVE

COME CELEBRATE THE START OF  
SUMMER WITH GAMES & FUN!

RSVP:  
[SCSCCD.CEDARGROVE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SCSCCD.CEDARGROVE@GMAIL.COM)





# LEGACY *Dinner*

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH  
BIANNUAL FUNDRAISER

SAVE THE DATE  
**OCTOBER 23, 2024**

COCKTAILS, DINNER & WINE PULL  
50/50 RAFFLE  
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BELLEVILLE, NJ

*Honoring:*

ROSE BAKER

DEANA CAMPION

JAN & ELIZABETH ZIOBRO

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STAY TUNED,  
DETAILS  
TO COME!

# FROM THE VATICAN:

Cycle of Catechesis. Vices and Virtues. 19.

## CHARITY

Saint Peter's Square | Wednesday, 15 May 2024

Today we will talk about the third theological virtue, charity. The other two, let us remember, were faith and hope: today we will talk about the third, charity. It is the culmination of the entire itinerary we have undertaken with the catecheses on the virtues. To think of charity immediately expands the heart, and it expands the mind, it evokes the inspired words of Saint Paul in the First Letter to the Corinthians. Concluding that wonderful hymn, Saint Paul cites the triad of the theological virtues and exclaims: "So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor 13:13).

Paul addresses these words to a community that is anything but perfect in fraternal love: the Christians of Corinth were rather litigious, there were internal divisions, and there were those who claimed to always be right and did not listen to others, regarding them as their inferiors. Paul reminds them that knowledge puffs up, whereas charity builds up (cf. 1 Cor 8:1). The Apostle then speaks of a scandal that touches even the moment of greatest union for a Christian community, the "Lord's supper", the Eucharistic celebration: even there, there are divisions, and there are those who take advantage of this to eat and drink, excluding those who have nothing (cf. 1 Cor 11:18-22). In the face of this, Paul gives a stark judgement: "When you meet together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat" (v. 20), you have another ritual, which is pagan, it is not the Lord's supper.

Who knows, perhaps in the community of Corinth, no-one thought they had committed a sin, and those harsh words by the Apostle sounded somewhat incomprehensible to them. They were probably all convinced that they were good people, and if questioned on love, they would have answered that love was certainly a very important value for them, just like friendship or the family. In our days too, love is on the lips of many "influencers" and in the refrains of many songs. We speak a lot about love, but what is love?

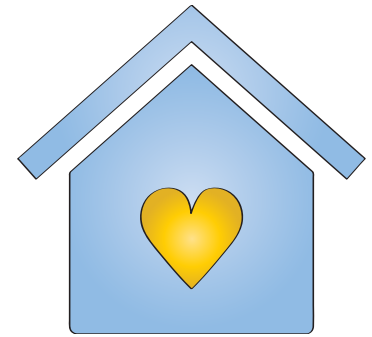
"But what about the other love?", Paul seems to ask to his Christians of Corinth. Not the love that rises, but the one that descends; not the one that takes, but the one that gives; not the one that appears, but the one that is hidden. Paul is concerned that in Corinth — as among us today too — there is confusion and that there is actually no trace of the theological virtue of love, the one that comes to us only from God. And even if people ensure to us with words that they are good people and that they love their family and friends, in reality they know very little about the love of God.

The Christians of antiquity had several Greek words at their disposal to define love. In the end, the word "agape" emerged, which we

normally translate as "charity". Because in truth Christians are capable of all the forms of love in the world: they too fall in love, more or less as happens to everyone. They too experience the benevolence that is felt in friendship. They too feel love for their country and the universal love for all humanity. But there is a greater love, a love which comes from God and is directed towards God, which enables us to love God, to become his friends. It enables us to love our neighbours as God loves them, with the desire to share the friendship with God. Because of Christ, this love drives us where we would not humanly go: it is the love for the poor, for what is not lovable, for those who do not care for us and are ungrateful. It is love for what no one would love, even for one's enemy. Even for the enemy. This is "theological": this comes from God, it is the work of the Holy Spirit in us.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus preaches: "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them" (Lk 6:32-33). And he concludes: "But love your enemies" — we are used to speaking badly of our enemies — "love your enemies and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish" (v. 35). Let us remember this: "Love your enemies and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return". Let us not forget this!

In these words, love reveals itself as a theological virtue and assumes the name of charity. Love is charity. We immediately realize that it is a difficult, indeed impossible love to practice if one does not live in God. Our human nature makes us love spontaneously what is good and beautiful. In the name of an ideal or a great affection we can even be generous and perform heroic acts. But the love of God goes beyond these criteria. Christian love embraces what is not lovable, it offers forgiveness — how difficult it is to forgive! How much love it takes to forgive! — Christian love blesses those who curse, whereas, faced with an insult or a curse, we are accustomed to replying with another insult, with another curse. It is a love so ardent that it seems almost impossible, and yet it is the only thing that will remain of us. Love is the "narrow gate" through which we will pass in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Because at the twilight of life, we will not be judged on generic love; we will be judged precisely on charity, on the real love we had. And Jesus says this to us, which is so beautiful: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). This is the beautiful thing, the greatest thing about love. Onwards and upwards!



## Refugee Resettlement Ministry

The Refugee Resettlement Ministry would like to thank the Dominican Sisters of Caldwell for applying for and receiving a grant of \$2000.00 for use at Mother Teresa House.

It will be used for mattresses and to assist migrant families with their first month of rent after they leave MTH.

The grant was given by the Dominican Sisters in Committed Collaboration.

(<https://www.opjustice.org/>).

We appreciate their support of our work.

## SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 30



Please join us on Sunday June 30 at 3pm for a Concert given by Josie Mescallado in the beautiful chapel at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 94 Pine St, Montclair NJ.

Josie will be performing songs praising God and celebrating life!

ADMISSION IS FREE

A free-will offering for the benefit of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Oratory will be taken.

We hope to see you there!