

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

## ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH

JUNE 16, 2024 | 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### *A prayer of* **GRATITUDE** *for* **FATHERS**

Heavenly Father,  
you entrusted your Son Jesus,  
the child of Mary,  
to the care of Joseph,  
an earthly father.  
Bless all fathers  
as they care for their families.  
Give them strength and wisdom,  
tenderness and patience.  
Support them in the work  
they have to do,  
protecting those who look to them,  
as we look to you for love  
and salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our  
rock and defender.



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## MASS SCHEDULE

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

Indicates the Mass is livestreamed.

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

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, JUNE 15

5:00 pm † May Maher

### SUNDAY, JUNE 16

8:00am For all Fathers

10:30am For all Fathers

6:00 pm For all Fathers  
People of the Parish

### MONDAY, JUNE 17

8:00am † Angela Hamel Smith  
† John Hamel Smith  
Mark Hamel Smith

### TUESDAY, JUNE 18

8:00am † Lorna Hamel Smith  
Gregory Wong

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

8:00am † Maher & Reardon Families  
† Marie Antoinette Lily Sicard

### THURSDAY, JUNE 20

8:00am † Joseph Palmieri Jr.  
† Gervasio Ventura

### FRIDAY, JUNE 21

8:00am † Marjo Corado Avila  
† Maria Munos

### SATURDAY, JUNE 22

5:00 pm All Souls in Purgatory

### SUNDAY, JUNE 23

8:00am † Yvonee Francois  
† Maria Victoria Hernandez

10:30am † Elizabeth Fleming

6:00 pm † Richard Berdnik  
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 McGannon, 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 Widmaier, 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*

*Congratulations,  
Confirmation Class of 2024!*

**Special Thanks to Bishop Cruz!**

Dear Friends,

**A** FEW WEEKS AGO Catherine was at MTH to meet a volunteer and a family who lived there over a year ago came to the door. They were dropping off donations of food. They were happy to see one another and they shared that they recently got their work permits. This family bought a car and dad is working at Amazon and mom is working at a local restaurant. Their two teenage children are thriving in school. They were beaming with pride and gratitude. They asked to thank all of you for assisting them when they needed it desperately. They are fully independent now and are contributing members of our community.

Another of our families moved from MTH a year ago and a ministry member co-signed a lease for an apartment in Montclair. Without a credit history it is virtually impossible to secure an apartment in the area. The year has passed and, as they always paid their rent on time and have stable jobs, they are now able to sign the lease for the next year without a co-signer. Their son is thriving in preschool. They just needed a little help to do what all of us want to do: work to provide for our families and live in a safe neighborhood.

**T**HE WORK ON THE ROOF OF MOTHER TERESA HOUSE has been completed and a team of volunteers have cleaned and prepared the suites for new guests. We look forward to welcoming families soon. We could

use light weight quilts or blankets for twin, full and queen size beds. They can be gently used if washed prior to donating.

**The Dominican Lay Associates** (<https://caldwellop.org/associate-program-spotlight-1>) have formed a subcommittee to support MTH, providing needed items. The group has been named the Angels of Mother Teresa House.

We are very grateful for their support!



**T**HIS MONTH, OUR MINISTRY ASSISTED with the legal fees for naturalization for a priest from Colombia who is working in the Archdiocese.

You can see that your donations are used in many ways to ease the burdens of those with less and we ALL benefit when these individuals and families succeed. Thank you for making this possible.

I will end with Pope Francis monthly prayer intention for June:

*"We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them."*

(<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2024>)

*Peace,*  
Catherine and Maryann



# 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.**





# LEGACY *Dinner*

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STAY TUNED,  
DETAILS  
TO COME!

# FROM THE VATICAN:

Cycle of Catechesis. Vices and Virtues. 18.

## HOPE

Saint Peter's Square | Wednesday, 8 May 2024

In the last catechesis we began to reflect on the theological virtues. There are three of them: faith, hope and charity. Last time, we reflected on faith. Now it is the turn of hope. "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1817). These words confirm that hope is the answer offered to our heart, when the absolute question arises in us: "What will become of me? What is the purpose of the journey? What is the destiny of the world?"

We all realize that a negative answer to these questions causes sadness. If there is no meaning to life's journey, if there is nothing at the beginning and at the end, then we wonder why on earth we should walk: man's desperation, the sensation of the pointlessness of everything, arises from this. And many may rebel: "I strove to be virtuous, to be prudent, just, strong, temperate. I was a man or woman of faith.... What was the use of my fight, if everything ends here?". If hope is lacking, all the other virtues run the risk of crumbling and turning into ashes. If there were no reliable tomorrow, no bright horizon, one would only have to conclude that virtue is a futile effort. "Only when the future is certain as a positive reality does it become possible to live the present as well", said Benedict XVI (Encyclical Letter Spe salvi, 2, 2).

Christians have hope not through their own merit. If they believe in the future, it is because Christ died and rose again and gave us his Spirit. "Redemption is offered to us in the sense that we have been given hope, trustworthy hope, by virtue of which we can face our present" (ibid., 1). In this sense, once again, we say that hope is a theological virtue: it does not emanate from us. It is not an obstinacy we want to convince ourselves of, but rather, a gift that comes directly from God.

The Apostle Paul presents the new logic of the Christian experience to the many doubting Christians who had not been completely reborn to hope: "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied" (1 Cor 15:17-19). It is as if he had said: if you believe in the Resurrection of Christ, then you know with certainty that no defeat and no death is forever. But if you do not believe in the Resurrection of Christ, then everything becomes hollow,

even the preaching of the Apostles.

Hope is a virtue against which we often sin: in our bad nostalgia, in our melancholy, when we think that the happiness of the past is buried forever. We sin against hope when we become despondent over our sins, forgetting that God is merciful and greater than our heart. And let us not forget this, brothers and sisters: God forgives everything, God forgives always. We are the ones who tire of asking for forgiveness. But let us not forget this truth: God forgives everything, God always forgives. We sin against hope when we become despondent over our sins; we sin against hope when the autumn in us cancels out the spring; when God's love ceases to be an eternal fire and we do not have the courage to make decisions that commit us for a lifetime.

The world today is in great need of this Christian virtue! The world needs hope, just as it greatly needs patience, a virtue that journeys hand-in-hand with hope. Patient men are weavers of goodness. They stubbornly desire peace, and even if some of them are hasty and would like everything, straight away, patience is capable of waiting. Even when around us many have succumbed to disillusionment, those who are inspired by hope and are patient are able to get through the darkest of nights. Hope and patience go together.

Hope is the virtue of those who are young at heart; and here age does not matter because there are also elderly people whose eyes are filled with light, who live permanently striving towards the future. Think of the two great elderly people of the Gospel, Simeon and Anna: they never tired of waiting and they saw the last stretch of their earthly journey blessed by the encounter with the Messiah, whom they recognized in Jesus, brought to the Temple by his parents.

What grace if it were like that for all of us! If after a long pilgrimage, setting down our saddlebags and staff, our heart were filled with a joy never before felt, and we too could exclaim: "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel". (Lk 2:29-32).

Brothers and sisters, let us go ahead and ask for the grace to have hope, hope with patience. Always towards that definitive encounter; always thinking that the Lord is near us, that death will never ever be victorious. Let us go ahead and ask the Lord to give us this great virtue of hope, accompanied by patience. Thank you.

### Stewardship of Treasury week ending 6/7

Collections	Weekly	Fiscal YTD
Budgeted	\$6,692	\$314,538
Actual	\$9,028	\$359,518
Excess (Deficit)	\$2,336	\$44,979
Means of Giving	Weekly	YTD
Envelopes	54	2,610
Loose checks	8	488
Other	4	160
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 **God Bless the Newly Baptized!**



**Leo Michael**



**David John**



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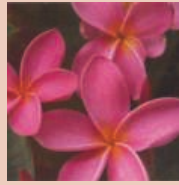
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