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## FOUNDING PASTOR – FATHER LEE INSTALLED

Excitement was in the air on Sunday, July 31, 2005 as hundreds of people gathered for the installation of Rev. Jeffrey E. Lee as Founding Pastor of the new Parish of Our Lady of the Angels. The magnificent historic ceremony took place at the Church of the Im-



maculate Conception. More than thirty fellow priests joined Father Lee as he accepted the new



pastorate from Bishop Smith's representative, Msgr. Eugene Rebeck. The presentation of the five symbolic gifts of the office of pastor were presented by the Parish Trustees and representatives from Temporal Affairs, Stewardship, Faith Formation, Youth Group,

Hispanic Committee, Patrimony, Liturgical Ministry, Sanctuary Guild, Ladies of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Name, Consolation Ministry and Senior Citizens. To the delight of all, Father Lee addressed the crowd in Italian, Spanish and English and was greeted by thunderous applause at the conclusion of the ceremony. The parish choir and Coro San



Pablo sang beautiful English, Spanish and Italian hymns adding to the beauty of the



tri-lingual service. An old German hymn was sung to pay tribute to the German heritage of many people from Immaculate Conception. Following the service, refreshments were served in the school cafeteria. Trays and trays of cookies were baked by ladies of the parish. People mingled and renewed old friendships and made new ones. The beautiful day ended on a happy note with everyone looking forward to a bright future as the two historic parishes of Chambersburg became one.



## FROM THE EDITORIAL STAFF

WELCOME to the first issue of *Our Lady of the Angels Parish Newsletter*. It was in December of the year 2000, under the guidance of Rev. Jeffrey E. Lee, recently installed Pastor of St. Joachim Parish, that the first issue of the Newsletter was published. Now, nearly five years later, we are delighted to bring you the first issue under its new name *Our Lady of the Angels Parish Newsletter*.

The purpose of this publication is to reach out to the members of our enlarged parish family including the homebound and those who for various reasons may not be able to attend weekend services on a regular basis and inform them of parish activities and happenings. We extend a sincere welcome to all the faithful parishioners from Immaculate Conception who are receiving this newsletter for the first time. We are proud to announce that Gail Costantini from the Immaculate has graciously accepted our invitation to be part of the newsletter staff and we are most happy to have her with us. We also welcome back the loyal parishioners of St. Joachim who have supported us with their prayers and enthusiasm these past five years.

Our sincere hope is that the Newsletter will be a channel through which we will get to know one another and encourage a spirit of cooperation and Christian charity between the members of each former parish. Both communities have rich religious and cultural traditions and have much to contribute to bring about a thriving, loving and caring Catholic community in the Chambersburg we all still hold dear to our hearts. We are one in faith whether we pray in English, Italian or Spanish. We welcome our Latino brothers and sisters as they become an increasingly integral part of our parish community.

We do hope that you will enjoy reading the Newsletter and will offer your thoughts and suggestions as time goes on. May the peace of Christ and love of our parish patron, Our Lady of the Angels, be with us.

### Who's Who at Our Lady of the Angels Parish

Here's a handy list of all the parish offices and staff members

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## FRANCISCAN FAREWELL

A very special celebration was held August 7, 2005 at Immaculate Conception Church. A farewell mass was celebrated by Father Raynald Yudin, former pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, along with Very Rev. Justin Biase, Minister Provincial of the Immaculate Conception Province, and other priests of the Franciscan Order. Special guests included Father Dominic McGee, Father Brennan Joseph and Father Tony Kall. Also attending were Father Jeffrey E. Lee, newly appointed Pastor of Our Lady of the Angels Parish and several other diocesan priests as well as several other priests and sisters who had been affiliated with Immaculate Conception Parish. Father Dominic's homily reflected on the history of the parish which began over 130 years ago when an Italian Franciscan, Father Peter Jachetti, came to Trenton to minister to the many immigrants settling in Chambersburg. He built this beautiful church on a baseball field which he called his "field of dreams." Many wondered why there was a need for such a large church, but Father Peter's feelings were, "if we build it they will come." And come they did! They came as far as fifty miles. People of Slovak, Hungarian, Italian, Polish and German origin came to this church. The church not only ministered to the spiritual needs of the people, but also their physical and educational needs. A parochial school was built next to the church and Franciscan Sisters established St. Francis Hospital on Hamilton Avenue. And so the parish flourished over the years. This mass was the culmination of many years of worship, dedication and friendships cultivated over many decades.

Dinner, dancing and reminiscing at Roman Hall followed the emotional and beautiful liturgy. It was a day filled with memories, as well as fond farewells and best wishes for all. It marked the end of an era for the City of Trenton, and the presence of the Franciscan ministry will be greatly missed. There were no "goodbyes" just "till we meet again."

### 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)  
 6:00 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)

Don't Forget to Visit Our Lady of the Angels on the Internet at:  
[www.olatrenton05.org](http://www.olatrenton05.org) Pay a visit and enjoy.



## TWO PATRONAL FEASTS CELEBRATED



On Tuesday, July 26 the people of the parish gathered to celebrate the feast of St. Joachim, husband of St. Anne and patron of St. Joachim Church. After the very well attended Liturgy, refreshments were served in Centennial Hall and everyone enjoyed the lively Italian music of Lou Mathews and Frank Aiello. Each year this traditional feast is attended by many faithful parishioners, a time to gather, pray together and enjoy each other's company.

A few days later, on Tuesday August 2, the newly merged parish gathered once again at St. Joachim Church to mark the feast of Our Lady of the Angels, Patroness of our parish. The church was full as all gathered to honor Mary, our Mother, under this title so revered by the Franciscans and by the Hispanic people especially in Costa Rica. Our Lady, to whom the Italians have always been very devoted, and to whom the beautiful Church of the Immaculate Conception is dedicated, will be the bond that unites this newly merged Parish of Our Lady of the Angels. Again refreshments were served in the hall after the service as members of both former parishes got to know one another.

## LOTS OF FUN AT ICC PICNIC

Members of Immaculate Conception Church hosted their third annual picnic at Mercer County Park on Sunday, July 24, 2005. All parishioners of our newly formed Parish of Our Lady of the Angels were welcomed as well as their families and friends. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful day which included great food, music, games and fishing in Mercer County Lake. Father Ray was surprised with a birthday cake to celebrate his upcoming birthday. After the birthday celebration he said a beautiful mass under the pavilion by the lake in English and Spanish accompanied by the Hispanic choir and musicians. It was a really enjoyable day for everyone!



New Newsletter staff member Gail Costantini with her husband Dave and Father Ray

## *Come Celebrate Our Italian Heritage*

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbus Day Celebration will be celebrated on Monday, October 10, 2005 at St. Joachim Church. This annual event is brought to us through the efforts of Dr. Gilda Rorro Baldassari, Honorary Vice Consul of Italy in Trenton in cooperation with the Ocean County Columbus Day Parade Committee and with the New Jersey Italian and Italian American Heritage Commission.

Highlighting this year's festivities will be a performance of the *Gruppo Folkloristico Di Naro* from Agrigento, Sicily. The celebration begins with a solemn Mass at 11:00am at Saint Joachim Church, followed by a performance of the troupe on Butler Street at 12:00 noon. A luncheon at Roman Hall will follow at 1:15pm. The troupe will perform additional Sicilian renditions at the luncheon.

For luncheon reservations, please call Mark Smith at 609-394-1170.

## Parish Profile

### **Terri Scimeca, Pastoral Associate for Worship, Greet the Parish ...**

I grew up in Riverside, NJ in the parish community of St. Peter's. I am the oldest of ten ... 3 sisters and 6 brothers. Family life has always been interesting for us.

I have been involved in ministry for a very long time. When I was in the 6th grade sister asked me to lead the songs during the Stations of the Cross. Shortly after I joined the "folk group" and have been involved with music ministry ever since. My parents and grandparents were very involved at the church so at a young age I learned there was more to being Catholic than just going to church on Sunday. Our parish community was the center of our life. I served many Altar Rosary breakfasts and dinners with my grandmother, participated in May Processions, attended (was dragged to ) St. Anthony Novena every week with my mother and brothers and sisters, and lots of other activities as they came up. Faith and church have always been a part of my life.

About eight years ago my whole life changed. I left corporate America after 20 years and was searching for what I would do next. Little did I know what I would do next would find me ... in an invitation from one of our parish priests at St. Charles Borromeo in Cinnaminson, NJ. You guessed it, it was Father Jeff ... there was a need for someone to produce worship aids for a special liturgy and I said to Father "I can do that". That was just the beginning. More and more I was discovering that the gifts and talents that God had given me could be placed at the service of the church. What I had to offer ... the church ... my parish community, needed. And so I continued to get more involved. I had lots of questions and Father Jeff patiently answered all of them and continued to feed this new curiosity I had with parish life ... our liturgical life in particular. By the time Father Jeff was transferred to St. Joachim's I was ready to become part of the staff at St. Charles Borromeo. That was almost 6 years ago.

About that same time I married George, my husband. We have been married for almost six years. God knew I would need him as I began my preparation for pastoral ministry and so he placed him at my side for guidance, support, encouragement and to keep me grounded.

My journey continued and I was accepted into the ILEM program (Institute for Lay Ecclesial Ministry). ILEM is a program offered by the Diocese of Trenton to prepare and form lay people for pastoral leadership and provide for their theological education, spiritual formation and pastoral skills development. The formation is a three year process. I attended Georgian Court University and earned a Certificate in Pastoral Ministry.

I was among the first Lay Ecclesial Ministers to be commissioned by the bishop in December of 2004. It was truly a humbling and grace-filled moment.

I have to be honest ... I came to Our Lady of the Angels with a little bit of a fear of the unknown. However, as soon as I met the parishioners ... their loving and friendly spirits ... all I could do was smile and thank God for bringing me to this wonderful place.

## **Welcome Father Daniel - Welcome to Office Assistants**

Father Daniel Peirano, a new member of our parish clergy, comes to us after serving nearly three years at the Church of Saints Peter and Paul in Trenton. Fr. Daniel is originally from Lima, Peru. From all of us at Our Lady of the Angels Parish we say, "Welcome, Father Daniel!"

We also like to welcome our two new office assistants--Mrs. Anne (Scaccetti) Conte and Mrs. Felicita Martinez. Both Anne and Felicita served as parish secretaries at Immaculate Conception Parish. Both are ready to help you and both can be reached at extension 101. Welcome Anne and Felicita.

*As is our custom with new staff members, fuller profiles will appear in future issues of the newsletter.*

## PRAYER CORNER



O God, we implore your blessings on our new Parish of Our Lady of the Angels. Grant us all open minds and sincere hearts as we join together as one family in giving you praise and thanksgiving. You have blessed the people of St. Joachim's and Immaculate Conception for over a century with many favors. Please continue to shower your grace and blessings upon us, that united in faith we may be true disciples of your Divine Son and faithful stewards of all your gifts. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen

O Dio, imploriamo la tua benedizione su questa nuova Parrocchia della Madonna degli Angeli. Fa che con cuori sinceri ci uniamo come una sola famiglia per darti lode e grazie. Per più di un secolo hai benedetto il popolo di San Gioacchino e l'Immacolata Concezione con doni innumerevoli. Fa che la tua grazia divina continui a scendere su di noi e mostraci la tua continua benevolenza. Per Cristo nostro Signore. Amen

Oh Dios, te imploramos que derrames tus bendiciones sobre nuestra nueva Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles. Concédenos a todos una mente abierta y un corazón sincero mientras nos reunimos como una sola familia para alabarte y agradecerte. Has bendecido a la gente de San Joaquín y de la Inmaculada Concepción por más de un siglo con numerosos favores. Por favor, continúa rociando tu gracia y tus bendiciones sobre nosotros para que unidos en fe podamos ser verdaderos discípulos de tu Divino Hijo y fieles administradores de todos tus dones. Te lo pedimos en nombre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Amén.

## SJS ALUMNI / CHAMBERSBURG REUNION TICKET SALES

In 1910, 5 pioneering Sisters of the Religious Teachers Filippini were sent from Italy to staff the newly built Saint Joachim School in Trenton, NJ. Over the years the school educated thousands of young men and women who today serve in every profession imaginable.

To celebrate the 95th Anniversary of the Sisters arrival, Saint Joachim Alumni and others have planned a very special weekend filled with many festivities. The events and ticket prices are as follows:

**Friday, September 30, 2005, 7PM to 11:30PM** - The Great Chambersburg Reunion at Trenton's Lafayette Yard Marriott Hotel. \$35.00 per person.

For only this event call the Rectory (609) 695-6089

**Saturday, October 1, 2005, 8PM** - Concert by the Boheme Opera Company at Trenton's War Memorial Building. \$25.00 per person or preferred seating \$40.00 per person.

For Concert only - contact Lisa Bronski - (609) 259-2508

**Sunday, October 2, 2005, 5:15PM** - Testimonial Dinner Honoring Maestre Pie Filippini at Roman Hall Restaurant. \$25.00 per person. Available through package only. Limit 250 packages.

**Tickets for the Sunday Testimonial Dinner are sold only as a package for all three events.**

**Package Prices are:**

**\$125 (Concert General Admission)**

**\$140 (Concert Preferred Seating)**

Contact Loretta Foley - (609) 689-3456

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



- Sept. 7, 8, 9 Triduum in honor of Our Lady of the Assumption,  
Patroness of Casandrino
- Sept. 11 Feast of Our Lady of Casandrino- 3 PM Mass at  
St. Joachim followed by outdoor procession with  
Statue of Our Lady.
- Sept 16 20-Week Club Dinner at Roman Hall
- Sept. 17 Pilgrimage to the National Shrine
- Sept. 17-18 Parish Clothing Drive to benefit Martin House
- Sept. 23-25 Mercer County Italian –American Festival
- Sept 30 The Great Chamberburg Reunion
- Oct. 1 Boheme Opera Co. Concert at War Memorial
- Oct 2 Testimonial Dinner honoring Maestre Pie Filippini at Roman Hall
- Oct 3-5 Parish Mission
- Oct. 10 Columbus Day Mass and Festivities at St. Joachim
- Oct. 17 Diocesan Mass for Healthcare Workers at St. Joachim
- Oct. 26 Sanctuary Guild Fashion Show at Roman Hall
- Oct 30 Paesi Nostri- Umbria Mass and Dinner

## CONGRATULATIONS SISTER FRANCES

Sincere congratulations to Sister Frances Gervasio who recently celebrated the 50th Anniversary of her investiture in the Religious Teachers Filippini. The Solemn Mass took place at St. Joachim Church on Sunday August 21. Msgr. Thomas N. Gervasio, former pastor of St. Joachim's and presently pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows/St. Anthony Parish, was main celebrant with Rev. Jeffrey E. Lee, Rev. Sam Sirianni and Rev. Harry Cenefelst con-celebrating. Sister Frances is a life-long member of St. Joachim Parish and was surrounded by family, friends, and other Sisters on this special occasion. Best wishes for many more years in the Lord's service! Auguri

## FEAST of OUR LADY of CASANDRINO

The feast of Our Lady of the Assumption, Patroness of Casandrino will take place Sunday, Sept. 11, 2005 at St. Joachim Church. Homilist at the 3 PM Solemn Mass will be the Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark. A procession with the Statue of our Lady will follow and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be imparted upon return to Church. Dinner and music will follow at Roman Hall.

### Our Lady of the Angel's Parish Newsletter

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*A Message from our Pastor .....*

My Dear Parishioners:

The word is MERGE! Or is it MERGED? Or is it MERGING? The coming together of two very unique and historic worshipping communities is not a simple process. While we would like it to be simple, it engages the mind, the soul and the heart. Emotions run high. Fears abound. Expectations create uncertainty. Successes yield to calm. I am so very grateful that so many of you are participating in the “merging” of our communities. It is a process and will take much time, purification and trust...I think that we are well on our way. One indication of this is the recurring response of so many of our parishioners that I hear, “It’s going better than I thought it would!” Thank you for taking the risk of remaining with your parish community during the merging of our traditions.

Fall is an enchanted season marked by the dramatic burst of color we experience when the leaves change colors. This external manifestation should move us to reflect on the human life cycle. Regardless of the particular season of our life, each of us as Catholic Christians is called to be an evangelizing presence in our families, workplaces, and neighborhood communities. The fall season of our life is characterized by having a certain wisdom acquired by life experience. The question remains: Are we willing to share that wisdom for the advancement of the human community and the common good?

As always I greet our homebound parishioners in a special way. You have a daily remembrance in my prayer. Through your sacrificial generosity our parish community has been built on solid ground. Please continue to offer your daily prayer for our pastor and for the future endeavors of our parish community. Peace. Father Jeff



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