



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL



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Mark the Evangelist



Evangelist, Martyr, Gospel according to Mark

Born	1st century AD Cyrene, Pentapolis of North Africa, according to Coptic tradition
Died	Uncertain
Honored in	Coptic Orthodox Church, Eastern Orthodox Church, Roman Catholic Church, Eastern Catholic Churches, Lutheranism
Major shrine	Saint Mark's Coptic Orthodox Cathedral (Cairo, Egypt) Saint Mark's Coptic Orthodox Cathedral (Alexandria, Egypt) Basilica di San Marco (Venice, Italy)
Feast Day	April 25
Attributes	Lion in the desert; bishop on a throne decorated with lions; man helping Venetian sailors; man holding a book with "pax tibi Marce" written on it; man holding a palm and book; man with a book or scroll accompanied by a winged lion; man with a halter around his neck; man writing or holding his gospel; rescuing Christian slaves from Saracens.
Patronage	Attorneys, Glaziers, Venice, Captives, Egypt, lions, notaries, and against impertinence.

Sources: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mark_the_Evangelist
http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=305
Children's Daily Prayer 2017-2018, ISBN 978-1-61671-329-4

The first Gospel was written by St. Mark, who, in the New Testament, is sometimes called John Mark. Both he and his mother, Mary, were highly esteemed in the early Church, and his mother's house in Jerusalem served as a meeting place for Christians there.

St. Mark was associated with St. Paul and St. Barnabas (who was Mark's cousin) on their missionary journey through the island of Cyprus. Later he accompanied St. Barnabas alone. We know also that he was in Rome with St. Peter and St. Paul. Tradition ascribes to him the founding of the Church in Alexandria.

St. Mark wrote the second Gospel, probably in Rome sometime before the year 60 A.D.; he wrote it in Greek for the Gentile converts to Christianity. Tradition tells us that St. Mark was requested by the Romans to set down the teachings of St. Peter. This seems to be confirmed by the position which St. Peter has in this Gospel. In this way the second Gospel is a record of the life of Jesus as seen through the eyes of the Prince of the Apostles. He is the patron saint of notaries and his symbol is the winged lion.



Illumination of St. Mark in the 11th century Trebizond Gospel (Russian State Museum, Saint Petersburg)

The Gospel of St. Mark, the shortest of the four, is, above all, a Roman Gospel. It originated in Rome and is addressed to Romans, or shall we say, to Western Christianity. Another high merit is its chronological presentation of the life of Christ, allowing us to pursue our interest in the sequence of the events in our Savior's life.



Prayer for Immaculate Conception School:

Dear Lord, bless our Catholic school. Help us to continue to be a humble source of wisdom, always yearning to learn more about your tremendous love for us. May all who enter Immaculate Conception School be filled with the gift of your Holy Spirit, coming to know you in a more meaningful way. Guide us as a community that respects and welcomes everyone. May Catholic education continue to grow so that your good news can be taught to children throughout the world. In your son Jesus's name we pray, Amen.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you ICS Parent Jeanne Dunham for directing, as well as the many volunteers who helped facilitate our recently completed Scholastic Book Fair. Great job!



Father – Daughter Dance

Thank you ICS Parent Jodi Lukas-Stem, primary coordinator, as well as Shannon Figalora, Gina Kuglin, Danielle Clark, and Catherine Dunn, all of whom went above and beyond in helping make this such a fun and successful event. Thank You!



Administrative Professionals Day – April 25th

Yes, tomorrow is an excellent opportunity to appreciate the rock stars of our office, Maria Casserly and Joan Ingram, along with our Admissions Director Sharon Hillwig. Thank you for all that you do ladies!!! 😊



04/25 – Administrative Professionals Day – A perfect day to recognize and thank Mrs. Casserly, Mrs. Ingram, and Mrs. Hillwig for all that they respectively do for our school!

04/26 – Free Dress Down Day – 8th Grade (Volleyball Winners) -and- 'Downstairs + ECE Building' as CRS Rice Bowl 'Penny Wars' Winners

04/26-28 – Parish Children's Consignment Sale

04/27 – Adoration -and- Grandparents Luncheon

04/28 – GALA Auction

05/03 – First Thursday – Dismissal at 12:15p.m. Mass at 9:00a.m. – Dress Uniforms -and- National Day of Prayer

05/04 – Early Dismissal at 12:15p.m. – Afternoon for Staff Spirituality Professional Development



Attention: Virtus/Safe Environment Training

Spring is coming and you may want to accompany children on ICC/ICS activities. **All adults** involved with youth on our property or thru our organizations **are required** to take the 3-hour course - Protecting God's Children. Please pre-register for the **Tuesday, April 24 class** at virtus.org thru the Diocese of Metuchen. Classes will be in the Parish Hall in the church basement from 7p.m. thru 10p.m. **This course is a required pre-requisite to volunteer with children.**

Grandparents & Special Friends Luncheon
Friday April 27th


Grades 5-8 11:45 – 12:20
Grades K-4 12:30 – 1:05
Tuna Sandwich Lunch \$3.00
* To be ordered on student lunch count Friday morning

First comes lunch then comes CANDY!!
This amazing candy tower donated by the Longua Family will be raffled off Friday after lunch.
Tickets are \$1.00 each or 10 for \$5.00

ICS GALA 'Tease Item #1' of the Week:

Flash back to the
EIGHTIES

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GALA SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018 6:30PM



Pizza with the Pastor

Pizza! Pizza! It's time to sit back, relax, and have a slice with our Pastor!

Enjoy a special lunch with Fr. Jay and up to five of your friends while you talk about sports, movies, and which is better Pepperoni or Meatball?

Donated by: Fr. Jay Toborowsky

Item #202

Place your bid now at:
www.501auctions.com/icsannandale

ICS GALA 'Tease Item #2' of the Week:

Flash back to the
EIGHTIES

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GALA SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018 6:30PM



In-ground Pool Opening

Includes:

1. Spring Pool Opening
2. Vacuum Service – up to one hour
3. Cover Removal
4. Chemical Special
5. Heater Service

Donated by: The Lance Family

Item #261

Place your bid now at: www.501auctions.com/icsannandale

ICS GALA Auction: Saturday, April 28th

Theme: **Flashback to the 80's**

The Farmhouse at the Grand Colonial
86 Route 173 West, Hampton, NJ 08827

“Cocktail Attire with an 80's Twist”


Questions? Please contact event coordinator Mrs. Sharon Hillwig at shillwig@icsclinton.org
Back-to-the-80's outfits, food, fun, lots of interesting oral, silent, and tricky tray items... It's going to be awesome! Even better, the proceeds all go to supporting our school! 😊



Re: 'Take your Child to Work Day' - April 26th

Greetings and a Continued Happy Easter!

If you are planning to have your child participate in "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day" on Thursday, April 26, please remember to send in a note stating such, in advance. This will ensure that your child is marked "Excused Absence" vs. "Unexcused Absence." It will also help with alternate lesson planning should a particular class's numbers be low.




There is still time to buy a yearbook. The sale has been extended until Friday April 27th.

Please make a checks payable to Immaculate Conception School.

Pricing

- Hard Cover \$17.00
- Soft Cover \$12.00
- Sticky's \$2.00 per sheet
- Name stamping \$5.00



Gospel Inspiration

**“Suffer the little children to come unto me,
and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.” – St. Mark 10.14**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GALA

Flash back to the **EIGHTIES**

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018 6:30PM

What's on the menu for the 2018 Gala? Check out some of the options that will be available on Saturday night!

Hot and Cold passed Hors D'Oeuvres including:

Sesame Seared Tuna
Shrimp
Crabcakes
Sirloin Sliders
Spring Rolls

Dinner Food Stations open from 6:30-8:30.

Grab a plate, or four and try as many as you'd like before the auction begins! Choose from:

Beef and Turkey Carving Stations
Cajun Station including blackened fish
Pasta
Seven Layer Dip
Potato Skins/Stuffed Baked Potatoes
Quiche
Buffalo Chicken Wings
Fish and Chips
Chicken Pot Pie
Sloppy Joes
And much more!

Did we mention there will be a 4 hour open bar featuring (but not limited to) some of your favorite drinks from the 80's including:

Wine Coolers
Pina Coladas
Tequila Sunrises
Fuzzy Navals
Seabreezes
Alabama Slammers
B52s

A few photos from our recent 2018 Father-Daughter Dance event...



Thank You Jodi Lukas-Stem, Shannon Figalora, Gina Kuglin, Danielle Clark, and Catherine Dunn for facilitating!