

Immaculate Conception School Hosts The Easter Bunny

The Easter Bunny came early this year when he visited the Immaculate Conception School in Astoria who hosted a breakfast on April 16.

The event was attended by more than two hundred guests and was soon sold out. Principal Eileen Harnischfeger stressed that the purpose of the breakfast was to be a fun-raiser, organized by the Parent Recruitment Organization to attract new students to the school.

Andrew Hopkins, chair of the organization and the event remarked, "It was put together with tremendous support from parents."

Many parents helped by cooking the

sumptuous meal of pancakes, waffles, eggs, sausage and bacon while children, family and faculty took part in fun activities including a photo op with the Easter Bunny, face painting, balloon animals, temporary tattoos, decorating paper eggs and Easter baskets and cotton ball and glitter art.



Photo Jonathan Ellis

The arts and crafts room buzzes with energy at Breakfast with the Easter Bunny.

"It's going beautifully. They [the community] are seeing we do a lot more than teach, it's a family atmosphere," Coordinator Kathy Gonzalez said.

According to Hopkins, this is the first year the Immaculate Conception School sponsored the event, and plans to do it again in 2012 while also hoping to add a Breakfast with Santa Claus during the Christmas season.

Monsignor Fernando Ferrarese of Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church added, "We want people to see our school; it's a way of introducing the community to it. Our Catholic values are at the core, but it's open to all faiths. We have Muslim students, Jewish and many others."

-Georgina Young-Ellis

Christianity And Zen Buddhism

Father Robert Kennedy SJ Roshi (Zen master) will be holding three lectures on the subject of Christianity and Zen Buddhism, a Journey of Discovery, at Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, 21-47 29th St., Astoria on May 2, May 9 and May 16 at 7 p.m.

The first lecture; The Cloud of Unknowing: Approaching the God of Mysticism is followed by God Steps Back: A Humble God and Humanity Steps Forward: An Empowering God. There will be a \$25 charge for all three lectures payable at the first lecture or \$10 per lecture. No pre-registration is required.

For more information go to www.ic-astoria.org or call 718-728-1613.



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Emily and Gina Hopkins with the Easter Bunny.

Ava and Aidan Brinda have their moment with the Easter Bunny.

Tamiment Women's Regular Democratic Club

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21-01 24th Avenue
Astoria, NY

**Wednesday
May 4th, 2011
7 P.M.**

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