Immaculate Conception Church

75 Church Street • Franklin, New Jersey 07416

January 8, 2017

The Epiphany of the Lord

Mission Statement of Immaculate Conception Parish

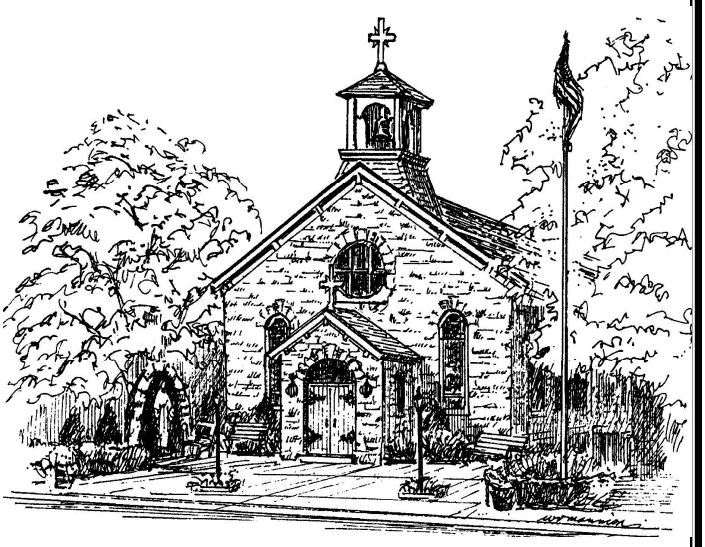
We, the faith community of Immaculate Conception Parish in Franklin, New Jersey, commit ourselves to share our gifts and love to make the presence of God a reality in our lives by welcoming all to worship and serving those who are in need.

Welcome to Immaculate Conception Parish

The faith community of Immaculate Conception welcomes all visitors, parishioners, family and friends. We hope you find your visit warm and inviting as well as spiritually nourishing. We will keep all of you in our prayers and wish you God's Blessings.

New members may register by calling the Parish Office.

If you are moving out of the parish or change your address, please notify the Parish Office.



REV. BOGUSLAW KOBUS, PASTOR

MRS. VICKY YAHM, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR

MS. MALDEN COMANDA, MUSIC DIRECTOR

OFFICE HOURS:

PARISH OFFICE: MON—WED 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (THURS BY APPT.) **RECTORY PHONE:** 973-827-9575

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE: MON & WED 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, TUES 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE PHONE: 973-827-9501

FAX: 973-827-7375

WEBSITE: **WWW.ICCFRANKLIN.ORG**

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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM ANTICIPATED MASS
SUNDAY: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

DAILY MASSES

(RECITATION OF THE ROSARY AFTER MASS)
MONDAY: MASS, NOVENA, & BENEDICTION 7PM
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY: 7:30 AM
THURSDAY NO DAILY MASS
SATURDAY: 9:00 AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

HOLY DAY: 7:00 AM, 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS: 4:00-4:30 PM OR BY APPOINTMENT
AND FIFTEEN MINUTES BEFORE FIRST FRIDAY MASS

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH 3PM—6PM (CHURCH)
FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH 7PM-9PM (CHAPEL)

BAPTISMS

PARENTS MUST BE REGISTERED PARISHONERS AND ATTEND A PREP CLASS BEFORE SCHEDULING BAPTISM. PREP SESSIONS HELD ON FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30PM. PLEASE CALL TO REGISTER.

MARRIAGE CONTACT THE PARISH ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE MUST BE REGISTERED PARISHIONERS FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

ANY TIME FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

VISITATIONS UPON REQUEST.

THE WEEK OF January 8, 2017

SATURDAY January 7

9:00 am

✞ Mark Dembowski reqby ICC

5:00 pm—Sunday Anticipated

✞ Jean Mele 5th Ann. reqby Family

SUNDAY January 8

7:30 am

✞ Eric Burns reqby Family

9:30 am—Blessing of Babies

♥ People of the Parish

11:30 am

♥ Benefactors of the Parish

MONDAY January 9—The Baptism of the Lord

7:00 pm

✞ Stephen & Madeline Swiss reqby Family

TUESDAY January 10

7:30 am

✞ James Elekes, Jr. reqby Mom & Dad

WEDNESDAY January 11

7:30 am

✞ Michael Elekes reqby Mom & Dad

THURSDAY January 12—No Mass

FRIDAY January 13—St. Hilary

7:30am

✞ James Marion reqby Carroll Family

SATURDAY January 14

9:00 am

✞ James Marion reqby Paul & Helen Koch

5:00 pm—Sunday Anticipated

✞ Marion Bognar reqby Earle & Mary Colridge

Next Week: Sunday January 15, 2017

7:30 am

✞ James Marion reqby Irene & Dick Durina

9:30 am

♥ People of the Parish

11:30 am

✞ James, Jr. & Michael Elekes reqby Mom & Dad

If you are a family member or friend of the person being remembered at Sunday Mass, please approach the usher and offer to bring up the gifts

Liturgical Ministers Schedule
January 14– January 15, 2017

Saturday, January 14, 2017
5:00pm Eucharistic Ministers: G. Marino, J. Friend, T. Friend
Sunday, January 15, 2017
7:30am Eucharistic Ministers: A. Zschack, J. Schoen, V. Yahm
9:30am Eucharistic Ministers: L. Rosanelli, H. Koch, P. Koch
11:30am Eucharistic Ministers: P. Rago, R. Rago, D. Payne

Winter Weather Alert
For weekday Mass cancellations due to inclement weather, call the Rectory 973-827-9575

Mass and Memorial Donations - Please Contact The Rectory

✞ A Holy Mass for the Deceased
♥ A Spiritual Bouquet Mass for the Living
Ex: Requests for healing, recovery or for God's Blessing for anniversaries, birthdays, or any other special occasion.

ENVELOPES FOR SCHOOL SUBSIDY AND CHURCH MAINTENANCE

Thank you for contributing to offset our church maintenance and school subsidy obligations. Recently, we had many unexpected repairs in the Parish. Anything you are able to give by using the green maintenance or yellow school envelopes, located in the vestibule, is deeply appreciated. As with a home, there are ongoing repair and maintenance projects, as well as unanticipated expenses. **Just days before Christmas, the water heater serving the Rectory needed to be replaced.** We are currently obtaining estimates to address water drainage issues between the Church and the Rectory which are affecting the foundation of the Rectory. Maintenance of the school building and modular units has reverted back to the Parish with the closing of ICRS. We are still expected to support all the schools in the Catholic Academy of Sussex County, Reverend Brown, Pope John XXIII Middle School and Pope John High XXIII School. Thank You again

Weekly Contributions

Christmas Collection:	**$12,600**
Heat & A/C:	**$ 1,401**
Last Week's Collection:	**$ 3,433**
2016-2017 Diocesan Assessment:	**$21,960**
Collected to Date (Project Faith):	**$10.080**

Please know that we are most appreciative for all of your donations. We all know how difficult things are financially for families. So, too, is it to run a parish, as expenses continue to rise. The parish is dependent on income from collections and Mass stipends. Our Sunday collections continue to fall short of needed revenue. We are most grateful for your continued and increased generosity in support of our parish. For whatever you are able to give, may God bless you; you and your intentions are always in our prayers. Remember, God always rewards a generous giver.

To receive credit for your donations, please use our envelope system and write the amount of your contribution on your envelope.

We ask that you please remember to support your parish when attending Mass elsewhere.

Rose Sale for Right to Life

The Knights of Columbus Marquette Council will be selling roses after all Masses next weekend.

Upcoming Parish Events

Sunday, January 8—The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 8, 9:30 Mass—Blessing of Babies
Sunday, January 8—Religious Education Sunday
Sunday, January 22—Religious Education Sunday
Sunday, January 29, 2pm—Frank Runyeon "The Sermon on the Mount & Hollywood vs. Faith"
Saturday, February 4, Noon—Mass, Followed by Healing Service

PARISH NOTES

Those attending Mass should always dress respectfully, especially those who may be called to serve the faithful from the altar.

Please be aware that our Church is a holy place and respect those who wish to pray after Mass.

Prayers for the Sick

Names included in the weekly Prayers of the Faithful are those who are currently hospitalized, undergoing surgery or who have recently died.

*Hospitals do **not** notify us when parishioners are in the hospital. They will only do so if **specifically requested by the patient**. The **parish office** should be notified by a **family member** to include names in Prayers of the Faithful, and when names should be removed from the list of the sick.*

BIBLE SHARING

Bible sharing meets Tuesdays, **except the first Tuesday of the month,** at 6pm in the Rectory Conference Room

Prayer Shawl Ministry

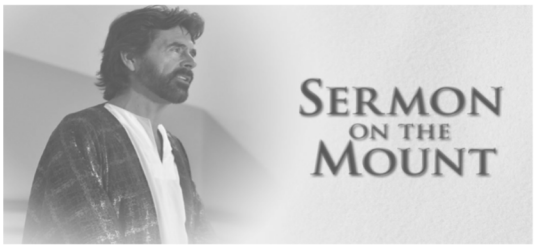
Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the third Thursday of each month **at 6:30pm** in the Rectory Conference Room

LEGION OF MARY

All practicing Catholics, men and women, are welcome to join. Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 7:15pm

AA Meetings

AA Meetings are held every week in the Lyceum
Mondays at 7:30pm
Wednesdays at 8pm
Fridays at 8pm (Men only)



Guest Speaker and Program

Who: Frank Runyeon
What: The Sermon on the Mount and Hollywood vs. Faith
When: Sunday, January 29, 2017, 2pm
Place: Immaculate Conception Church

Mr. Runyeon is a nationally acclaimed speaker, who has performed the Gospels for thousands of people across America, but is still best known for his many television roles on various daytime soap operas and in the theater. He was also well received here at Immaculate several years ago when he performed a Christmas Program, Please join us for this enlightening 90 minute program on the 29th, open to all parishioners.
There is no set charge for admission; however a free will donation of $10.00 (minimum) is suggested.

A Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary

Have you wanted to make a total consecration to Jesus through Mary "33 Days to Morning Glory" but found the book almost impossible to follow? This new, updated version is a "Do-it-yourself" retreat, which explains the process of consecration. It includes the spirituality of four saints, including Louis DeMonfort, Maximilian Kolbe, Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul II. It is a simple way to ponder the message in our hearts, as Mary did. The process is four weeks long, and we will meet once a week to listen to a 30 minute talk on DVD from Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. The cost for each participant is to be determined for the book, plus a portion of the cost of the DVD kit, which costs $49.95. We are currently negotiating prices for the books. If you are interested in joining the group, please let Fr. Bogie know. Anyone who would like to contribute to the cost, so that those who can't afford it are not left out, please let Father know. We are targeting to start the end of April, and conclude on May 21, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

ICRS Building Available

With the closure of **Immaculate Conception Regional School**, the school building is available for lease. Please contact **Deacon Robert Ayres**
Director of Property Administration,
Diocese of Paterson
973-777-8818 x273
rayers@patersondiocese.org

Additional Christmas Decoration Memorials in Loving Memory or in Honor of...

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Elias Abdel Wahad
The Wahad Family

Additional Christmas Decoration Donations

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Morris

Immaculate Conception Cemetery

Just as in life, we believe that in death the human body deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. The cemetery is an extension of the Church that ministers to our grief as the Church ministers to our faith. Being buried in the sacred grounds of a Catholic cemetery is an assertion of faith for both the deceased and their loved ones. Please refer to Bishop Serratelli's Pastoral Letter of November 2014, which can be found on the parish website. In keeping with the Church's tradition of respect for the body, remains and cremains should receive proper burial, entombment or inurnment.

Immaculate Conception Cemetery is located on North Church Road. Contact the Parish Office at 973-827-9575 or icchurch@ptd.net to make an appointment to obtain information about burial, entombment or inurnment arrangements.

GRIEF SUPPORT

For information, contact Frank Elmo 973-827-4396

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrive looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28 *or* Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
Monday:	The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday:	First Week in Ordinary Time begins
Friday:	St. Hilary
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

EPIPHANY

Solemn things of mystic meaning:
Incense doth the God disclose;
Gold a royal Child proclaimeth;
Myrrh a future tomb foreshows.
—Roman Breviary, Epiphany; Prudentius, fourth century

TRUE HAPPINESS

Abandon yourself utterly for the love of God, and in this way you will become truly happy.
—Blessed Henry Suso

SELFLESSNESS REWARDED

Help another's boat across, and lo! thine own has reached the shore.
—Old Hindu proverb

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel tells us "all Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled." A similar ripple effect happens in families; one person's negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peaceful and joyful home, it must start with you. Be peaceful and joyful!

Prayers for those who are currently sick, in the hospital or undergoing surgery, or who have recently died are included in the General Intercessions offered at every weekend Mass. These names are usually included once unless the person is seriously ill for a number of weeks. After three weeks the name will be placed in the Bulletin and will still be prayed for at Mass, but referred to as "those listed in the bulletin".

In Nursing Homes or Rehab: Mike Tatka, Carmen Ross, Irene Zipco, Sister Thomasina Gebhard, Mary Green, Dolores Nugent, Evelyn Riley

At Home: Danielle Dionisio, Thomas Dionisio, Jr., Jeanine Hodgins, Janice Rogers, Joan Boyer, John Tidona, Lisa Stine, Marie Sohayda, Jamie Escabar, Daniel Esposito, Daniel D'Andrea, Derek Mons, Robin Slate, Barbara Yarusinsky, William Wielechowski, Karl DaSalla, Sandra Barber, Mary Avino, Nadine Porter, Gladys Sudjian, Jonathan Shanoian, Bernadette Hoffman, Ken Koleser, Anthony Picone, Jennifer Singer, Mark Verrico, Ronald Tedesco, Agnes Micali, Philip & Ruth Agatino, Margaret Lorne, Anthony Dionisio, Paul Demarest, Antoinette Rogers, Eleanor Binns, Edna Zidek

Please notify us when you have recovered from your illness. ***Hospitals*** *are bound by privacy laws and* ***can not release the names of their patients****. It is up to a* ***family member*** *to let us know if a parishioner is hospitalized or homebound.*

PARISH MINISTRIES CONTACT LIST

Religious Education	Vicky Yahm	973-827-9501
Eucharistic Ministers	Christine Muller	973-827-9575
Lectors	Kim Vieira	973-545-2276
Music Director	Malden Comanda	973-827-9575
Ushers	Ron Hoffman	973-827-0585
Hospitality	George & Katie Drossel	973-903-7735
Children's Liturgy	Barbara DeRenzo	973-209-4381
Grief Support Ministry	Frank Elmo	973-827-4396
Liturgy Committee	Eileen & Mike Morgan	973-827-9606
Evangelization	Frank Elmo	973-827-4396
Altar Servers	Kim Vieira	973-545-2276
Youth Group Ministry	Renee Smith	973-209-6251
Homebound Ministry	Shirley Riccardi	973-827-9058
Legion of Mary	Tona Phillips	973-827-9575
Bible Study	Fr. Bogie	973-827-9575
	Frank Elmo	973-827-4396
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Shirley Riccardi	973-827-9058
	Toni Dionisio	973-827-9575
Prayer Group	Fr. Bogie	973-827-9575

The parish community of Immaculate Conception has an active, living liturgical life. Through the talents and skills of all those involved in various liturgical ministries, our experiences of worship provide prayerful and meaningful signs of God's presence. If you are interested in becoming a part of a Ministry at Immaculate Conception, please contact Fr. Bogie at the Rectory Office.

In the Military: Martin Pietrowski, Christopher Faber, LCPL William Mathes, LCPL Ernest Mathes, Karen Hassler, Tom Oroho, Maj. Stephen McKenzie, Pvt. Michael Gannon, Ryan Halkirt, Sabrina Mohammed, Thomas Hull, David Hull, Brian Burdzy, James Oroho, Jason Robertson, Pfc. Andrew Scriffiano

Welcome! Every member should be registered in the Parish, become active, financially support ***Immaculate Conception,*** and be known to Fr. Bogie. ***Letters of testimony for godparents and sponsors will not be given unless one is registered in the parish and children in the family are receiving religious education.***
When moving, please notify the parish office.

Bring your friend or someone dear to you to church… our parish community welcomes their presence

DAILY MISSAL

Please use daily missals Monday - Friday located on table by the Baptismal Font. After Mass, if you would be so kind, return Missals back where you found them.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS FOR SANCTUARY LAMP, SANCTUARY FLOWERS AND ALTAR BREAD & WINE PLEASE CONTACT THE RECTORY

SANCTUARY LAMP, a reminder of the Divine Presence in the Eucharist,may be donated in memory of loved ones
SANCTUARY FLOWERS, are a beautiful way to remember a loved one or commemorate a special intention.
ALTAR BREAD & WINE, consecrated at each liturgy, may be donated in memory of a loved one or for a special intention.

Please consider a future gift of money, stock, real estate or other valuables to Immaculate Conception by remembering our parish in your will. Call the Rectory office for more information

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