

Immaculate Conception Church

150th Anniversary

75 Church Street • Franklin, New Jersey 07416

March 4, 2018

Third Sunday of Lent

Mission Statement of Immaculate Conception Parish

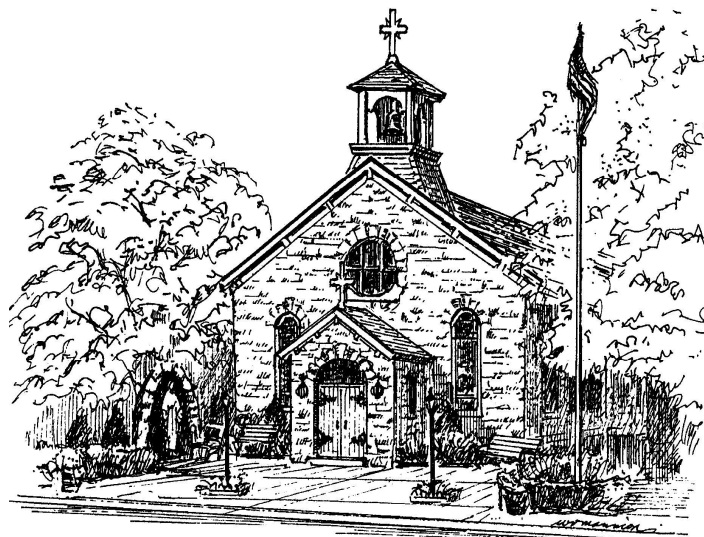
We, the faith community of Immaculate Conception Parish in Franklin, New Jersey, commit ourselves to share our gifts and love to make the presence of God a reality in our lives by welcoming all to worship and serving those who are in need.

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

Parish WEBSITE: **WWW.ICCFRANKLIN.ORG**

FAX: 973-827-7375

REV. BROWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: **WWW.REVBROWNSCHOOL.ORG** 973-729-9174

POPE JOHN MIDDLE SCHOOL: **WWW.POPEJOHNMS.ORG** 973-729-9174

POPE JOHN XXIII HIGH SCHOOL: **WWW.POPEJOHN.ORG** 973-729-6125

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

(6:15PM DURING LENT, NO BENEDICTION)

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

MONDAYS DURING LENT 7-8:30PM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAYS DURING LENT 3PM—6PM (CHURCH)

(NO ADORATION MARCH 2,9 OR 30, 2018)

BAPTISMS

PARENTS MUST BE REGISTERED PARISHIONERS 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 March 4, 2018

SATURDAY March 3

9:00 am

† Living & Deceased of Zyckra Family reqby Roland J. Mooney

5:00 pm—Sunday Anticipated

† Teofila & John Wronka reqby Family

† Ruby & Rosalba Pavas reqby Maria Locascio

SUNDAY March 4

7:30 am

† Phyllis Rossi reqby Henry & Barbara Zarzycki

9:30 am

† Charles Ripple reqby Ron Hoffman & Family

♥ People of the Parish

11:30 am

♥ Oscar Arango for God's Grace, Blessings, Peace & Good Health reqby Philips Family

MONDAY March 5

6:15 pm

† Living & Deceased of Croker Family reqby Roland J. Mooney

TUESDAY March 6

7:30 am

† Austin Kish reqby Jenny Murphy

WEDNESDAY March 7—Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

7:30 am

† Louis T. Kulsar reqby John Danis & Michaeline

THURSDAY March 8—No Mass

FRIDAY March 9—St. Frances of Rome

7:30 am

† Michael Elekes reqby Mom & Dad

SATURDAY March 10

9:00 am

† Living & Deceased of Hanaugh Family reqby Roland J. Mooney

5:00 pm—Sunday Anticipated

† Lou Stahl 9th Ann. reqby Dawn Stahl

♥ People of the Parish

Next Week: Sunday March 11, 2018

7:30 am

† Michael Elekes reqby Mom & Dad

† James Elekes, Jr. reqby Mom & Dad

9:30 am

† Irene Turner reqby Toni Dionisio

† Eleanor Innocenti reqby Toni Dionisio

11:30 am

† Louis Kulsar reqby Tizzano Family

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

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. There are always unexpected repairs in the Parish. Thanks to your positive response to our Increased Offertory Program and continued generosity, we had some funds available for more recent unexpected expenses. There were several broken heating pipes and resulting cleanup in the classroom under the Lyceum. We were also required to update our alarm systems, and some electrical upgrades are also necessary as a result. Anything you are able to give by using the green maintenance or yellow school envelopes, located in the vestibule, is deeply appreciated. Maintenance of the school building and modular units has reverted back to the Parish. We are still expected to support Reverend Brown School and Pope John XXIII Middle School. Thank You again

Weekly Contributions

Last Week's Collection: \$ 4,122*

Heat & A/C: \$ 1,268*

* Includes Online Giving

2016-2017 Diocesan Assessment: \$26,228

Collected to Date (Project Faith): \$ 8,652



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. Thanks to the positive response from many parishioners to the Increased Offertory Program, our Sunday collections have increased, and we are most grateful for your continued and increased generosity in support of our parish. We have been able to meet a number of unanticipated maintenance needs recently because of you. 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, or utilize Online Giving.

For your convenience, we are now offering Online Giving. Visit our parish website at www.iccfranklin.org and select the "Online Giving" link to get started. Online Giving will also allow you to generate your own contribution statements for tax purposes.



Upcoming Parish Events

Friday, March 9—NO ADORATION, STATIONS

Saturday, April 7 through Wednesday, April 11

Parish Retreat with Paul Rymniak

PARISH NOTES

Those who utilize contribution envelopes may request contribution statements for 2017 by calling the Parish Office. Statements for any contributions made through Online Giving can be generated through Online Giving.

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.

*Due to privacy laws, hospitals do **not** notify us when parishioners are in the Hospital, unless **specifically requested by the patient or immediate family member.***

*Likewise, the **parish office** should be notified by an **immediate family member** to include names in Prayers of the Faithful, and when names should be removed from the list of the sick.*

LEGION OF MARY

Meetings at 10am every Saturday in the Rectory Conference Room.

Not a member of the Legion of Mary? You can become an Auxiliary Member.

Call 908-619-0128 for more information.

The Legion of Mary cordially invites you to attend our Annual gathering where we renew our Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. It will be held on Sunday, March 4 at 3pm at Our Lady of the Lake, Sparta. Bishop Serratelli will be presiding. The ceremony consists of a rosary, an individual and group consecration before the Blessed Sacrament, and followed by a feast in McKenna Hall. All are welcome

Partners in Faith Update

We recently received a check in the amount of \$3,896, representing our parish sharing disbursement for 2017. THANK YOU to all parishioners who made the campaign a success, thus benefitting our parish



WELCOME HOME TO HEALING

**RECONCILIATION ON MONDAY NIGHTS
THROUGHOUT LENT**

“Welcome Home” is a diocesan initiative to invite all Catholics to experience the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Confessions will be held every Monday during Lent, from February 19th to March 19th, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in every Catholic Church in the Diocese of Paterson. Don’t be afraid! Information will be provided. Ask the priest to help you. Experience the gracious mercy of God!

www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org. Monday night Mass and Novena here at Immaculate will be moved from 7:00pm to **6:15pm** during Lent.

Summary of Lenten Requirements

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening — depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal.

Abstinence forbids the use of meat.

We must all turn from sin and make reparation to God for our sins. We must forgive and show love for one another just as we ask for God’s love and forgiveness.

Attending Mass daily or several times a week, praying the rosary, making the way of the cross, visiting the sick—all of these are meaningful and demanding forms of Penance

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place

Fridays during Lent from 3pm to 6pm,

except March 9, and Good Friday, March 30.

Adoration will be followed by Benediction and Stations of the Cross. Please sign up on the sheets at the front of the church if you can commit to a specific hour.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Donations of wool are gratefully accepted by the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

AA Meetings

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

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

Knights of Columbus Marquette Council 588

12th Annual Lenten Fish & Chips Dinner

Friday, March 9, 2018 6:00pm-8:00pm

Pope John High School Cafeteria, Sparta, NJ

Adults (Age 8 and above) - \$14 each

Seniors (65+) - \$10 each Children under 8—\$6.00 each

Coffee, tea & Dessert included

For information & Tickets, call Ray Convey 973-886-7173 or visit on FACEBOOK—Marquette 588

A Night with New York Giants

Hall of Famer #53 Harry Carson

Saturday, March 24, 6:00pm-10:00pm

Our Lady of the Lake Parish, McKenna Hall, Sparta

Proceeds to benefit *Nothing is Impossible* and

Knights of Columbus Marquette Council 588

A photograph of Harry Carson will be provided for autographing, no personal items will be signed Advance ticket sales \$60 per person, \$75 at the door

For ticket information please visit:

www.nothingisimpossibleinc.org/events,

www.KofC588.org/events,

email: Jgavenas@nothingisimpossibleinc.org

or contact Henry Zaraycki 973-216-2701

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for March:

Evangelization: **Formation in Spiritual Discernment**

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God gives the law through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

Psalm — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or *Psalm 95*.

Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Gospel — Many began to believe in Jesus' name when they saw the signs he was doing (John 2:13-25) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6;

Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Alternate readings (Year A):

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;

Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny

Wednesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

Thursday: St. John of God

Friday: St. Frances of Rome; Abstinence

THE SURLY BIRD

Some doctors say that cheerful people resist disease better than grumpy ones. The surly bird catches the germ.

—Anonymous

Rosary Collection

If anyone has extra rosaries, there are little girls in Tanzania who would love to pray to Our Lady if they had a rosary! Please deposit in the labeled basket in the Vestibule, and a Benedictine brother at St. Paul's Abbey will forward them to Africa.

24 Hours for the Lord

Friday, March 9, 2018 at 17:00 in St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis will preside over the solemn penitential celebration of the opening of the traditional 24-hour initiative for the Lord.

On **Friday, March 9**, St Francis deSales Church in Vernon will be covering a portion of this initiative for Sussex County. The evening will start with Eucharistic Adoration at 6pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7pm. Adoration will continue until 10pm, and will conclude with Benediction. During this 4-hour window of time, confession will also be available.



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, Sister Thomasina Gebhard, Mary Green, Norma Napolitano, Iris Vieira

At Home: Danielle Dionisio, Thomas Dionisio, Jr., Jeanine Hodgins, Joan Boyer, John Tidona, Lisa Stine, Marie Sohayda, Jamie Escabar, Daniel Esposito, Daniel D'Andrea, Derek Mons, Robin Slate, Barbara Yarusinsky, Sandra Barber, Ken Koleser, Anthony Picone, Ronald Tedesco, Agnes Micali, Philip & Ruth Agatino, Tim Sherlock, Margaret Lorne, Anthony Dionisio, Jody Soluri, Freddie Ponti, Thomas Baginski, William Hodas, Kristin Kasperowicz

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
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.

FORGIVENESS

If a bad person wrongs you, forgive the person, lest there be two bad people.

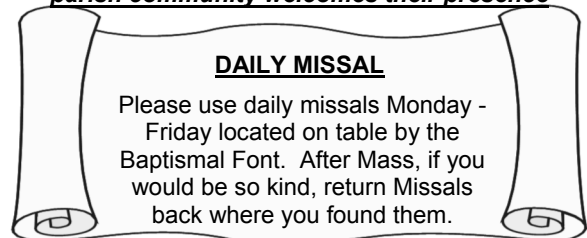
—Anonymous

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, Brian Burdzy, James Oroho, Jason Robertson, LCpl. Andrew Scriffiano, Patrick Endrikat, GySgt Jeremy Curcio



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



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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