

Immaculate Conception Church

75 Church Street • Franklin, New Jersey 07416

December 16, 2018
Third Sunday of Advent

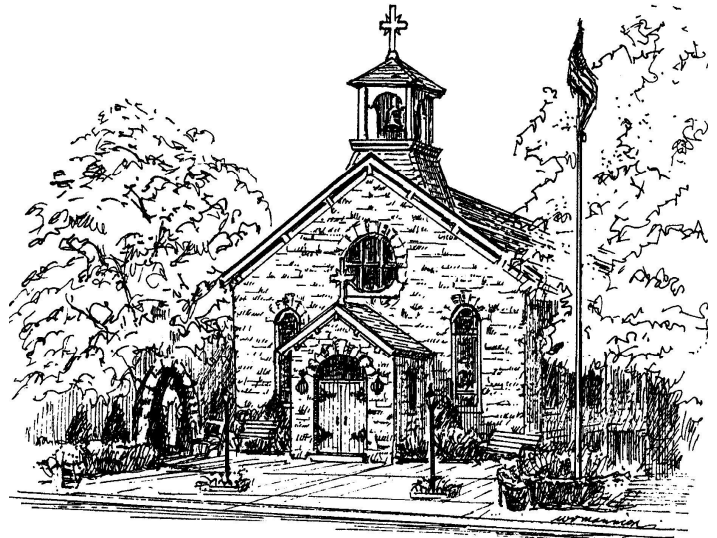
Mission Statement of Immaculate Conception Parish

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

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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 PARISHONERS FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS.

ANointing OF THE SICK

ANY TIME FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

VISITATIONS UPON REQUEST.



THE WEEK OF December 16, 2018

SATURDAY December 15

9:00 am

✠ Living & Deceased of Tierney Family reqby Roland J. Mooney

5:00 pm—Sunday Anticipated

✠ Edward Kapica reqby Halina Bartnicka

✠ Jerzy & Teresa Ponikowski reqby Halina Bartnicka

SUNDAY December 16

7:30 am

♥ Birthday Blessings for Antonia Philips reqby Jenny Murphy

9:30 am

✠ Gene Frieling reqby His Parents

11:30 am

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

♥ People of the Parish

MONDAY December 17

7:00 pm

✠ Michael Elekes reqby Mom & Dad

TUESDAY December 18

7:30 am

✠ James Elekes, Jr. reqby Mom & Dad

WEDNESDAY December 19

7:30 am

✠ Stephen J. Swiss reqby Family

THURSDAY December 20—No Mass

FRIDAY December 21—St. Peter Canisius

7:30 am

✠ James Elekes, Jr. reqby Mom & Dad

SATURDAY December 22

9:00 am

✠ Living & Deceased of Hayden Family reqby Roland J. Mooney

5:00 pm—Sunday Anticipated

♥ People of the Parish

Next Week: December 23, 2018

7:30 am

✠ Living & Deceased of Croker Family reqby Jenny Murphy

✠ Ralph Rojas, Merry Christmas reqby Dolores Rojas

9:30 am

✠ Ret. Brg. Gen. James E. Shelton reqby Pete & Betsy Shelton

✠ Claude Morrow 50th Ann. reqby Elaine & Matt Morrow

11:30 am

✠ Phyllis Zelehoski & James Gaffney reqby Goens Family

✠ Frank DiGangi reqby His Wife Aurora

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

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.



The sanctuary lamp burns this week in memory of Sebastian deCastro, Sr. requested by Russell & Nellie Berczuk

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. As with a home, there are always unexpected repairs in the Parish, in addition to planned expenses. Thanks to your positive response to our Increased Offertory Program and continued generosity, we are better able to meet our ever-increasing expenses. There has also been a moisture issue under the church resulting in needed cleaning, repairs, and measures to control dampness. The project to improve the drainage between the Church and the Rectory is completed. 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. The parish is expected to support Reverend Brown School and Pope John XXIII Middle School. Thank You again



Weekly Contributions

Last Week's Collection: \$ 4,214 *

Project Faith: \$ 852 *

2018-2019 Diocesan Assessment: \$ 29,318

Collected to Date (Project Faith): \$ 5,379

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.





Upcoming Parish Events

Sunday, December 23 following 11:30 Mass—

Decorating the Church for Christmas

Monday, December 24—Christmas Eve Masses at
5pm, 7pm, 10pm and Midnight (in Polish)

Tuesday, December 25—The Nativity of the Lord
Masses at 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am

PARISH NOTES

Winter Weather Alert

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

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

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

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.

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.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

- Pope Leo XIII (1810-1903)

At the request of our Holy Father Pope Francis and Bishop Serratelli, we will be praying the above Prayer to St. Michael at the end of every Mass.



This is the last weekend to return gifts for the Giving Tree
Thank you for your generosity

LEGION OF MARY

The Winter meeting schedule is Saturdays at 10am in the Rectory Conference Room.

“God helps those who help themselves to the PB59! (Prayer Beads 59)

Consider being an *Auxiliary Member* (Prayer Warrior!). You don’t have to become active at all. Call 908-619-0128 for more information

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

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

December 22–December 23, 2018

Saturday, December 22, 2018

5:00pm Lector: T. Friend/C. Smith

Altar Servers: K. Kozlowski, C. Kozlowski, M. Kozlowski

Eucharistic Ministers: L. Kurish, G. Kurish, R. Smith

Sunday, December 23, 2018

7:30am Lector: R. Trohanowsky

Altar Servers: R. Dragon, A. Dragon, M. Rehill

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Nemecek, C. Dragon, J. Robertson

9:30am Lector: R. Giacchi

Altar Servers: L. DeRenzo, N. DeRenzo, V. Giacchi, A.M. Giacchi

Eucharistic Ministers: P. Gonzales, H. Koch, P. Koch

11:30am Lector: E. Vieira **Altar Servers:** T. Doyle

Eucharistic Ministers: “Fill In” (2), J. Sevean

December 24– December 25, 2018

Christmas Eve Monday, December 24, 2018

5:00pm Lector: K. Vieira

Altar Servers: E. Buffa, V. Buffa, V. Giacchi, A.M. Giacchi

Eucharistic Ministers: “Sign Up”(2), M. McKeever

7:00pm Lector: G. Drossel

Altar Servers: D. Falk, E. Davina

Eucharistic Ministers: B. Falk, “Sign Up”(1), A. Trohanowsky

10:00pm Lector: T. Friend **Altar Servers:** C. Walker

Eucharistic Ministers: “Sign Up”(3)

Christmas Day Tuesday, December 25, 2018

7:30am Lector: R. Trohanowsky

Altar Servers: R. Dragon, A. Dragon, M. Rehill

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Trohanowsky, “Sign Up”(1), C. Dragon

9:30am Lector: E. Vieira

Altar Servers: M. White, K. Kozlowski

Eucharistic Ministers: “Sign Up”(3)

11:30am Lector: R. Sevean

Altar Servers: T. Doyle, DJ & G. Rosanelli, H. Curcio

Eucharistic Ministers: L. Rosanelli, “Sign Up”(2)

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

AA Meetings

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

REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called "Gaudete Sunday." The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to "rejoice always in the Lord," and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is "the season of joy." Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

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A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel tells us to SHARE! This Christmas resist the pressure to give token gifts. Instead, use those funds to give necessities to the poor. If our impoverished brothers and sisters are not on our gift list, we've missed the point of Christmas.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalms — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12:6).

Second Reading — Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — Whoever who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever who has food should do likewise (Luke 3:10-18).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,
16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent;
Las Posadas begins

Tuesday: International Migrants Day

Friday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

IMPRESSIONABLE

A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every passerby leaves a mark.

—Ancient Chinese proverb

OPLATEK

A POLISH/SLOVAK CHRISTMAS TRADITION

A part of the Polish/Slovak Christmas tradition is the breaking of the Christmas Wafer (*Oplatek in Polish, pronounced oh-pwah-tek*) during the Christmas Eve Vigil Feast of Wigilia, the holiest of all nights in the Polish home.

Oplatek, more symbolic than real food, is shared with each person present. The wafers are embossed with Religious images. Family members and friends break off a piece of Oplatek and give it to one another to eat. As each person shares the bread, they must forgive any hurts that have occurred over the past year and wish the person happiness in the coming year. The breaking and exchanging is to remind participants of the importance of Christmas, God and family.

Oplatek is available in front of the altar

Thank You to the Knights of Columbus Marquette Council #588 for donating the Oplatek again this Christmas season



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, 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, Anthony Picone, Ronald Tedesco, Agnes Micali, Ruth Agatino, Tim Sherlock, Anthony Dionisio, Jody Soluri, Freddie Ponti, Thomas Baginski, William Hodas, Russell Hansen, Patricia McNeill-Parker, Jim Priestner, John Priestner, Dot Priestner, Lawrence Weismantel, Zbigniew Jeniec, Antoinette Rogers, Jackson Foltz

*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
Homebound Ministry	Fr. Bogie	973-827-9575
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.

WITNESSES

Our actions are the best witnesses of our thoughts.

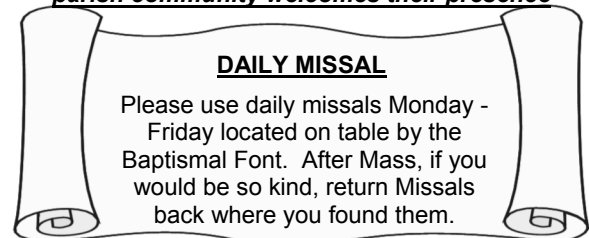
—Anonymous

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, LCpl. Andrew Scriffiano, Patrick Endrikat, GySgt Jeremy Curcio, 2Lt. Kevin Good



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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