

Immaculate Conception Church

75 Church Street • Franklin, New Jersey 07416

February 24, 2019

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Statement of Immaculate Conception Parish

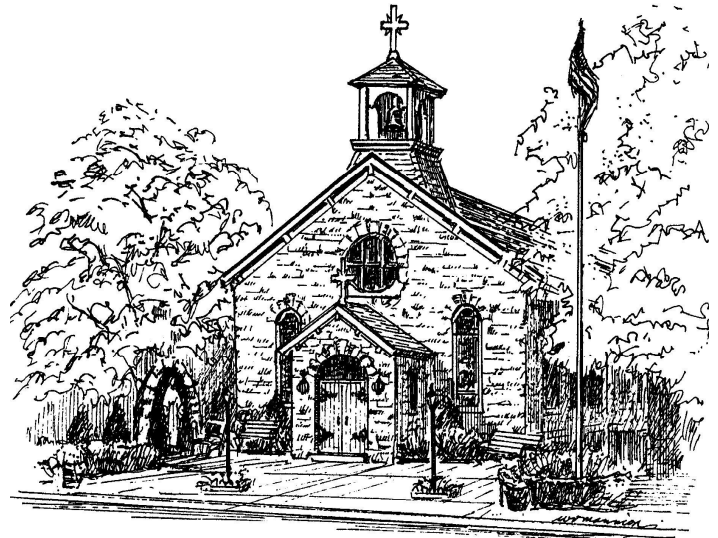
We, the faith community of Immaculate Conception Parish in Franklin, New Jersey, commit ourselves to share our gifts and love to make the presence of God a reality in our lives by welcoming all to worship and serving those who are in need.

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

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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 February 24, 2019

SATURDAY February 23

9:00 am

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

5:00 pm—Sunday Anticipated

♥ David 16th Birthday Blessings reqby Halina Bartnicka

♥ Joseph Daniel 9th Birthday Blessings reqby Halina Bartnicka

SUNDAY February 24

7:30 am

♥ People of the Parish

9:30 am

† Walter C.J. Wells reqby Toni Dionisio

11:30 am

♥ Alexandra Przybojewski 21st Birthday Blessings reqby Family

MONDAY February 25

7:00 pm

† Michael Elekes reqby Mom & Dad

TUESDAY February 26

7:30 am

† James Elekes, Jr. reqby Mom & Dad

WEDNESDAY February 27

7:30 am

† Edna deCastro reqby Russell & Nillie Berczuk

THURSDAY February 28—No Mass

FRIDAY March 1—World Day of Prayer, First Friday

7:30 am

† For the Poor Souls reqby Dorothy Landtau

SATURDAY March 2—First Saturday

9:00 am

† Madge Glynn 5th Ann. reqby Richard Swiss

5:00 pm—Sunday Anticipated

† Lois Walters reqby Rosanne & Karl Huttman

Next Week: March 3, 2019

7:30 am

♥ People of the Parish

9:30 am

† Stanley J. Kasperowicz reqby Kristin Kasperowicz

11:30 am

† Teofila & John Wronka reqby 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

There will be a basket at the back of Church next weekend for the annual collection for the Campaign for Human Development

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. 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. We are currently getting estimates for needed repairs to gutters on the Church and Lyceum. 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

February 10 Collection: \$ 4,460 *

Project Faith: \$ 1,099 *

Last Week's Collection: \$ 3,453 *

*** Includes Online Giving**

2018-2019 Diocesan Assessment: \$ 29,318

Collected to Date (Project Faith): \$ 7,423

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.



Upcoming Parish Events

Sunday, February 24—Food Collection for CFCS

Friday, March 1, 3pm-6pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, March 6—Ash Wednesday

Sunday, June 23—Parish Picnic

PARISH NOTES

Those who utilize contribution envelopes may request contribution statements for 2018 by calling the Parish Office. Statements for any contributions made through Online Giving can be generated through the Online Giving system

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.*

LEGION OF MARY

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

“Take delight in the Lord, and he will grant you your heart’s request.” - Psalm 37:4

God, our eternal light, help us “delight” in you and eternal things, that we may desire what you want for us.

May we seek your kingdom first, so that all the necessities of life will be granted as well. Amen.

Consider being an Auxiliary Member (Prayer Warrior!). Call 908-619-0128 for more information



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

will take place Friday, March 2 from 3pm to 6pm in Church, followed by Benediction.

Please sign up on the sheet 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

Novena and Benediction every Monday evening

Please consider attending 7pm Mass, followed by Novena, recitation of the Rosary, and Benediction on Monday evenings. Novena to the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday evening has been a long-standing devotion in Immaculate Conception Parish. It is celebrated following 7pm Mass every Monday, with the exception of some National Holidays

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)

DESTROYING ONE’S ENEMIES

Am I not destroying my enemies when I make friends of them?

—Abraham Lincoln

The Emmaus ministry of **St. Francis deSales** invites all men to join us for a weekend with

Rev. Msgr. James O'Rorke
"Building a Brotherhood"
the 2019 Emmaus Retreat

March 8-10, Sacred Heart Spirituality Center, Newton, NJ

For information contact:

Mike Randazzo 845-544-7175

Rich Franco 973-222-9250

Dennis Hemmerich 973-332-5928

Hal Avery 973-702-1342

Rich Santangelo 973-764-8165

Bob Kusma 973-702-1949

St. Paul Inside the Walls Upcoming Events:

Being a Man for others: An evening of recollection for men with Msgr. Geno Sylva

This lent why not join men from throughout the diocese for food, fellowship and prayer with Msgr. Sylva, founder of St. Paul Inside the Walls. **Join us Friday, March 22nd from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

For information and to register visit
insidethewalls.org/man4others

Young Adult Events

Young Adult Sunday Mass: Everyone in their 20s and 30s are welcome to attend.

Young Adult Night every Wednesday: Wednesday nights Adoration at 6pm followed by Mass at 7pm

Young Adult PUB NIGHT WITH LIVE MUSIC BY BEN-DAVID WARNER: Wednesday, March 13th from 7:30-9:30pm

Get into the spirit of St. Patrick's Day by joining St. Paul Inside the Walls for a night of song with Irish/American musician Ben-David Warner. Must be 21 or older to attend, cost is \$15 per ticket (Drinks and Snacks included). **Register in advance at insidethewalls.org/marchpubnight**

First Saturday, March 2, 2019
Free Retreat at the Blue Army Shrine
"Heart of Mary—Hope for the World,
Uncovering the Fatima Message"

All welcome to the studio audience free retreat which will be filmed with Fr. Hugh Gillespie, SMM. Fr. Hugh will be presenting the final two talks in our Fatima series.

For information & RSVP, dorothy@bluearmy.com or 908-689-1700 x 224

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

In studying the effects of religion upon family relationships, researchers inform us hostility and prayer can't coexist. You cannot be hostile toward someone for whom you are praying.

Today's gospel encourages us: "Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who treat you badly."

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

Psalms — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

Gospel — Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Friday: World Day of Prayer; First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

DO NO HARM

We listen quite a while before we get to the "punch line" of the first reading today: even though it would be an easy thing to do, David will not harm the anointed one of the Lord. We, of course, know that Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one of God, but the Bible uses this term for many different people. It is scripture's way of indicating who has been chosen by God for a special place and mission in salvation history.

In today's Gospel, Jesus presents a greatly enlarged list of those who, as children of God, we should not harm, but love instead: our enemies, those who curse us or do us harm, those who owe us money, the ungrateful, the wicked. The point of Jesus' teaching is not to encourage these kinds of behaviors in others, but rather to form us in the image of our heavenly Father by increasing our opportunities to love unconditionally, expecting no return; to be merciful and forgiving, even when it would be easier not to.

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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, Henry Curcio

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, Thomas Baginski, William Hodas, Russell Hansen, Jim Priestner, John Priestner, Dot Priestner, Lawrence Weismantel, Zbigniew Jeniec, Antoinette Rogers, Jackson Foltz, Eli Joseph Blahut, Tonia Philips *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.

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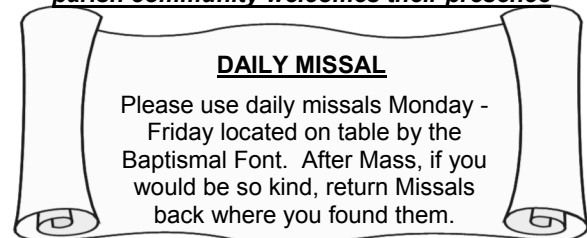
Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
— *Psalms 103:8*

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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