

Immaculate Conception Church

75 Church Street • Franklin, New Jersey 07416

May 3, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter

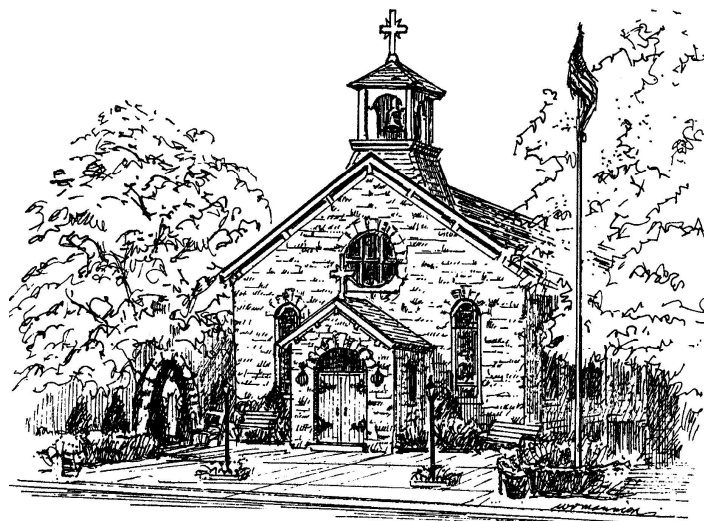
Mission Statement of Immaculate Conception Parish

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE: MON through WED 9:00 AM - 1:00 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

(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

MONDAYS DURING LENT 7PM-8:15PM

FRIDAYS DURING LENT 3PM-6PM

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 May 3, 2020

No Public Masses will be celebrated until further notice. All priests of the Paterson Diocese must celebrate Mass privately each day for the good of all people during this critical time. The private Masses will be offered for the scheduled intentions.

SATURDAY May 2

NO MORNING MASS SCHEDULED

5:00 pm—Sunday Anticipated

✠ Lou Stahl Birthday Rem. reqby Dawn Stahl

SUNDAY May 3

7:30 am

✠ Michael Elekes reqby Mom & Dad

9:30 am

✠ Peter Shelton reqby Michael & Barbara Flaherty

11:30 am

♥ People of the Parish

MONDAY May 4

7:00 pm

✠ Michael Elekes reqby Mom & Dad

TUESDAY May 5

7:30 am

✠ James Elekes, Jr. reqby Mom & Dad

WEDNESDAY May 6

7:30 am

✠ Tona Philips reqby Dorothy Landtau

THURSDAY May 7—No Mass

FRIDAY May 8

7:30 am

✠ For the Poor Souls reqby Dorothy Landtau

SATURDAY May 9

9:00 am

✠ Peter Shelton reqby Mary Case

5:00 pm—Sunday Anticipated

✠ Peter Shelton reqby Paul & Helen Koch

Next Week: May 10, 2020

7:30 am

✠ Madeline T. Swiss reqby Family

9:30 am

♥ People of the Parish

11:30 am

✠ Katharina, Ewald & Arthur Hengst reqby Family

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.

— 1 Peter 2:24a

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 have been meeting our ever-increasing expenses. 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 is the responsibility of the Parish. The parish is expected to support Reverend Brown School and Pope John XXIII Middle School. Thank You again.

Weekly Contributions

Last Week: \$ 3,334 *

Heat & A/C: \$ 290 *

* Includes Online Giving

2019-2020 Diocesan Assessment: \$28,008

Collected to Date (Project Faith): \$ 7,635

At this time of uncertainty, please remember to continue to support your parish. Offerings can be mailed to the Parish Office or put through the mail slot at the Rectory Office. Online giving is available to provide support to your parish while worshipping from home.

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 increased, and we are grateful for your continued and increased generosity in support of our parish. Please know that any donations earmarked for a specific purpose, such as maintenance or payment of oil bills, remain in the parish. We rely on the generosity of parishioners to be able to meet both planned and unplanned expenses. 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 all parishioners of Immaculate Conception:

Deepest thanks for your continued generous financial support in these difficult times. Special thanks to those are mailing or dropping off donation envelopes, and to those enrolled in online giving. All parishioners and the scheduled intentions are remembered in the private masses celebrated daily. May God bless you, and keep you and your families safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Fr. Bogie

The coronavirus is having a spiritual and financial impact on all of us. Even though Masses are currently suspended, Parish expenses and financial obligations continue. We gratefully welcome your continued generosity and sacrificial giving. For those wondering how best to support the parish while Masses are suspended, please prayerfully consider the following options:

- (1) Contributions may be put through the mail slot at the Rectory.
- (2) Use USPS or banking electronic check services. Many people currently mail their offertory or have bank-issued checks sent directly to the parish.
- (3) Consider the option of Online Giving, which is an ideal way to provide ongoing financial support to the parish. To enroll in Online Giving, please click the "On Line Giving" Link on the right of the website (www.iccfranklin.org) home page.

Thank you and God Bless you.

**Please check the Parish website
www.iccfranklin.org for the latest updates.**

In keeping with the Bishop's mandate, all parish events and meetings are suspended until further notice. The Parish Office is closed until further notice. Phone messages and emails are checked periodically.

Please visit https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSujdNoY6ckultGpBU9t0_A/

Where Fr. Bogie has recorded prayers, novenas & Masses

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament, I love you above all things and I desire to receive You sacramentally. Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus tells us, HE IS THE WAY and warns anyone who offers "another way" to happiness is "a thief and a bandit." Strong words! Don't listen to the sales pitch of society for happiness. Look to yourself where God is present and "calls you by name and leads you to abundant life."

Pope Francis names new Bishop for Paterson

The Holy See announced on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 that Father Kevin J Sweeney, a priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn, has been named as the new Bishop of Paterson New Jersey. He succeeds Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli, whose resignation has been accepted by Pope Francis. Father Sweeney has been serving as Vicar Forane of Brooklyn 8 Deanery, and Pastor of St Michael Parish in Brooklyn.

The date of Bishop-elect Sweeney's episcopal ordination as the eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Paterson has not been scheduled due to the pandemic. Bishop Serratelli will serve as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Paterson until that time.

Prayer for Perseverance

O God,
our rock of safety and our shelter in stormy times,
listen to our cries and calm our fears.
Help us to persevere through these difficult days
with renewed faith,
with trust in your compassionate care,
and with the patience to hold on until a better day dawns.

We pray through Christ our Lord.

IN NEED OF A SHEPHERD

For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they were—contrary to their popular image—very clean animals, and also quite smart. Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers. The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators. Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down his life for us and was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so he might guide us and we might follow him in faith forever.

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SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

May 3

Call Philip the gospel's "Answer Man." "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nathaniel asked Philip, who had proclaimed Jesus "the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets" (John 1:45). Jesus asked Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" (John 6:5). Greeks brought Philip their request: "We would like to see Jesus" (John 12:21). Philip's answer to each question: bring people to Jesus! At the Last Supper, finally, Philip had a request of his own: "Show us the Father!" (John 14:8). Jesus had three last questions for Philip: "You still don't know me? How can you ask that? Don't you believe?" And an answer: "I am in the Father and the Father is in me" (John 14:10). Today's James is not John's brother, Zebedee's son, but, tradition says, author of the New Testament Letter of James, who died praying for his murderers in Jesus' words: "Forgive them, for they know not what they do." Few historical details for either saint, but lessons aplenty: Bring every question we have and everybody we meet to Jesus; be, as James' letter challenges, "doers of the word and not hearers only" (James 1:22).

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

Gospel — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;
Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;
Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;
1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter;
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Tuesday: Cinco de Mayo
Thursday: National Day of Prayer

COUNTING SHEEP

When at night you cannot sleep,
talk to the Shepherd and stop counting sheep.

—Anonymous

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.



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".

Dot Priestner, Jim Priestner, John Priestner, Leonard Riccardi, Antoinette Rogers, Marie Sohayda, John L. Sullivan, Mike Tatka, Barbara Yarusinsky

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.

If you have loved ones to add to the sick or military lists, please contact the Parish Office (icchurch@ptd.net or 973-827-9575).

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO PRIVACY REGULATIONS, ONLY FAMILY MEMBERS MAY REQUEST NAMES TO BE LISTED.

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.

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.

PARISH MINISTRIES CONTACT LIST

Religious Education & Youth Protection/ Safe Environment Coordinator	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	Brunilda Gillespie	908-619-0128
Bible Sharing	Fr. Bogie	973-827-9575
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Shirley Riccardi	973-827-9058
	Toni Dionisio	973-827-9575
Praise & Worship Ministry	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: LCpl. Ian Cunningham
1st Lt. Kevin Good
Kaitlyn Dembowski
Jason Robertson

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.

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