Immaculate Conception Church

75 Church Street • Franklin, New Jersey 07416

May 29, 2022

The Ascension of the Lord

Seventh Sunday of Easter

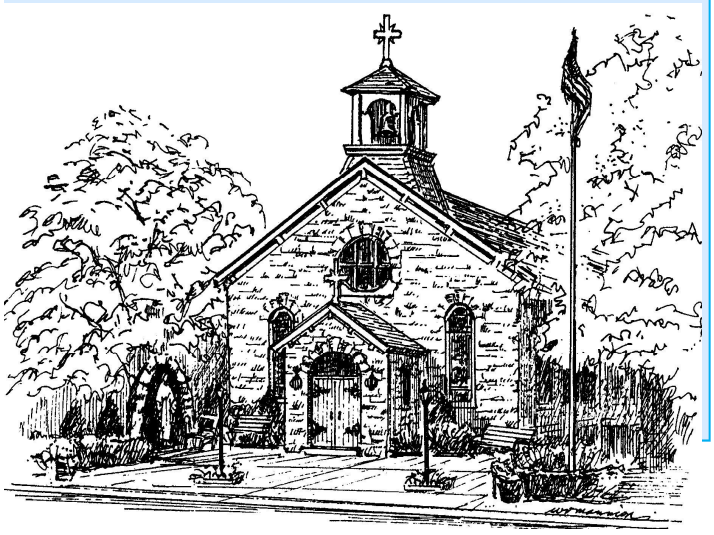
Mission Statement of Immaculate Conception Parish

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

Mr. Edward Boscia, Deacon

Mrs. Christine Benson—McGrath, Director of Religious Education

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Office Hours:

Parish Office: Mon through Wednesday 10:00 AM - 1 PM **Rectory Phone:**973-827-9575

Email:icchurch@ptd.net

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

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

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

Daily Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 7:30 AM

Thursday no daily mass

Saturday: Mass, Novena & Benediction 8:00 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

Every First Friday 5PM to 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 parishioners for at least 6 months.

Anointing of the Sick

Any time for the seriously ill.

Homebound Ministry

Visitations upon request

THE WEEK OF May 29, 2022

SATURDAY May 28
8:00 am
✞ Michael Elekes reqby Mom & Dad
✞ James Elekes, Jr. reqby Mom & Dad

5:00 pm—*Sunday Anticipated*
✞ Michael Elekes reqby Mom & Dad
✞ James Elekes, Jr. reqby Mom & Dad

SUNDAY May 29 - The Ascension of the Lord
7:30 am
♥ People of the Parish
9:30 am
✞ Daniel D'Andrea Sr. reqby Virginia & Daniel D'Andrea Jr.
11:30 am
✞ Regina "Jean" Aubrey reqby Goens Family

MONDAY May 30 - Memorial Day
9:00 am - In the Cemetery Mausoleum
✞ For all Military Killed in Action reqby A Greatful Nation

TUESDAY May 31—Visitation of the BVM
7:30 am
✞ James Elekes, Jr. reqby Mom & Dad

WEDNESDAY June 1—St. Justin
7:30 am
✞ Judy Sherlock reqby Toni & Cassie Federico

THURSDAY June 2— No Mass

FRIDAY June 3—St. Charles Lwanga & Companions
7:30 am
✞ Thomas Matthew Phillips reqby Phillips Family

SATURDAY June 4
8:00 am
✞ Michael Elekes reqby Mom & Dad
✞ James Elekes, Jr. reqby Mom & Dad

5:00 pm—*Sunday Anticipated*
✞ Michael Elekes reqby Mom & Dad
✞ James Elekes, Jr. reqby Mom & Dad

Next Week: June 5, 2022—Pentecost Sunday
7:30 am
✞ Stephen & Madeline Swiss reqby Family
9:30 am
✞ Kenneth Weigold reqby Michael & Barbara Flaherty
11:30 am
♥ God's Blessing for Alexa Przybojewski
♥ People of the Parish

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday 5pm to 6pm

Novena and Benediction every Saturday Morning
Novena to the Blessed Virgin Mary has been a long standing devotion in Immaculate Conception Parish. Please consider attending 8am Mass on Saturday morning, followed by Novena, recitation of the Rosary, and Benediction.

Weekly Contributions

Last Week's Collection: $ 3,190 *
Heat & A/C $ 780 *

2021-2022 Diocesan Assessment: $26,080
Collected to Date (Project Faith): $4,168 *

*** Includes Online Giving**

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

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Parish Registration Form

The parish directory was updated in January 2022. If you did not return an updated registration form your name was removed from the parish registry. Only registered parishioners will continue to get weekly envelopes.

You must be an active member of the parish in order to receive a sponsor certificate for the sacrament of baptism or confirmation.

Forms can be found on the parish website or in the vestibule of the Church.

Rectory Office Hours
Over the next several weeks the rectory office hours will vary. Please call before coming to the office. Voice messages will be checked regularly.

MEMORIAL DAY
They fell, but o'er their glorious grave
Floats free the banner of the cause they died to save.
—Francis Marion Crawford

Upcoming Parish Events

Sunday, May 29—The Ascension of the Lord
Monday, May 30, 9:00am Mass— In the Cemetery Mausoleum
Tuesday, May 31, 7pm—Consecration to Jesus through Mary
Friday, June 3, 5pm-6pm—Adoration

PARISH NOTES

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

The Parish Office is staffed Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday from 10am to 1pm. It is requested that visitors call in advance, as office hours may change & only one person at a time will be admitted. Messages are checked periodically outside office hours.

Protocols for Liturgical Celebrations

1. The dispensation from the obligation to participate in Sunday Eucharist is lifted effective on the Vigil of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 5, 2021 for all of those in good health.
2. Those who are particularly vulnerable to the coronavirus who are not vaccinated, and especially those with one or several underlying medical conditions, may follow Mass at home via livestream or television.
3. A person with a cough or fever of any kind should not take part in Mass in-person.
4. Occupancy restrictions for social distancing purposes are lifted.
5. Masks are not required for those who are vaccinated.
6. You are encouraged to bring hand sanitizer to use before the reception of Holy Communion.
7. Communion under both kinds for the faithful will not be resumed at this time. The Precious Blood in the chalice will not be made available to the faithful at this time.

Honoring Mary during the Month of May

The mercy of Mary is shown in her willingness to intercede with Jesus on behalf of others. She comes to the aid of all who seek the mercy of her Divine Son. During May, we honor Mary, the Mother of God.

We congratulate our students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 29th, and those who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on May 7th. We pray that our children will continue to grow strong in their relationship with God as they continue their faith journey.

Registration forms for next year have been emailed to parents of students who are currently enrolled in our program. The registration forms will also be available in the vestibule of the church, and on our website (www.iccfranklin.org)

Updates will be posted in the bulletin as needed. We extend a heartfelt thank you to all parishioners for supporting our Religious Education Program. May God continue to bless you always.

If you are interested in volunteering as a Catechist, please contact Christine Benson-McGrath at 973.827.9501 or email at icreled@ptd.net.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm in the rectory conference room. Donations of wool are gratefully accepted by the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Legion of Mary

Every Tuesday at 7pm in the rectory conference room

The Ascension of the Lord
May 29, 2022
God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the Lord, amid trumpet blasts.
— *Psalm 47:6*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) *or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23*.

Gospel — As Jesus blessed his disciples he parted from them and was taken up to heaven (Luke 24:46-53).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31: Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; World Communications Day

Monday: Memorial Day

Tuesday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Justin

Thursday: Ss. Marcellinus and Peter

Friday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions; First Friday

Saturday: First Saturday; Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Ascension of the Lord

At the Mass during the Day

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God,
and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving,
for the Ascension of Christ your Son
is our exaltation,
and, where the Head has gone before in glory,
the Body is called to follow in hope.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

SENT FORTH

Today we celebrate Jesus' return to heaven. If we struggle to know how to feel about this event, we take our cue from Jesus' disciples. These disciples are first-hand witnesses to the Ascension, returning afterword to Jerusalem, where "they were continually in the temple praising God." Long-time companions of the Lord, they surely feel the pain of physical separation from Jesus. Yet they praise God continually. They accept God's plan, looking forward to the day when Christ will come again. As our reading from Hebrews affirms, Christ will return to "bring salvation to those who eagerly await him." This Good News is almost too much to take in; the Acts of the Apostles explains that an angel has to wake the disciples from their stupor, reminding them to start the Lord's work. Today's readings are our own angel, sending us forth in joyful hope.

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Reflection question:

Why is the Ascension a cause for joy?

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OPEN AND SHUT

There are two times when to keep your mouth shut: when swimming and when angry.
—Anonymous

A Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

Heavenly Father, Your Son Taught us "Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God." In this time of great worry, we fervently pray that Your Holy Spirit sustain all the people of Ukraine to be vigilant and dedicated to peace and justice.

Grant their leaders wisdom and prudence. Yet, may they also have the strength and perseverance to defend their land from all adversity. Help us all to live according to your Divine Will.

O God, our Father, in the days to come, we beseech you to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded, and accept the souls of the faithful departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom. We ask also that the Most Holy Mother of God extend her blessed mantle of protection over our Ukraine. Amen.

The Pope's prayer intentions for June

Families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives

Senior Moment - "To Jesus Through Mary"

On this Tuesday, we recall teenage Mary's arduous, faith inspired 100 mile on-foot "Visitation" experience to her cousin Elizabeth at ain Karim. At 7PM that evening on the 31st, a group of our parishioners who have been preparing for a "Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary" will also journey - to Mass!

As 'four +' weeks culminate for ICC attendees of Fr. Michael E. Gaitley's "33 Days To Morning Glory" prayer retreat adventure, we Seniors can join with them in heart in the spirit of Father Bogie's ICC parish-wide consecration intention. Placing our personal confidence and trust in Our Lady, we endeavor to commit 'Our Parish All' to the Lord under the auspices of the Blessed Mother.

As the War in Ukraine continues to elicit our ongoing prayer, we implore of Mary to intercede for peace. We recall in tandem, her apparition at Fatima and Pope Francis' recent Lenten entrustment of Russia and of Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; her gentle yet powerful caring is so needed & present.

Do you remember the childhood prayer card verse popularized by Bishop Fulton Sheen in the 1950's entitled "Lovely Lady Dressed in Blue" by Mary Dixon Thayer? In its simplicity, the imagery of the poem brings the Holy Family's every day Mother/young Son intimacy to life. http://www.catholictradition.org/Mary/lady.htm

We Seniors can't help but recall the Holy Cards so prevalent during our Sunday Missal days; the spine of my own book is hopelessly bulging with cards collected over many years! Even a brief moment spent with each in hand is a 'link' with the prayers, times & people so fondly remembered from the past.

Another unifying 'link' is our ICC website; some at home Srs. have also asked about the online bulletin format, and how to access it. *Please* ask Sr friends if they need a hand & demonstrate the easy steps for them? Taking the time to walk another through the process just once importantly enables their remotely 'staying on the same page' with our many parish doings.

(Procedure: Go to iccfranklin.org. to see its many subjects. *For the bulletin specifically, on the top rightmost header, click on *news/events*. A drop down with '*bulletins*' appears (click), then a menu of recent printing dates.)

As we're almost half way into '22, may we Srs. rely more and more upon Mary's intercessory prayer with each passing day. A simple phrase upon awakening: "My Mother; My Confidence" will jump start the goodness within the hours ahead. On this 7th Sun. of Easter "Ascension" observance, let's end our Marian month with prayer: joining in parish dedication to Jesus through Mary; for Pope Francis' May intention of faith, discernment and Marian-like courage for youth; for world peace & to plant a seedbed for peace within our own hearts!

Sacred Heart Center

Women's Weekend Retreat

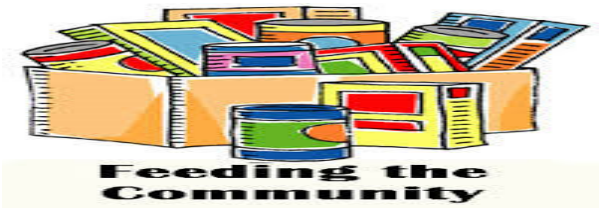
June 3-5, 2022

Theme:

Living Grace Fully

Come and join us for our June Women's Retreat!

For more information and/or a registration form,
- kindly visit our website: sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org
- email us at shretreatcenter@gmail.com
- or call 973-383-2620



Annual Paterson Diocese
Corpus Christi Food Drive
June 18th—19th 2022

Over the past 9 years, the Corpus Christi Food Drive has helped bring in needed food, hygiene items, and funds for Catholic Charities' Food Pantries.
Parishes are being asked to collect specific food and household items to keep the shelves full over the summer months at Catholic Charities food pantries in Passaic, Morris and Sussex Counties.
This year Immaculate Conception parish has been asked to collect cake mix, brownie or muffin mix. Your donation can be brought to church on Saturday, 6/18 or Sunday, 6/19 and left in the vestibule.
Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Charities and our brothers and sisters in need.

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Friday September 23-Sunday September 25
Bishop Sweeney and the Diocese of Paterson welcome **Archbishop Rino Fisichella,** Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelizaton to speak on **the Eucharist and the New Evangelization**
Friday, September 25 at 7pm—Holy Hour/Evening Prayer & Presentation for Priests, Religious and Deacons
Saturday, September 24 at 9:30am—Mid-morning Prayer and presentation for lay women and men in English
Saturday, September 24 at 1:30pm—Mid-afternoon Prayer and presentation for lay women and men in Spanish
Sunday, September 25 at 3pm—Closing bi-lingual Mass
Registration is required. Visit insidethe walls.org/congress for more information and to register

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Catholic in Recovery

Our Lady Queen of Peace in Branchville is hosting a new ministry "Catholic in Recovery" which provides a Catholic solution to those struggling with ADDICTIONS or unhealthy attachments. One's personal recovery is supplemented with a Sacramental understanding of Jesus Christ as our Savior & Highest Power, aided by the Holy Spirit. This is a **12 step anonymous meeting** for anyone addicted to alcohol, drugs, food, gambling, pornography, smoking, technology, etc. This will be an ongoing meeting every Monday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace, 209 So, Rt 206, Branchville, NJ.
Any Questions call OLQP office 973-948-3185

DAILY MISSAL

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

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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Bereavement Support Group

"The grieving process isn't always about the death of a loved one; it is ANY life changing event that we are faced with & must process.
Tara Gulotta, a Licenced Chaplain & a trained Bereavement Facilitator, is available on an "as needed" basis should anyone be in need of support. Her email address is ChaplainT@gmail.com & she can also be reached at 571-310-7849.
If anyone is interested in joining a virtual support group where one can share & listen in a safe environment, please email her & if enough people sign up, she will host a virtual support group on the 2nd Monday of December in the evening.
For the Lord wants to comfort & heal us, & we can find much comfort & healing in His Word, Amen"

Transitions
Survivors of Suicide Loss Group

Open to Adult Family and Friends of Suicide Loss. Meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Via Zoom please call Sparta United Methodist Church for dial in information 973-729-7773.7pm—8:30pm Open & ongoing—Come as needed
No registration required. Additional information call 973 -756-5108.

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".

Thomasin Benedetto, Baby Carter Chenard, Danielle Dagata Dionisio, Beth DeGraaff, Bryan Doherty, Beatrice Douglas, Scott Graf, Debbie & Kate Nejman, Leonard Riccardi, Charlotte Snow, Marie Sohayda, Eileen Storms, Anne Marie Wronka

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.*

In the Military:

LCpl. Ian Cunningham
Kaitlyn Dembowski
1Lt. Jordan Lutz

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.*

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).

Parish Ministries Contact List

Religious Education & Youth Protection/ Safe Environment Coordinator	Christine Benson-McGrath	973-827-9501
Eucharistic Ministers	Christine Muller	973-827-9575
Lectors	Kim Vieira	973-545-2276
Music Director		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	Tara Gulotta	973-827-9575
Evangelization	Frank Elmo	973-827-9575
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
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.