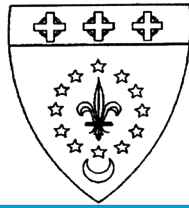


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



WELCOME TO OUR
CHURCH, A CARING AND
SHARING CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY



Served by

Rev. Jonathan S. Toborowsky, Pastor
Rev. Ariel R. Bautista, Jr., Parochial Vicar
Deacon William R. Bauer (Retired)
Deacon Joseph P. Campbell
Deacon Michael R. Martini
Deacon Mark van Duynhoven
Michael Szalecki, Business Administrator
Laura Vitelli, Pastoral Assoc. Parish Advancement
Kevin Liszewski, Financial Manager
Mary Hegarty, Administrative Asst.
Lorraine Alexander, Parish Secretary

Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish community of Immaculate Conception Church, have as our mission to unite all of our members in God's Name to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We share our gifts through worship, education, fellowship, and community outreach, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of Mary Immaculate.

Eucharist

Sunday Vigil: Saturday at 4:30PM
Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:00AM and 12:00 noon 5:00PM
Weekdays: Monday- Friday 7:00AM and 9:00AM
Saturday - 9:00AM
Holy Days: As announced

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday from 11:30AM to 12:00 noon, and from 3:30 to 4:00PM, and upon request.

Cemetery & Mausoleum Office

Now serving the Parishes of Immaculate Conception, St. Catherine of Siena, Our Lady of Lourdes, and St. Joseph.

Mrs. Laura Vitelli, Cemetery Manager

Office Phone: (908) 735-7319

Web Site: www.iccannandale.org, Email: lvitelli@icsclinton.org

Religious Education Office

Coleen D'Amato Parish Catechetical Leader

Office Phone: (908) 735-0478; Office Fax: (908) 238-0742

Web Site: www.iccannandale.org,

Email: prep@iccannandale.org

Children are expected to receive a Catholic-Christian upbringing in their family life, to worship regularly at Sunday Mass, and to participate in ongoing Religious Education. Our formation program is for grades 1-8 and offers three learning options: a condensed Summer program in the early summer, as well as, a condensed monthly Family Program and a traditional weekly program, both from September-May. Preparation for First Penance and Holy Communion is in grades 1&2, and Confirmation grades 7&8. Registration is held annually during the winter months.

Parish Office

Immaculate Conception Parish
316 Old Allerton Road
Annandale, NJ 08801

Weekdays: 10:00AM to 3:00PM
(Evenings, Weekends, Holy Days,
and Holidays: by appointment)

Office Phone: (908) 735-7319

Office Fax: (908) 735-4552

Web Site: www.iccannandale.org,

Email: parishoffice@iccannandale.org

School Office

Constance Fortunato, Principal
314 Old Allerton Road
Annandale, NJ 08801

Office Hours:

Weekdays 7:30 AM to 3:30PM

Office Phone: (908) 735-6334

Office Fax: (908) 238-0724

Web Site: www.icsclinton.org, Email: info@icsclinton.org

Immaculate Conception School 2013 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

Immaculate Conception School is a parish school serving students preschool through grade 8. Immaculate Conception School exists as a gift to God's children to prepare them to live a life with Jesus the Good Shepherd as their Teacher and Friend. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, and through the intercession of Mary, the school seeks to foster in each student, spiritual growth, academic excellence and moral integrity.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



MASSES AND REQUESTED INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 15, 2022

(FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER)

8:00 am Maura Walsh r/o Olivia Coppola
10:00 am Kelly & Hagelman Families r/o Garceau Family
12:00 nn Robert Vanvolkenburgh r/o Wife Marianne
5:00 pm Mother's Day Novena Intentions

Monday, May 16, (Easter Weekday)

7:00 am Mark Iglesias r/o Rick Iglesias
9:00 am Hamza Muheisen r/o Finnegan & Muheisen Families

Tuesday, May 17, (Easter Weekday)

7:00 am
9:00 am Jane Dorflinger r/o Maryjane Staats

Wednesday, May 18, (St. John, Pope)

7:00 am
9:00 am Tom Eisenhart r/o Family

Thursday, May 19, (Easter Weekday)

7:00 am
9:00 am Teresa Newell Burke r/o Klippstein Family

Friday, May 20, (St. Bernadine of Siena)

7:00 am
9:00 am Deceased Members of Lazarus Family r/o
Brian & Barbara Lazarus

Saturday, May 21 (St. Christopher Magallanes)

9:00 am Deceased Members of Allen Family r/o
Dawn & Richard Robbins

4:30pm Robert Vanvolkenburgh r/o Wife Marianne

Sunday, May 22, 2022

(SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER)

8:00 am Marsh Draper r/o Garceau Family
10:00 am Altar Rosary Society r/o Kathy Clare
12:00 nn Raymond Kelly r/o Patricia Kelly
5:00 pm For Our Parishioners

*"To everything there is a season, and a time to
every purpose under the heavens" (Ecclesiastes 3:1)
"A Time to Be Born"*

"A Time to Die"

Rest in Peace

Rita Whalen

"A Time to Heal"

Please pray for who are ill:



CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MAY 8

Registered Active Families	1493
Total Number of Envelopes Received	271
Total Envelopes Money Received	\$8,689.00
Envelope Average	\$32.06
Total Offertory Collection	\$10,151.00

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD MOVED!

Effective this upcoming Easter season, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be permanently transferred from Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter to the following Sunday, the Seventh Sunday of Easter, in all Catholic dioceses in New Jersey. This year, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be observed on Sunday, May 29. This liturgical observance is an integral dimension of the completion of Our Lord's paschal mystery and, after much discussion, the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey collectively discerned that the transferring the observance to the following Sunday would allow for greater participation among the faithful.



SECOND COLLECTION TODAY CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! FESTIVAL TIME

Hunterdon County's summer kick-off and most highly anticipated event announces its return. Immaculate Conception Parish is excited to share that we will once again host our Annual Parish Festival from **June 22nd through June 26th**, rain or shine. More information will be shared in the coming weeks.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Plans for our Annual Parish Festival which will take place on **June 22nd through June 26th** are well underway. The Parish Festival Committee invites you to become part of the preparation of this wonderful event. Volunteers are needed to join in the fun and planning of the Parish & School's largest community building event. If you are able to share your time by volunteering. For additional information, please call 908-735-7319.

PARISH BOOK CLUB "GOES ADRIFT"

An explosion on an upscale ship carrying various VIPs sets ten of the travelers adrift in a lifeboat. In Mitch Albom's profound new novel, "The Stranger in the Life Boat," the shipwrecked passengers pull a strange man from the sea. He claims to be "the Lord." And he says he can only save them if they all believe in him. Consider attending the next meeting of the Parish Book Club on **Thursday, May 19, at 7 PM in the Sofa Room** (adjacent to the Parish Hall) to discuss this fast-paced compelling novel that makes you ponder your deepest beliefs. All are welcome. For more information, call Carole at (908) 310-3886.

CHURCH HOURS

Our church is open everyday for visits to pray or light a candle
from 6:30am– 7:00pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

10am-3pm Monday-Friday

WATCHING MASS ONLINE

Search Facebook for:

“Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church”

Search YouTube for:

“Immaculate Conception Church, Annandale, NJ”

IMPORTANCE OF USING WEEKLY ENVELOPES

In addition to simple recordkeeping, the primary reason we utilize any envelope system at all is so we can produce statements for parishioners at the end of each year for income tax purposes. Secondly, because of the large size of our parish, this system allows us to track, although imperfectly, the regularity of attendance. Since we cannot possibly know each individual personally, this system is used to assist the pastor when persons request a sponsorship letter for Baptisms and Confirmations when they are not personally known to him. The sponsorship letter requires the pastor to attest to the fact that the sponsor fulfills their fundamental obligation as a Catholic by participation in the sacramental life of the Church, which includes our Sunday Mass obligation. It is precisely for this reason we request individuals to utilize our envelopes whether or not they choose or are able to donate since we can verify regular participation should they not be familiar to us.

FAITH DIRECT

As a parish, we strive to be good stewards of our resources. Many families have moved away from envelopes and are now using *Faith Direct* to fulfill their generous stewardship commitments to our parish and the wider church through electronic donations. . We have also found that many are not using their envelopes that we mail out. Help us to reduce our envelope and postage expense and at the same time support Immaculate Conception in a secure and convenient way by enrolling with *Faith Direct*! Simply visit the Faith Direct website at www.faithdirect.net or call the Faith Direct Offices at 866-507-8757 using the parish code NJ123

2022 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$111,731.50 and payments totaling \$106,595.00 from 275 parishioners. This represents 66.9% of your \$ 167,000.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts

DIOCESE OF METUCHEN HEART BURNING WITHIN YOU QUO VADIS

July 19-22, 2022

Priesthood Discernment Retreat for young men ages 14-17

You're invited to spend a few days living, praying and interacting with priest, seminarians and faith-filled teens your own age. For more information, please email quovadis@diometuchen.org

PARISH RELIGIOUS

EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

Summer PREP registration is now closed for the year. Our School Year PREP is for children entering Grades 1-8 in the fall and registration for School Year PREP 2022-2023 will begin in the early Spring. Please watch the bulletin for details. For any questions, please contact us at PREP@IccAnnandale.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Can you help bring this AMAZINGLY fun & engaging program back, after a 2-year hiatus due to Covid? A Co-Leader, & a team of responsible adults and teens are needed to brainstorm, lead & run the program. Let's do this together for our kids! Contact Kristin for more info: 732-570-5865; Ronkette04@gmail.com

HELP WANTED

Immaculate Conception School has openings for the 2022-23 school year. The ICS staff desires to grow together as we inspire our students to grow academically, socially, and spiritually.

We are in search of dynamic teachers who follow Jesus' teachings and have a passion for teaching children. All teachers must be certified. Send your cover letter and resume to Mrs. Connie Fortunato at principal@icsclinton.org

Elementary teaching position-full time

Middle school religion teacher- part time

ICS GOLF CLASSIC

Immaculate Conception School will be hosting the Annual ICS Golf Classic on Monday, May 23rd. Enjoy a beautiful spring day on the links at Hawk Pointe Golf Club, in Washington, NJ, with your family and friends. Mark your calendars and start gathering your foursomes! For more information go to <http://www.icsannandale.org/golf-classic>

PRE-REGISTER FOR PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

One of the most precious gifts God gives humanity is children. It is our job to raise young people to know, love and serve the Lord. Critical to this task is insuring that adults are educated on how to keep youngsters safe and that we keep unhealthy persons away from children. In the Diocese of Metuchen this is accomplished through our multi-faceted Safe Environment Program administered by the Office of Child & Youth Protection. To comply with diocesan requirements all individuals who work with youth MUST TAKE THE COURSE PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN. Class will be conveniently offered in the parish on

Thursday, May 26 at 7PM. Please preregister at www.Virtus.org.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MARKETPLACE

2nd. & 4th. SUNDAY'S OF THE MONTH FROM 9AM-1PM

Location: Our Parish Hall



NO TIME IS EVER LOST BY PRAYER, FOR THOSE WHO PRAY

WHAT'S IN A NAME CAMPAIGN

Immaculate Conception School is inviting the community to acquire naming rights. At ICS, we continue to focus efforts on instructional initiatives to grow student achievement and prepare our students for a successful future. We are extending an invitation to the school, parish and community at large to participate in acquiring naming rights to all classrooms in the Early Education Building, the classrooms within the school, the Science Lab, the Art Room, etc. When donating toward this campaign, your organization's name, a family name or a Saint name will be honored or memorialized in a way that anyone who passes through our halls will be reminded of those who have invested in their education. Great things are happening at Immaculate Conception School and your support will enable us to continue impacting the lives of all those who cross our threshold. Your generosity and support will ensure the future growth of our children, our beloved school and the students of our PREP Program. Please contact Laura Vitelli, 908-735-7319 or via email at lvitelli@icsclinton.org.

TUITION ANGEL

What is a Tuition Angel? We at Immaculate Conception School are proud of the quality education we offer to our families. In order to fulfill our mission by fostering in each child, Spiritual Growth, Academic Excellence, and Moral Integrity, we must properly fund our school.

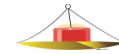
We invite you to join us in prayerfully becoming an Immaculate Conception School Tuition Angel. Your support will make a tremendous impact on the lives of students for generations to come. We have been blessed over the years at ICS by people who value a Catholic education and want to help provide for those less fortunate. We have some "angels" who donate funding toward tuition for ICS students. The Tuition Angel Fund is an ongoing program where families in need are helped as situations arise. If you are interested in contributing to this fund, please contact Laura Vitelli, Director of Advancement, 908-735-7319, or via email at lvitelli@icsclinton.org. Gifts are tax-deductible to the extent provided by law.

MATCHING GIFTS

There are many companies that offer current and retired employees an opportunity to match their contributions to their favorite charities. Please check with your Human Resource Department as to whether they will support Immaculate Conception School when making your donation. Your company may also allow your spouse to make a contribution which can be matched. Please take the time to potentially double your gift! Please contact Laura Vitelli, Pastoral Associate for the Parish and School Advancement. At (908)-735-7319 or lvitelli@icsclinton.org

ICS MORNING PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

A Morning Preschool Program is being offered for 3 & 4 year olds. Preschool at ICS prepares children for future learning through readiness. Give your child the gift of a strong religious and academic foundation in a loving and nurturing environment. To learn more about the preschool programs at ICS please visit the school website: www.icsannandale.org or call the school of-



In Memory of

Joseph Novak r/o Dorothea Novak

WHY IS MAY "MARY'S MONTH"?

In his 1965 encyclical, *Mense Maio*, Pope Paul VI identified the month of May as an opportune time to incorporate special prayers for peace into traditional May devotions. There is no firm structure as to the content of a May devotion. It usually includes the singing of Marian anthems, readings from the scriptures, and a sermon. Although prayers likely included the recitation of the Hail Mary, the rosary itself is not usually a part of this particular devotion. Catholics offer Mary in May: pilgrimages, visits to churches dedicated to her, little sacrifices in her honor, periods of study and well-finished work offered up to her, and a more attentive recitation of the rosary. The last devotion on May 31 is often followed by a solemn procession, during which a statue or portrait of the Virgin Mary is carried back into the church. Some May devotions may take place outside in a forest or a dedicated special place. One particular practice characteristic of May devotions is the May Altar, whether in a church or as a "house altar" in the home. Marian devotions such as the rosary may take place within the family around this altar consisting of a table with a Marian picture, candles, and decorated with many May flowers. The custom of the May Altar stems from southern European countries. With the development of May Altars in churches, the custom spread to set up this type of "altar" also in the home. This specific devotion has been supported by several popes including Pope Pius XII in his encyclical *Ingruentium malorum*: The custom of the family recitation of the Holy Rosary is a most efficacious means. What a sweet sight—most pleasing to God when, at eventide, the Christian home resounds with the frequent repetition of praises in honor of the High Queen of Heaven! Then the Rosary, recited in the family, assembled before the image of the Virgin, in an admirable union of hearts, the parents and their children, who come back from their daily work. It unites them piously with those absent and those dead. It links all more tightly in a sweet bond of love, with the most Holy Virgin, who like a loving mother, in the circle of her children, will be there bestowing upon them an abundance of the gifts of concord and family peace.

HAVE YOU BEEN HEARD

Additional Diocesan Listening Sessions For The Synod

May 25, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm via ZOOM

May 26, 6:30 pm-9:00 pm

At the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway, NJ

Registration Required at www.diometuchen.org/synod2023

NEW JERSEY SAFE HAVEN LAW

Under the New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act a person may give up an unwanted infant anonymously. The purpose of Safe Haven is to protect unwanted babies from being hurt or killed from unsafe abandonment. A distressed parent who is unable to care for an infant can give up custody of a baby less than 30 days old safely, legally, and anonymously. All that is required is that the baby be brought to any hospital emergency room, police station, fire station, ambulance, first aid, and rescue squads in New Jersey that are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. As long as the child shows no signs of intentional abuse, no name or other information is required. The parent can call the Safe Haven Hotline-1-877-839-2339- and get the address and directions for any hospital emergency room, police station, fire house, ambulance, first aid, and rescue squad in the state.

ARE WORKERS TOGETHER WITH GOD

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday we have Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day. It is a great way to grow in your relationship with Christ, come and spend time in quiet with Him! The sign-up sheet is in the back of the Church.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Eucharistic Adoration takes place each Friday after
9:00am Mass until 7:00pm

ENVELOPE GIVING

We are extremely thankful for the weekly stewardship of all our parishioners. **During this state of emergency it is very helpful to be able to rely on your continued support even when you cannot personally attend Mass.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sundays, 1:15 pm. A Preparation Session for the persons (Godparents invited) takes place prior to Baptism and is held on the First Friday of each month at 7:30 pm. A Catholic Godparent must be a practicing Catholic, i.e. one who is free to receive the Sacraments in the Catholic Church, who has been Confirmed and can receive a "Letter of Good Standing" from their parish. One Godparent could be a baptized Christian (not baptized in the Catholic Church). That Godparent will be noted in the Church record as a Christian Witness. Contact the Parish Office at 735-7319 for all arrangements and before the selection of Godparents.

SPONSOR LETTERS

Certificates of eligibility for sponsorship for Baptism of Confirmation will be given **only to active** (weekly Mass attendance) Registered parishioners.

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

The Sacrament of Penance is available every Saturday, except Holy Saturday, from 11:30 am-12:00 nn and from 3:30 - 4:00 pm.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The Common Policy for the Diocese of New Jersey requires a period of preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage, which includes sessions with the parish priest or deacon and participation in either the Pre-Cana Conference or the Engaged Encounter Weekend. Therefore, arrangements with the Parish Office should be made up to one year in advance, and before any social plans are finalized.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Arrangements for pastoral visitation and Holy Communion to the sick and infirmed at home can be made by contacting the Parish Office. Catholic Chaplains are assigned by the Diocese of Metuchen for patients in our area hospitals. Our Parish is responsible for Rolling Hills Nursing Care Facility. Emergency sick calls anytime.



INVITATION TO MORE...

SENIOR SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAM

The Senior Safety Awareness Program will be held on **Tuesday, May 24th from 2:00-3:30PM in Parish Hall**. The event is open to seniors and caregivers seeking information, tips, or resources about senior safety.

Ensuring elderly safety starts with equipping senior citizens and caregivers with the necessary tips, skills, and resources. The Senior Safety Awareness Program will connect senior citizens or caregivers with comprehensive information, because finding the resources to care for yourself and aging loved ones should not be difficult or overwhelming.

The event will feature several industry professionals in varying areas of expertise. Featured presenters include Hunterdon County Sheriff Frederick Brown, the Hunterdon Medical Center Visiting Nurses Association, and the Clinton Township Police Department.

All are welcome to learn about enhancing and supporting senior safety from a variety of professionals. Topics of discussion will include: dependable in-home care assistance, simple but essential senior financial needs (including the importance of having an updated will, power of attorney, medical directive, living wills, and updating beneficiaries of retirement accounts and insurance policies), combating cyber and/or telephone scams, injury and falls proofing, protections against fire and related dangers, home safety assessments, and the Blue Angel program.

There will be a question and answer opportunity with the presenters on each topic. Presenters will also be available at the conclusion of the program to answer further questions and provide more information.

WERE HIRING

Summer Custodial Help-ICS Full Time M-F.

7:00 am-2:30 pm.

Beginning 6-6-2022 thru 7-29-2022.

Must be 18 years old.

Rate \$15.00/hour. Must be reliable.

Call 908-735-7319

AND...



The Parish has an opening for our Parish and School Financial Manager. The position is responsible for fiscal reporting and managing our general ledger, payment of bills, and payroll. Qualifications are a BS in Business Administration specializing in Accounting of Finance preferred or equivalent work experience. Advanced computer skills in Excel and Quick Books or comparable financial package. Resumes can be emailed to mszalecki@iccannandale.org.



WEDDING BANNS

David Regal Jr. & Dina Barny