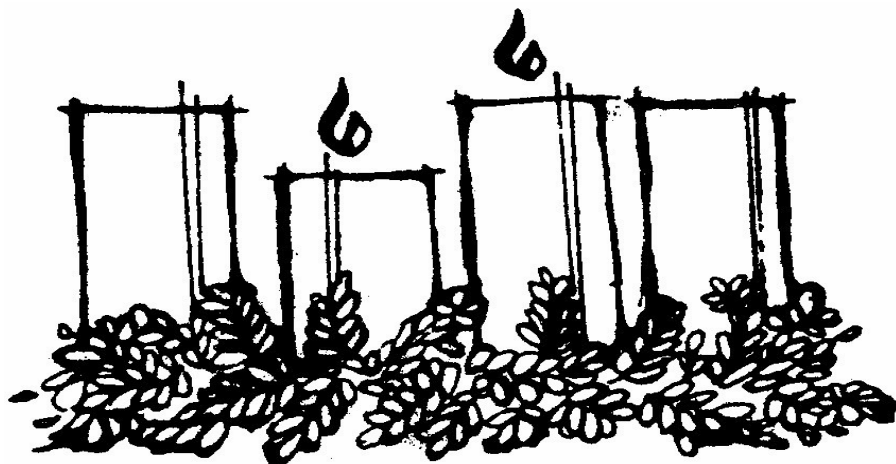


Immaculate Conception Church

75 Church Street • Franklin, New Jersey 07416

December 6, 2015

Second Sunday of Advent



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MRS. NADINE ALLEN, FAITH FORMATION DIRECTOR (CCD)

MRS. CHRISTINE ROTONDO, ICRS PRINCIPAL

NEW MEMBERS ARE WARMLY WELCOMED AND MAY REGISTER BY CALLING THE PARISH OFFICE. IF YOU MOVE OUT OF THE PARISH OR CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS, PLEASE NOTIFY THE RECTORY.

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—7PM (CHURCH)

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH 7:30PM—10PM (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 PARISHIONERS FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

ANY TIME FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

VISITATIONS UPON REQUEST.

OFFICE HOURS:

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

CCD OFFICE MON—WED **CCD PHONE:** 973-827-9501

FAX: 973-827-7375

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION REGIONAL SCHOOL: 973-827-3777

POPE JOHN XXIII HIGH SCHOOL: 973-729-6125

WEBSITES: **PARISH WEBSITE UNDER CONSTRUCTION** WWW.ICCRELIGIOUSEDUCATION.COM WWW.ICRSSCHOOL.COM

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THE WEEK OF December 6, 2015

COMMEMORATING THE YEAR OF MERCY
December 8, 2015 through November 20, 2016
Recitation of "The Memorare" at all Masses

SATURDAY December 5

9:00 am

† Charles Meshinsky reqby Anna Marie Meshinsky Robinson

5:00 pm—Sunday Anticipated

† Dorothy Venturini reqby Firmenich Family

SUNDAY December 6

7:30 am

† Deotha McNair reqby Marie Coppolella

9:30 am

† Alexius, Mary Anne & John P. Wronka reqby Family

† Gloria Opitz reqby Toni Dionisio & Steve Napovier

11:30 am

† Gary Gates reqby Josephine Ramundo

♥ People of the Parish

MONDAY December 7—St. Ambrose

7:00 pm

† Albert Tatka Birthday Rem. reqby Family

TUESDAY December 8—Immaculate Conception

7:00 am

† James Elekes, Jr. reqby Mom & Dad

7:00 pm

† Gloria Opitz reqby Rosanne Huttman

WEDNESDAY December 9—St. Juan Diego

7:30 am

† Michael Elekes reqby Mom & Dad

THURSDAY December 10—No Mass

FRIDAY December 11—St. Damasus I

7:30 am

† Michael Elekes reqby Mom & Dad

SATURDAY December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 am

† Albert Buffa

5:00 pm—Sunday Anticipated

† Marion Bognar reqby Mary Rose Colridge

Next Week: Sunday December 13, 2015

7:30 am

† People of the Parish

9:30 am

† Gloria Opitz reqby Thomas, Anthony & Danielle Dionisio

† Mary Carbone reqby Peggy Cofrancesco & Family

† Gene Frieling reqby Parents

11:30 am

♥ God's Blessing for Greg & his Daughter Margareth on their Birthdays reqby Family

† Carmen Iuso reqby Nick & Roxanne Franchino

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

Welcome! Every member should be registered in the Parish, become active in the life of *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.

ENVELOPES FOR SCHOOL SUBSIDY AND CHURCH MAINTENANCE



Thank you for contributing to offset our church maintenance and school subsidy obligations.

Anything you are able to give by using the green maintenance or yellow school envelopes, located in the vestibule, is deeply appreciated. As with a home, there are ongoing repair and maintenance projects. Additional repairs to the Rectory roof were made recently due to leaks. Carpets in two of the guest rooms in the Rectory need to be replaced. The carpet in the conference room will be replaced due to water staining and damage.

Weekly Contributions

Weekly Goal: \$ 6,600

November 22 Collection: \$ 3,585

November 22 Heat & A/C: \$ 1,445

Last Week's Collection: \$ 3,735

2015-2016 Diocesan Assessment: \$23,163

Collected to Date (Project Faith): \$ 6,612

2015-2016 School Assessment: \$30,000

Collected to Date: \$ 1,725

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. Our Sunday collections continue to fall short of needed revenue. We are most grateful for your continued and increased generosity in support of our parish. 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.

New Procedures for Missalettes

In order to save wear and tear, missalettes are no longer left in the pews. Instead, they are stored in plastic bins under the last pews. The ushers hand out missalettes prior to each Mass, and collect them at the end of Mass. We request that the first seat on each side of the aisle in the last pews be left empty in order to accommodate the missalette containers. Please do not leave missalettes in the pews at the end of Mass, but instead return them to the containers at the back of Church. Thank you for your cooperation.



Upcoming Parish Events

- Sunday, December 6, 6pm**—Advent Lessons
Tuesday, December 8—Holyday of Obligation
 Masses at 7:00am & 7:00pm with Crowning of the statue of Mary in the Grotto following 7:00pm Mass.
Wednesday, December 9, 7pm—Altar Server Training
Saturday, December 12, 10:30am—Breakfast in Bethlehem
Saturday, December 12, 7pm—Movie in Lyceum
Wednesday, December 16, 7:30pm—Parish Advent Reconciliation Service
Thursday, December 17, 6:30pm—Prayer Shawl
Thursday, December 24—Christmas Eve Masses at 5pm, 7pm, 10pm and Midnight (in Polish)
Friday, December 25—The Nativity of the Lord
 Masses at 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am

PARISH NOTES

We are looking for volunteers for Children's Liturgy. Please call Fr. Bogie at the Parish Office if interested.

On Wednesday, December 9 at 7pm, there will be training for those Altar Servers who have not been trained on use of the gong.

Training for new Ministers of the Eucharist will be scheduled sometime in December. Please call Fr. Bogie at the Parish Office if interested in becoming a Minister of the Eucharist.

Now that ushers are distributing and collecting missalettes, we need more ushers. If interested, leave your contact information on the sheet hanging by the collection baskets, or call Fr. Bogie at the Parish Office.

Parish Office hours are Monday through Wednesday from 10am to 3pm, Thursdays by appointment (visitors are requested to call in advance and identify themselves to office staff) The office is closed on Fridays.

Prayers for the Sick

Hospitals do not notify us when parishioners are in the hospital. They will only do so if specifically requested by the patient. The parish office should be notified by a family member to include names in Prayers of the Faithful

BIBLE SHARING

Bible Sharing meets Tuesday, except the first Tuesday of the month, at 6pm

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

December 12–December 13, 2015

Saturday, December 12, 2015

5:00pm Lector: J. Friend

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Vnuk, J. Friend, T. Friend

Sunday, December 13, 2015

7:30am Lector: H. Zarzycki

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Nemecek, J. Schoen, J. Robertson

9:30am Lector: E. Knapick

Eucharistic Ministers: B. Zarzycki, K. Glowacki, S. Riccardi

11:30am Lector: R. Sevean/R. Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Payne, A. Muller, C. Muller

LEGION OF MARY

All practicing Catholics, men and women, are welcome to join. Meetings are held on Tuesday at 7:15pm.

Immaculate Conception Church is holding a Monthly Movie Night one Saturday of each month in the Lyceum at 7pm. The December Movie Night is December 12, and the movie is "Courageous".

Year of Mercy begins December 8

On the feast day of our Patroness, the Immaculate Conception, the Jubilee Year of Mercy will begin! This is a Holy Day of Obligation, as well as a triumphant entrance into a year of God's grace and love through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Plan to attend this jubilee Mass at 7pm. Rosary will begin at 6:30pm. Children are invited to lead a decade, process with flowers to Our Lady, and to crown her in the grotto after Mass. Those interested, please call or text Jenny Murphy at 862-684-0984.

Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary

Those who are preparing to make a total consecration to Jesus through Mary on December 8 should return to the church after the crowning of Our Lady. We will approach the altar and together will say the prayer of St. Louis Marie deMontfort (which will be provided for you). There are approximately 20 people in this group. This consecration is a beautiful gift to offer Jesus and his mother. Anyone, especially families, interested in doing so can be in the next session, which will begin on December 21 and conclude February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus and purification of Mary. Please call or text Jenny Murphy at 862-684--0984 to obtain the materials and instructions

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the third Thursday of the month at 6:30pm in the Rectory Conference Room.

GRIEF SUPPORT

For information, contact Frank Elmo 973-827-4396



The Giving Tree will be on the altar through Sunday, December 13.

The Giving Tree offers our parishioners an opportunity to share the joy of Christmas through gift-giving to those in need in our community. We invite you to take a tag from the tree and purchase the item indicated. Tape the tag on top of your **WRAPPED** gift and place it under the Giving Tree by Sunday, December 13th, so gifts can be distributed in time for Christmas.

Thank you for your generosity

Christmas Flower Memorials

Remember a loved one in a special way with Christmas Flowers, and by including their name in our parish memorial listing in the Christmas bulletin. Put your Flower Offering envelope in a Sunday collection or return to the Rectory **NO LATER THAN MONDAY DECEMBER 14** to insure publication in the Christmas bulletin.



SCHOOLS NEWS

Immaculate Conception Regional School students and faculty would like to invite YOU: parents, grandparents, parishioners, to attend **10am Mass on December 8th** to honor the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Tickets for the ICRS 50/50 are being sold this weekend after the Masses.

Immaculate Conception Cemetery

Catholic Cemeteries exist to meet the needs of individuals and families before, at the time of death and burial, and throughout bereavement. By setting aside a holy place for burial, we provide a fitting environment for full liturgical celebrations. 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.

Immaculate Conception Cemetery is located on North Church Road has crypts and niches available in the Mausoleum in addition to burial plots.

Contact the Parish Office at 973-827-9575 or icchurch@ptd.net to make an appointment to obtain information regarding "at need" or "pre-need" Arrangements

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah begins

Monday: St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Juan Diego

Friday: St. Damasus I

Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Pope's monthly prayer intentions for December:

Experiencing God's Mercy: *That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.*

Families: *That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.*

AA Meetings

AA Meetings are held every week

Sundays at 7pm (**Open to All**)

Mondays at 7:30pm

Wednesdays at 8pm

Fridays at 8pm (Men only)



Prayers for those who are currently sick 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 or has a chronic illness. After several 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". 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 Nursing Homes or Rehab: Mike Tatka, Carmen Ross, Mary Gada

At Home: Danielle Dionisio, Thomas Dionisio, Jr., Jeanine Hodgins, Janice Rogers, Joan Boyer, John Tidona, Lisa Stine, Marie Sohayda, Dan D'Esposito, Jamie Escabar, Daniel Esposito, Daniel D'Andrea, Brenda Daigle, Bobby Daigle, Derek Mons, Robin Slate, James Yurchak, Barbara Yarusinsky, William Wielechowski

PARISH MINISTRIES CONTACT LIST

Religious Education	Nadine Allen	973-827-9501
Eucharistic Ministers	Christine Muller	973-827-9575
Lectors	Kim Vieira	347-754-2094
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
Liturgy Committee	Eileen & Mike Morgan	973-827-9606
Evangelization	Frank Elmo	973-827-4396
Altar Servers	Dawn Payne	973-702-0290
Vocations Liaison	Daniel Agatino	973-663-0967
Youth Group Ministry	Lori Goens	973-714-6648
Homebound Ministry	Shirley Riccardi	973-827-9058
Legion of Mary	Tona Phillips	973-827-9575
Bible Study	Fr. Bogie	973-827-9575
	Frank Elmo	973-827-4396
Respect Life	Dan LeFante	973-827-9575
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Shirley Riccardi	973-827-9058
	Toni Dionisio	973-209-2640
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.

Giving Thanks When You Shop

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Thank you
for advertising in the Immaculate Conception Church Bulletin. I am patronizing your business because of it.



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Mass and Memorial Donations - Please Contact The Rectory

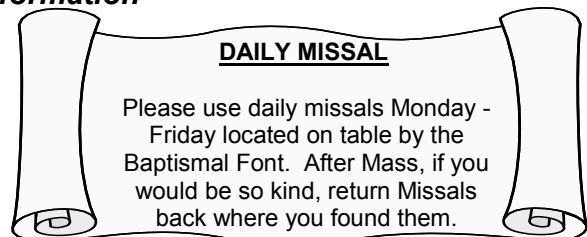
- ✠ A Holy Mass for the Deceased
- ♥ A Spiritual Bouquet Mass for the Living
- Ex: Requests for healing, recovery or for God's Blessing for anniversaries, birthdays, or any other special occasion.

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



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.

Bring your friend or someone dear to you to church... our parish community welcomes their presence

A BUSY MOTHER

Only after the Last Judgment will Mary get any rest; from now until then, she is much too busy with her children.

—St. John Vianney