

Immaculate Conception Church

75 Church Street • Franklin, New Jersey 07416

January 3, 2016

The Epiphany of the Lord



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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

POPE JOHN XXIII HIGH SCHOOL: WWW.POPEJOHN.ORG



THE WEEK OF January 3, 2016

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

SATURDAY January 2

9:00 am

† Margaret Termyna reqby ICC

5:00 pm—Sunday Anticipated

♥ Parish Benefactors

SUNDAY January 3

7:30 am

† Edmund J. Rivard reqby Minnie Keenan

♥ People of the Parish

9:30 am

† Eddie Gonzales 7th Ann. reqby Wife & Family

† Sal Giacchi reqby Julie Drago & Grace Sharp

11:30 am

† Joe Keslo reqby Yahm Family

MONDAY January 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:00 pm

† Wladyslaw Franciszek Kuczek reqby Wilk Family

TUESDAY January 5—St. John Neumann

7:30 am

† Wladyslaw Franciszek Kuczek reqby Wilk Family

WEDNESDAY January 6 - St. Andre Bessette

7:30 am

† Michael Elekes reqby Mom & Dad

THURSDAY January 7—No Mass

FRIDAY January 8

10:00 am

† James Elekes, Jr. reqby Mom & Dad

SATURDAY January 9

9:00 am

† Kristina Helen Galate reqby Christine Rotondo & Grace Sharp

5:00 pm—Sunday Anticipated

† Deceased Parish Benefactors

Next Week: Sunday January 10, 2016

7:30 am

♥ People of the Parish

9:30 am

† Eric Burns reqby Family

† Gale Hassler reqby Carol & Sal Giacchi

11:30 am

† Gerardo DeSimone 25th Ann. reqby DeSimone Family

† Vito Peregino reqby Sr. Thomasina Gebhard

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

Winter Weather Alert

For weekday Mass cancellations due to inclement weather, call the Rectory 973-827-9575



The sanctuary lamp burns this week in memory of Jean Mele Requested by Family

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. The carpet in the conference room has been removed and the floor replaced. Carpets in two of the guest rooms in the Rectory have been removed, and the floors replaced.

Weekly Contributions

Weekly Goal:	\$ 6,600
December 20 Collection:	\$ 3,369
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 1,605

<u>2015-2016 Diocesan Assessment:</u>	\$23,163
Collected to Date (Project Faith):	\$ 7,919

<u>2015-2016 School Assessment:</u>	\$30,000
Collected to Date:	\$ 1,965

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.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule
January 9–January 10, 2016

Saturday, January 9, 2016

5:00pm

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

Sunday, January 10, 2016

7:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: V. Yahm, J. Schoen, J. Robertson

9:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: T. Dobies, H. Koch, P. Koch

11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: K. Tussey, M. McKeever, Sr. Thomasina



Upcoming Parish Events

Sunday, January 3, 9:30 Mass—Blessing of Babies
Saturday, January 9, 7pm—Movie in Lyceum
 “Heaven is For Real”
Saturday, January 16, 10:30am—First Reconciliation

PARISH NOTES

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

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*

CCD News

The CCD program is in need of teacher’s aides. If you can volunteer some time to assist our Catechists, please call the CCD office at 973-827-9501 or contact Fr. Bogie at the Parish Office

GRIEF SUPPORT

For information, contact Frank Elmo 973-827-4396

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

The next meeting is January 15

BIBLE SHARING

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



Additional Flowers in Memory of/ Honoring

*Deceased of the Campana Family
 Deceased members of the Morgiewicz
 & Barczak Families*

John Salony, Sr.

John Salony, Jr.

Charbe Wahad

Chas Wahad

Deceased of the Sokol Family

Flower Donations

Dr. & Mrs. Paul Crowley

Mrs. Virginia Way



Many, Many Thanks

To all who contributed so generously to the Parish Christmas Flowers. Because of you, we were able to decorate our Church beautifully to welcome our Lord Jesus.

To Malden Comanda and all who participated in the Parish Advent Lessons event. Our parish is blessed to have so many people who devoted their time, energy and talents to make the program possible.

To all who helped make the holidays brighter for families in our community. Your generosity to the Giving Tree was overwhelming.

To the Knights of Columbus Marquette Council #588 for donating the Oplatek again this year

LEGION OF MARY

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

The next Movie Night sponsored by the Legion of Mary will be Saturday, January 9 at 7pm, and the movie is “Heaven is For Real”

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)

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

Coat/Hat/Gloves/Scarf Collection

Ciera Smith, Franklin Girl Scout is collecting gently used coats and jackets AND new hats/gloves/scarves for local families through the Skylands Outreach Depot to complete her Silver Award. They are collecting new or gently used coats (mainly for children, but all sizes & kinds are great!) and new hats/gloves/scarves. There will be a bin in the back of the church during the weekends of January 16-17 (apologies for the misprint in last week's bulletin) and 30-31. This collection will not only provide warmth during the winter months for people in need, but it will also help fight the impact of poverty in the world. Thank you very much for your help.

Upcoming Events at St. Paul Inside the Walls Being Single, Being Faithful (35+)

Saturday, January 9 from 10am to Noon

Young Adult Mass (Ages 23-39) with Bishop Serratelli

Saturday, January 9 from 5:30 –8:30 pm

Reasons to Believe: Why the Catholic Faith Makes Sense

Saturday, January 16 from 10:00am-Noon

**Catholicism from Scratch: Adam's Apple
(Humanity, Sin and Grace)**

Saturday, January 23 from 10:00am-1:00pm

Third Annual Catholic Trivia Super Bowl

Saturday, January 30 from 10:00am-1:00pm

How to Build a Couples' Ministry

Wednesday, February 17 from 6:00-9:00pm

For information, and to register go to

www.insidethewalls.org

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4,
3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week

Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Tuesday: St. John Neumann

Wednesday: St. André Bessette

Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;
Julian Calendar Christmas

LITTLE MINUTES

Little drops of water,
little grains of sand,
make the mighty ocean
and the pleasant land;
so the little minutes,
humble though they be,
make the mighty ages
of eternity.

—Julia A. Fletcher Carney

Sacred Heart Spirituality Center will hold its Women's Retreat Weekend on **January 8-10, 2016**. The theme for this retreat is: "**God's Mercy Through the Ages**". It will focus on the history of God's merciful love poured out on His people right up to the present day. A weekend experience creates a special bond and climate among the retreatants and allows one the time to relax and recharge; however, if someone is unable to make the entire weekend, there is the possibility of coming on Saturday only. The registration form can be found on the website: www.sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org. Please call 973-383-2620 or email shretreatcenter@gmail.com for further information



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
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.

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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, David Hull, Brian Burdzy, 1Lt Joseph Alvarado, Jason Robertson

Mass and Memorial Donations - Please Contact The Rectory

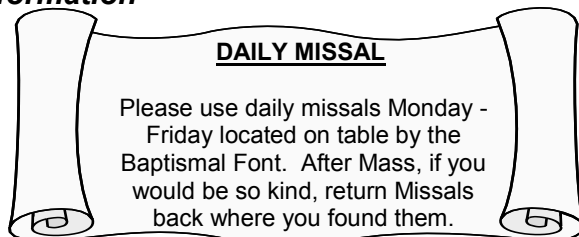
- ✠ A Holy Mass for the Deceased
 - ♥ A Spiritual Bouquet Mass for the Living
- Ex: Requests for healing, recovery or for God's Blessing for anniversaries, birthdays, or any other special occasion.

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

Tweets by Pope Francis:

One goal for each day: to convey the tenderness of Christ to those who are most in need.