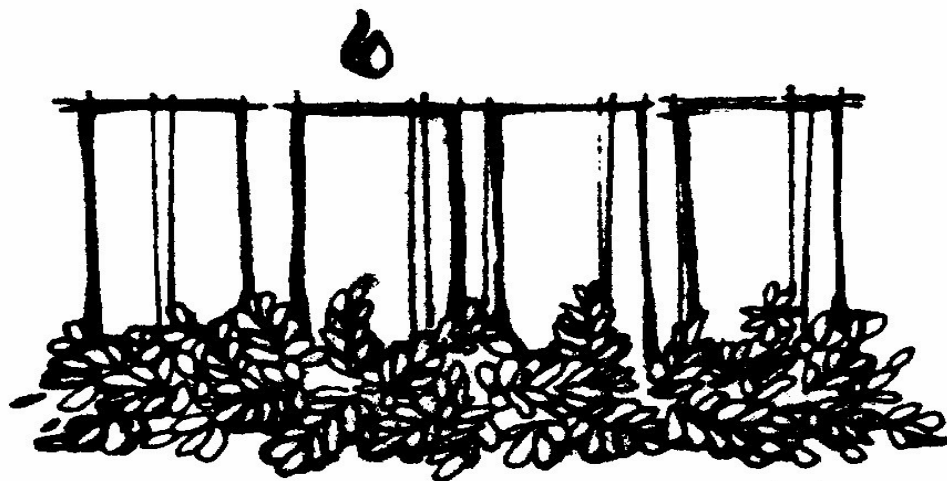


# *Immaculate Conception Church*

*75 Church Street • Franklin, New Jersey 07416*

*November 29, 2015*

*First Sunday of Advent*



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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

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WEBSITES: **PARISH WEBSITE UNDER CONSTRUCTION** [WWW.ICCRELIGIOUSEDUCATION.COM](http://WWW.ICCRELIGIOUSEDUCATION.COM) [WWW.ICRSSCHOOL.COM](http://WWW.ICRSSCHOOL.COM)

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## **THE WEEK OF November 29, 2015**

### **COMMEMORATING ALL SOULS**

The intentions requested with the All Souls envelopes and all parishioners who have passed during the last year will be remembered for the entire month of November, at all masses.

#### **SATURDAY November 28**

##### **9:00 am**

† Matthew McNaught reqby Lance, Grace & Family

##### **5:00 pm—Sunday Anticipated**

† Living & Deceased Members of Marx Family reqby  
Roland J. Mooney  
† Living & Deceased Members of Hannae & Rielly Families  
reqby Roland J. Mooney

#### **SUNDAY November 29**

##### **7:30 am**

† Paul Schreiber 12th Ann. reqby Wife Michele  
♥ People of the Parish

##### **9:30 am**

† Charles & Elizabeth Kannaley reqby Sister Helen Kaposi  
† Mary Carbone reqby Peggy Cofrancesco

##### **11:30 am**

† Gary Gates reqby Angela, Al & Frank DiGangi  
† George J. Tizzano reqby Zarra Family

#### **MONDAY November 30— St. Andrew**

♥ God's Blessing for Michael Lynch & Parents reqby Beata Wilk

#### **TUESDAY December 1**

##### **7:30 am**

† James Elekes, Jr. reqby Mom & Dad

#### **WEDNESDAY December 2**

##### **7:30 am**

† Joseph Sapek reqby John Swiss

#### **THURSDAY December 3—No Mass**

#### **FRIDAY December 4—St. John Damascene**

##### **7:30 am**

† Michael Elekes reqby Mom & Dad

#### **SATURDAY December 5**

##### **9:00 am**

† Charles Meshinsky reqby Anna Marie Meshinsky Robinson

##### **5:00 pm—Sunday Anticipated**

† Dorothy Venturini reqby Firmenich Family

#### **Next Week: Sunday December 5, 2015**

##### **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

*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**

|                                |                                     |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Weekly Goal:</b>            | <b>\$ 6,600</b>                     |
| <b>Last Week's Collection:</b> | <b>Not Available at Publication</b> |

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| <b>2015-2016 Diocesan Assessment:</b>     | <b>\$23,163</b> |
| <b>Collected to Date (Project Faith):</b> | <b>\$ 6,612</b> |

|                                     |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>2015-2016 School Assessment:</b> | <b>\$30,000</b> |
| <b>Collected to Date:</b>           | <b>\$ 1,725</b> |

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 on our paperback missalettes, beginning this weekend, missalettes will no longer be left in the pews. Instead, they will be stored in plastic bins under the last pews. The ushers will 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, 7pm**—Lessons & Carols

**Saturday, December 12, 10:30am**—Breakfast in Bethlehem

**Saturday, December 12, 7pm**—Movie in Lyceum

**Wednesday, December 16, 7:30pm**—Parish Advent Reconciliation Service

### PARISH NOTES

**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

### SCHOOLS NEWS

**Immaculate Conception Regional School** students and faculty would like to invite YOU: parents, grandparents, parishioners, to attend our annual Nativity Play and Prayer Service on **Friday, December 4th** at 10:45am at Immaculate Conception Church. The prayer service will be followed by coffee and “goodies” while we draw our 50/50 winner for 2015. You are also invited to **10am Mass on December 8th** to honor the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Please join us for these beautiful celebrations of our faith!  
Tickets for the ICRS 50/50 will be sold next weekend after the Masses.



### **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**

### Liturgical Ministers Schedule December 5–December 6, 2015

**Saturday, December 5, 2015**

**5:00pm** Lector: J. Friend

**Sunday, December 6, 2015**

**7:30am** Lector: H. Zarzycki

**9:30am** Lector: E. Knapick

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

### LEGION OF MARY

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

***Immaculate Conception 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”.***

### 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

### BIBLE SHARING

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

### 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](mailto:icchurch@ptd.net) to make an appointment to obtain information regarding “at need” or “pre-need” Arrangements

### 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)

## Thank You

To all who made our 4th Annual  
Beefsteak Dinner a success, *especially*:

*Sal Giacchi, Chairman, who worked  
tirelessly on the event until the Lord called  
him home*

*Henry Zarzycki, Vice-Chairman, who  
attended to all the last-minute details*

*J.R. Giacchi, who took over as the evening's  
Master of Ceremonies*

### Committee Members:

|                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Toni Dionisio</i>   | <i>Dawn Stahl</i>         |
| <i>Robin Elmo</i>      | <i>Kevin Sherlock</i>     |
| <i>J. R. Giacchi</i>   | <i>Tom Tilley</i>         |
| <i>Rita Giacchi</i>    | <i>Angela Trohanowsky</i> |
| <i>Ron Hoffman</i>     | <i>Ray Trohanowsky</i>    |
| <i>Steve Marino</i>    | <i>Vicky Yahm</i>         |
| <i>Tony Quartarolo</i> |                           |

### Sponsors:

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### **Birth Parents must take action to preserve their privacy**

On May 27, 2014, a new law took effect that will allow adoptees and certain relatives to request and obtain the names of their biological parents beginning January 1, 2017.

Birth parents who wish to preserve their privacy must submit a redaction request form to the NJ Department of Health by December 31, 2016.

The form can be downloaded at:  
<http://nj.gov/health/form/reg-36.pdf>.  
Helpline 609-989-4809

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The days are coming when the Lord will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

**Psalm** — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

**Gospel** — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;  
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;  
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;  
Lk 3:1-6

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Andrew

Tuesday: World AIDS Day

Thursday: St. Francis Xavier

Friday: St. John of Damascus; First Friday

Saturday: First Saturday

### THE COMING KINGDOM

Jeremiah could see it coming—the kingship of Jesus and the restoration of Jerusalem. But was anybody listening? Is anybody listening now? It must have been tough being a prophet, but Jeremiah was persistent in his message because he knew that it needed to be heard.

Also persistent in his message is Paul as he encourages the Thessalonians—and all of us—to live in accordance with the kingship that Jeremiah foretold. He encourages us to conduct ourselves in ways of holiness so that we may be well prepared for the king's coming. Finally, Jesus himself tells us to be ever diligent so that we may gain favor before our God and King.

Jeremiah could see the kingship of Jesus coming. As we begin the season of Advent, Paul and Jesus tell us not only how to prepare for the Kingdom, but how to live it day to day.

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### A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

At this time of the year we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today's gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent appreciate the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.



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.

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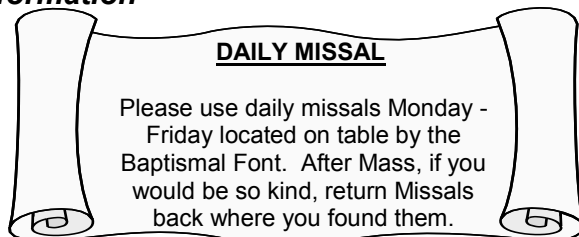
- ✠ A Holy Mass for the Deceased
  - ♥ A Spiritual Bouquet Mass for the Living
- Ex: Requests for healing, recovery or for God's Blessing for anniversaries, birthdays, or any other special occasion.

**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**

**THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT**

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know, His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against humankind.

—St. Bernard: *Third Sermon for Advent*