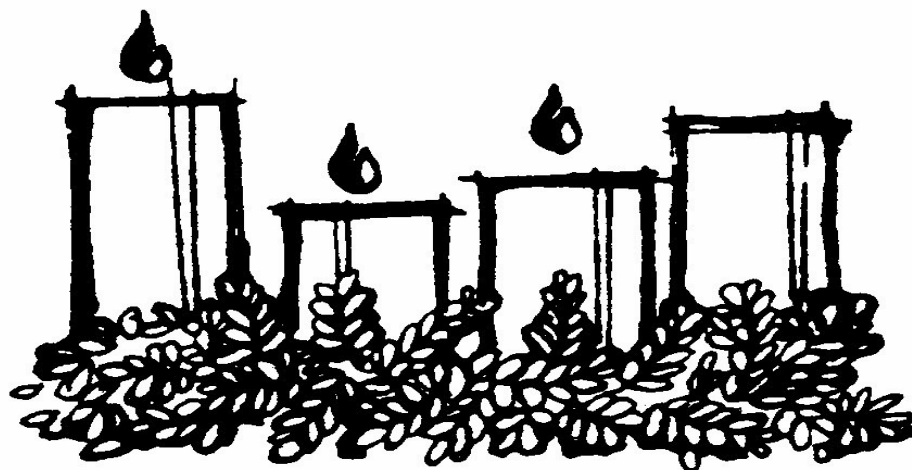


Immaculate Conception Church

75 Church Street • Franklin, New Jersey 07416

December 13, 2015

Third 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 PARISHONERS 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 13, 2015

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

SATURDAY December 12

9:00 am

† Albert Buffa

5:00 pm—Sunday Anticipated

† Marion Bognar reqby Mary Rose Colridge

SUNDAY December 13

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 Luso reqby Nick & Roxanne Franchino

MONDAY December 14— St. John of the Cross

7:00 pm

† Michael Elekes reqby Mom & Dad

TUESDAY December 15

7:30 am

† James Elekes, Jr. reqby Mom & Dad

WEDNESDAY December 16

7:30 am

♥ Blessings for Life & Health for Antonia Philips

THURSDAY December 17—No Mass

FRIDAY December 18

7:30 am

† Nick Turli reqby Marianne Cammarano

SATURDAY December 19

9:00 am

† Maria Francesca DeSantis reqby Joe & Marie Pallotta

5:00 pm—Sunday Anticipated

† Dolores Ploch reqby Bill, Margaret & Billy McNeir

Next Week: Sunday December 20, 2015

7:30 am

♥ Blessings for Richard Slowik reqby Mom & Dad

♥ People of the Parish

9:30 am

† Edward Gaba, Sr. 13th Ann. reqby Children

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

† Mary Robinson reqby cousin Anne Marie

11:30 am

† Sal Giacchi reqby Skellenger Family

† Iva M. Gaylord reqby Skellenger Family

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

Last Week's Collection: \$ 3,978

2015-2016 Diocesan Assessment: \$23,163

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

2015-2016 School Assessment: \$30,000

Collected to Date: \$ 1,785

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.

The Parish Advent Reconciliation Service will be held Wednesday, December 16th at 7:30pm



Upcoming Parish Events

- 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.

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

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 December 17.

GRIEF SUPPORT

For information, contact Frank Elmo 973-827-4396

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

December 19–December 20, 2015

- Saturday, December 19, 2015**
- 5:00pm** Lector: M. McKeever Altar Servers: “Fill In”
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Simone, A. Vieira, R. Smith
- Sunday, December 20, 2015**
- 7:30am** Lector: R. Trohanowsky Altar Servers: Dragon
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Swiss, V. Yahm, A. Trohanowsky
- 9:30am** Lector: E. Knapick Altar Servers: Post, Rosanelli
Eucharistic Ministers: P. Gonzalez, H. Koch, P. Koch
- 11:30am** Lector: G. Drossel Altar Servers: Falk, Falk
Eucharistic Ministers: K. Tussey, J. Howell, Sr. Thomasina

December 24– December 25, 2015

- Christmas Eve Thursday, December 24, 2015**
- 5:00pm** Lector: S & R Oroho Altar Servers: Kozlowski, Rehill
Eucharistic Ministers: M. McKeever, “Sign Up”(2)
- 7:00pm** Lector: K. Vieira Altar Servers: Falk, Falk
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Trohanowsky, “Sign Up”(2)
- 10:00pm** Lector: C. Vnuk Altar Servers: “Fill In”
Eucharistic Ministers: D. Payne, C. Vnuk, “Sign Up”(1),
- Midnight** Altar Servers: “Fill In”
- Christmas Day Friday, December 25, 2015**
- 7:30am** Lector: R. Trohanowsky Altar Servers: Dragon
Eucharistic Ministers: “Sign Up”(3)
- 9:30am** Lector: K. Vieira/S. Buffa Altar Servers: Buffa, Buffa
Eucharistic Ministers: “Sign Up”(3)
- 11:30am** Lector: R. Sevean Altar Servers: “Fill In”
Eucharistic Ministers: “Sign Up”(3)



This is the last weekend to return gifts for the Giving Tree .

Thank you for your generosity

LEGION OF MARY

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

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)**

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.**



PLEASE PRINT NAMES

Winter Weather Alert

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

OPLATEK

A POLISH/SLOVAK CHRISTMAS TRADITION

A part of the Polish/Slovak Christmas tradition is the breaking of the Christmas Wafer (*Oplatek in Polish, pronounced oh-pwah-tek*) during the Christmas Eve Vigil Feast of Wigilia, the holiest of all nights in the Polish home.

Oplatek, more symbolic than real food, is shared with each person present. The wafers are embossed with Religious images. Family members and friends break off a piece of Oplatek and give it to one another to eat. As each person shares the bread, they must forgive any hurts that have occurred over the past year and wish the person happiness in the coming year. The breaking and exchanging is to remind participants of the importance of Christmas, God and family.

Oplatek is available in front of the altar

Thank You to the Knights of Columbus Marquette Council #588 for donating the Oplatek again this Christmas season

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

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

Give a meaningful gift this Christmas—Visit St. Francis deSales Church Gift Shop for Advent and Christmas items

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

Second Reading — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. John of the Cross

AN ADVENT PRAYER

May the God of peace make us completely holy.

May God keep us blameless in spirit, soul and body
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Forever faithful is the One who calls us—God our Father!

Expectant, let us live in joyful hope

for the revelation of the glory
of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus!

To him be glory forever!

Come, Lord Jesus! Your grace be with us all.

—From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSP, copyright 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published by World Library Publications. p. 127

STRENGTH AND COURAGE

Prayer infuses the weak with strength and the faint-hearted with courage.

—Anonymous

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel tells us to SHARE! This Christmas resist the pressure to give token gifts. Instead, use those funds to give necessities to the poor. If our impoverished brothers and sisters are not on our gift list, we've missed the point of Christmas.



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 Escobar, 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.

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

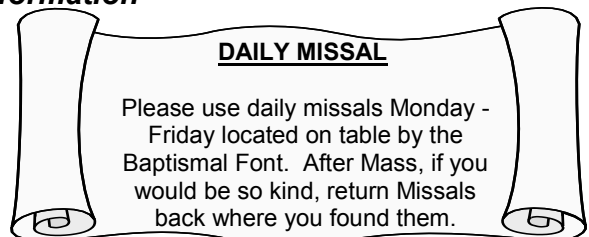
- ✠ A Holy Mass for the Deceased
- ♥ A Spiritual Bouquet Mass for the Living
- Ex: Requests for healing, recovery or for God's Blessing for anniversaries, birthdays, or any other special occasion.

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

Tweets by Pope Francis:

"The Jubilee Year of Mercy reminds us that God is waiting for us with open arms, just like the father of the prodigal son."