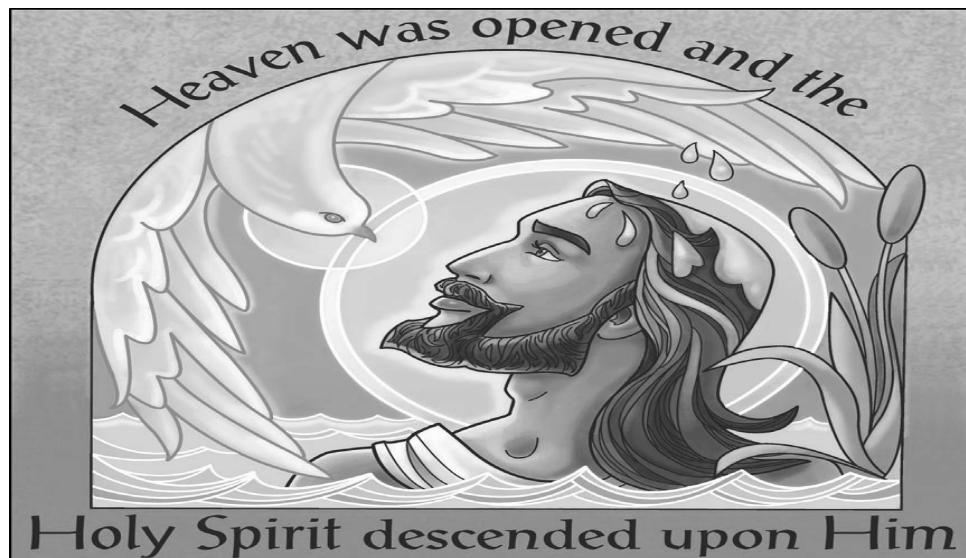


Immaculate Conception Church

75 Church Street • Franklin, New Jersey 07416

January 10, 2016

The Baptism of the Lord



REV. BOGUSLAW KOBUS, PASTOR

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 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

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THE WEEK OF January 10, 2016

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

SATURDAY January 9

9:00 am

† Kristina Helen Galate reqby Christine Rotondo & Grace Sharp

5:00 pm—Sunday Anticipated

† Deceased Parish Benefactors

SUNDAY January 10

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

MONDAY January 11

7:00 pm

† Michael Elekes reqby Mom & Dad

TUESDAY January 12

7:30 am

† James Elekes, Jr. reqby Mom & Dad

WEDNESDAY January 13 - St. Hilary

7:30 am

† Don Palumbo reqby Lorraine & Joe Kabatyr

THURSDAY January 14—No Mass

FRIDAY January 15

7:30 am

† Eugene Munkacsy

SATURDAY January 16

9:00 am

† Larry E. Handshaw reqby Cooper Family

5:00 pm—Sunday Anticipated

† Irene Czachorowski reqby Bill & Dot Cunningham

Next Week: Sunday January 17, 2016

7:30 am

♥ People of the Parish

9:30 am

† Sal Giacchi reqby Hoffman Family

† Virginia Buffa reqby Barbara & Henry Zarzycki

11:30 am

♥ God's Blessing for Richard Slowik reqby Mom & Dad

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

Volunteers Needed....

This weekend, on Sunday, January 10 at 1:30pm, to help remove the Christmas decorations from the Church.

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 is being replaced. Carpets in two of the guest rooms in the Rectory have been removed, and the floors replaced.



Weekly Contributions

Christmas Collection: \$13,365

Weekly Goal: \$ 6,600

December 27 Collection: \$ 3,554

Heat & A/C: \$ 1,292

January 3 Collection: \$ 3,647

2015-2016 Diocesan Assessment: \$23,163

Collected to Date (Project Faith): \$ 7,919

2015-2016 School Assessment: \$30,000

Collected to Date: \$ 2,065

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 16—January 17, 2016

Saturday, January 16, 2016

5:00pm Lector: T. Friend/R. Smith Altar Servers: Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Simone, A. Vieira, R. Smith

Sunday, January 17, 2016

7:30am Lector: S. Oroho Altar Servers: Dragon

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Nemecek, R. Swiss, A. Trohanowsky

9:30am Lector: R. Giacchi Altar Servers: Buffa, Buffa

Eucharistic Ministers: B. Zarzycki, C. Miller, R. Hoffman

11:30am Lector: E. Vieira Altar Servers: Doyle

Eucharistic Ministers: "Fill In", P. Rago, R. Rago



Upcoming Parish Events

Saturday, January 9, 7pm—Movie in Lyceum
“Heaven is For Real”

Saturday, January 16, 10:30am—First Reconciliation

Thursday, January 20, 6:30pm—Prayer Shawl

Saturday, February 6, Noon—Healing Mass

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 21
(apologies for the misprint in last week’s bulletin)

BIBLE SHARING

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

Rose Sale for Right to Life

The Knights of Columbus Marquette Council will be selling roses after all Masses next weekend.

LEGION OF MARY

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

The Pope’s monthly prayer intentions for January

Universal: Interreligious Dialogue

That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

Evangelization: Christian Unity

That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

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 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.

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.

SCHOOLS NEWS

Catholic Schools Week January 31-February 5

Immaculate Conception Regional School Open Houses

Tuesday, February 2, 7pm

Early Education Program: Pre-K3, Pre-K4 &
Kindergarten every 3rd Thursday of the month
10:00am-11:00am

January 14, February 18, March 17, April 21

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)

Upcoming Events at St. Paul Inside the Walls

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

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus was publicly **AFFIRMED** by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed **AFFIRMATION** and so do our children.

MANIFESTING THE SPIRIT

The Christmas season closes this Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is a sister to last week's feast of the Epiphany. Each of them celebrates an "epiphany," or a manifestation of the Spirit of God in Jesus—first in his birth, and now at his baptism.

The divine Spirit is manifested in all of the scriptures for this feast. Psalm 104 highlights the Spirit of God creating and renewing the earth, while the reading from Isaiah describes God restoring Israel. In Luke's account of the baptism of the Lord the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus. And the letter to Titus reminds us that the Holy Spirit was "richly poured out" on us also, through the "bath of rebirth" (Titus 3:5, 6).

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) *or* *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*.

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) *or* *Psalm 104*.

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) *or* *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7*.

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;

Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10;

Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;

Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7;

Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11;

Jn 2:1-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time

Wednesday: St. Hilary

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trek conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since "today there is a blessing on the water." At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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 Sohaya, 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	973-545-2276
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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Mass and Memorial Donations - Please Contact The Rectory

✠ A Holy Mass for the Deceased

♥ A Spiritual Bouquet Mass for the Living

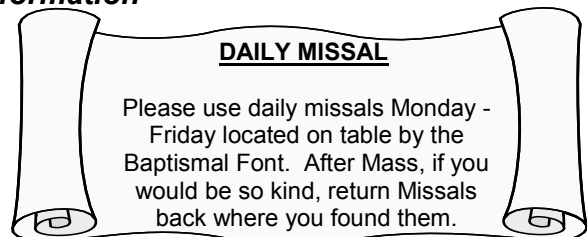
Ex: Requests for healing, recovery or for God's Blessing for anniversaries, birthdays, or any other special occasion.

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

TURNING THE TIDE

When everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.

—Harriet Beecher Stowe