



SEPTEMBER 17, 2017
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

8:30 AM ROBERT CLEARY

5:00 PM JOHN STEEN

Priest of the Day: Rev. Alexander A. Carles

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

7:00 AM PARISHIONERS

9:00 AM FRANCES POLISENO

11:00 AM PIERCE BROWNE

Priest of the Day: Rev. Maurice T. Carlton

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

7:00 AM MARY PATRICIA GUILLEMETTE

9:30 AM TYLER DAVIS – 1st Anniversary

Priest of the Day: Very Rev. Peter R. Cebulka, CO

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

7:00 AM BRIAN KEENAN

9:30 AM ANDREW TIDD

Priest of the Day: Rev. Msgr. Joseph G. Celano

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

7:00 AM CAMILLE & ANGELINA DeMASO

9:30 AM FILIPPO PICONE & MARIA CALAMIA

Priest of the Day: Rev. Keith M. Cervine

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

7:00 AM JOHN McALLEN

9:30 AM GIOVANNI TULIPANO

Priest of the Day: Rev. Joseph C. Chacko

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

7:00 AM DOMINICK DeNARDO

9:30 AM REGINA MONTALBAN

Priest of the Day: Rev. A. David Chalackal, CMI

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

8:30 AM CARMELO CARUANA & MICHAEL GAGNON

5:00 PM POVLOSKY & TOSADO FAMILIES

Priest of the Day: Rev. Vincent P. Chen

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

7:00 AM PARISHIONERS

9:00 AM PHILIP GOWIN

11:00 AM CLYDE RAYMOND STROTHER, Jr.

Priest of the Day: Rev. Timothy A. Christy

Please pray for our Priest of the Day and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is regularly held in our church every Friday from 7:00 PM until 8:15 PM. Any changes to this Friday schedule will be noted in the bulletin and announced at mass.

The Last Friday of the month, all are invited to join the Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy reciting the Chaplet for the Sick and Dying during Eucharistic Adoration.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

In the charity of your prayers please pray for Karen Derechailo and all the faithfully departed of our parish.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to donate altar flowers, please contact Bonnie Kelly at 732-251-2468.



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Immaculate Conception Church, are a Roman Catholic faith community with the celebration of the Eucharist as the center of our lives.

We create a vibrant parish life through prayer, discernment, education and active involvement of all. We celebrate our evolving diversity, as well as, our oneness in faith as a family in Christ.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING



<u>September 2 & 3</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>Weekly</u>	\$10,394.00	\$11,116.00
<u>Debt Reduction</u>	\$ 2,610.00	\$ 2,879.00

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week the Sanctuary Candle will burn
In Memory of Heroína Luz Pain.

Readings For The Week of September 17, 2017

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30—28:9 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Rm 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35

Monday

1Tm 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9 Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday

1Tm 3:1-13 Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday – Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Hasang

1Tm 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 7:31-35

Thursday – St. Matthew the Apostle

Eph 4:1-7 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Mt 9:9-13

Friday

1Tm 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20 Lk 8:1-3

Saturday – St. Pio of Pietrelcina

1Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Lk 8:4-15

Sunday – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9 Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 Phil 1:20c-24, 27A Mt 20:1-16a

HOSPITAL AND HOMEBOUND VISITATION

Visits are made to St. Peter's and Robert Wood Johnson Hospital by request. If you have a family member in either of these two hospitals or any of the area hospitals, please call the parish office and let us know. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion to the sick and homebound on a regular basis. If you are sick or confined at home and would like a visit from a Eucharistic Minister, please call the parish office.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



The Liturgy Committee extends an invitation to anyone interested in the Presentation of the Gifts to the Altar. If you are willing, upon arrival at Mass, please inform an usher/greeter that you wish to participate in this important church practice. Thank you.

REMEMBER THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

Heavenly Father, keep safe the women and men serving our country in the Armed Forces around the world, especially those who work to bring order to Iraq and Afghanistan, and give eternal rest to those who have died in the struggle for peace and freedom.


PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

- Week 1:** Mary Haraz, Deacon John McGuire, David Nicolini
Nina Savino, James Wheeler
- Week 2:** Maureen Benner, Alfred Gleason, Robert Hesse,
Lloyd Spillane
- Week 3:** Emily Amador, Timothy Burns, Jamie Cullen,
Carol Doell, Teresa Gonzales, Tara Green,
Peter Heckler, Catherine Henry,
Sonja & Marty Kerins, Anthony Muldowney,
Mark Puopolo, Sandy Russell
- Week 4:** Joey DePalma, Joseph Kopitskie, Jonathan Volpe
15 healing, 8 special intentions and all the sick and recovering
of our parish. *If you would like to have a name placed on the
"Pray for the Sick" list, please call the parish office during
business hours. Names on the Sick List will be included for
four weeks. If you would like a name to be listed beyond
four weeks, please call the Parish Office at that time.*
If you or someone you know is sick or in the hospital, please let
us know so that we can pray for them.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms will be scheduled on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each
month at 12:15 pm (December 2017).
September 24 November 12 and 26
October 8 and 22 December 10
Please contact the parish office to make arrangements for
baptism.

BAPTISM CLASS

 Our next Baptism Class will be held on **Thursday, September 21, 2017**, at 7:30 PM in the rectory basement meeting room, 18 South St. To register contact the parish office at 732-251-3110.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Weekend of September 23 & 24

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5 pm	R. Davitt	M. Hunter. D. Kornacki M. Kussavage R. Nolan D. Raschdorf	E. Petrow G. Petrow
7 am	C. Buffalino	A. Kagwe A. Menezes V. Phillips	M. Borja N. kasper
9 am	P. Kowalski	P. Crappse A. Griffoul M. Griffoul K. Sauer	A. Suarez Ashley Suarez
11 am	L. Shaughnessy	D. Blanchett P. Boyle M. Israel R. Kasper P. Marks	L. Lee R. Wickliffe

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS



Sign-ups for the months of October and November will take place after all masses this weekend September 16 & 17 and next weekend, September 23 & 24 in the altar-server sacristy.

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ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The Immaculate Conception Rosary-Altar Society would like to thank all who supported our fundraising efforts this past year. Your generosity and donations enabled us to purchase altar cloths for the altar. One was white; the other green that we are now using for Ordinary Time. We also purchased communion cups. This was in addition to regularly purchased items needed for the church. Thank you all again for your support and generosity.

BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, September 27 at 7 PM in the cafeteria.

ROSARIAN MASS & MEETING: Sunday, October 1 - Recitation of the Rosary at 8:30 AM; Rosarian Mass at 9 AM followed by meeting in the cafeteria. Refreshments for our meeting will be provided by Elvi, RoseMarie T and Pat.

LIVING ROSARY: October 11 (Wednesday) at 7 PM. Be at church 6:30 PM.

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 Atlantic City Fundraiser. Casino TBD. Bus to leave ICC Parking lot at 9 am and return at 7:30 pm. Call Bonnie at 732-251-2468 for reservations

To join the Rosary-Altar Society, please call Elvi (Membership Chairperson) at 732-251-2739.

VENDORS WANTED

SAVE THE DATE!!! Fall Festival / Craft Show will be taking place on Saturday, November 25th hosted by the Rosary-Altar Society. Vendors wanted. To reserve a table/space, please contact Jay at 609-409-0199 or Maria at 732-254-1775.



COME PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE AND PROTECT!

16th Annual Blue Mass for Law Enforcement
Thursday, October 12, 2017
10:30 AM
Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen

Bishop James F. Checchio cordially invites ALL the faithful in the Diocese to join him at the annual Blue Mass to pray for and with police officers and law enforcement personnel from the communities and towns from across Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren counties. Come to represent your parish and town, to support and pray for all our dedicated local, county, state and federal law enforcement officials and to honor those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice through their service to others. For more information, call (732) 562-2463 or visit <http://diometuchen.org/2017-blue-mass>.



"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's" - ROMANS 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He wants you to use the gifts He has given you.

CALL FOR ALTAR SERVERS

As Pope John Paul II so eloquently said: *"Altar server occupies a privileged place in the liturgy, you are much more than simple "helpers of the priest" above all, you are servers of Jesus Christ."*



All students in 4th grade and up are welcome to become altar servers. Please pick up a form in the church foyer and return completed form to the parish office by September 18th. Training will take place on September 22nd from 2:30-4 pm for ICS students and September 23rd from 9:30 am – 11 am for public school students. Contact the parish office with any questions at office@icspotswood.com

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

The next monthly food collection will be held **October 14th and 15th**. Non-perishable food items, baby food and disposable diapers (sizes 3, 4 and 6) are always needed! Please leave your donations in the church foyer before 12:00 PM on **Sunday, October 15th**.



2017 NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE CAR AND SHOP RITE GIFT CARD RAFFLE

Please support New Jersey Right to Life's Annual Car and Shop Rite Gift Card Raffle. Proceeds go to New Jersey's largest prolife organization, whose work saves the lives of the unborn, elderly and disabled from conception to natural death. Tickets are \$10 each. 1st prize-2018 Volvo XC60 AWD SUB valued over \$43,000, 2nd Prize –Shop Rite Gift Card valued at \$1,000, 3rd Prize-Shop Rite Gift Card valued at \$750 and 4th Prize-Shop Rite Gift Card valued at \$500.

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS IN ACTION

11th Annual Friends and Neighbors in Action (FNA) 5K and 1 Mile Fun Walk Sunday, October 1st Thompson Park - Monroe Township. RUN - WALK - VOLUNTEER – DONATE - Free T-shirt – DJ – Refreshments USATF-NJ 500 POINT GRAND PRIX EVENT. This year we are partnering with Elijah's Promise Community Soup Kitchen to raise money to fight hunger in our local area. Visit www.supportfna.com to register and learn more

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BLAST!

Believing, Living and Sharing Together YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Come One, Come ALL! Summer vacation has ended, school has begun and YOUTH GROUP is back! Join us on Friday, September 15th from 7 PM – 9 PM in the rectory basement for the kick off meeting of the year. Father Mhonchan joins us as the leader of the pack this year. He has a lot of exciting ideas up his sleeve. New activities, new lessons and great discussions are on tap this year. Youth group is open to all students in grades 6 through 12. Come see for yourself and get the skinny on all the great things planned for this year. You don't want to miss it.

*Check us out on Instagram: Blast_2k17
Join us on Group Me by texting your name to Amanda at 732 242-7167 on all the great things planned for this year. You don't want to miss it.*

Bishop James F. Checchio asks faithful of the Diocese of Metuchen to assist victims of Hurricane Harvey through special collection

August 31, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Diocese of Metuchen,

It was nearly five years ago, in October 2012, that Superstorm Sandy hit parts of our diocese and many of our people went through something of what is now being experienced by the residents of eastern and southern Texas. In scope and level of devastation, Hurricane Harvey is being described as a natural disaster beyond anything our nation has ever experienced. In the aftermath of Sandy, our people were able to begin to rebuild their homes and their very lives through the support of parishes and dioceses throughout the United States.

Hurricane Harvey presents us with the opportunity to show to the grieving and displaced persons in Texas the same compassion that was so generously shown to us. I encourage the faithful of the Diocese of Metuchen to continue to pray for those who are suffering from this storm. I also invite you to **participate in a special second collection**, which I have asked to be taken up in our parishes the weekend of September 16-17, or an alternate weekend determined by your pastor. Please be generous as your means allow.

If it is more convenient, you may also **donate online** at <http://diometuchen.org> or **write a check** made payable to "Diocese of Metuchen" with "Hurricane Harvey" in the subject line and mail to: Hurricane Harvey Donation, Diocese of Metuchen, P.O. Box 191, Metuchen, NJ 08840-0191. We will accept donations through September 30 and then will forward all monies collected to the Catholic Charities in the dioceses affected by the storm.

Thank you in advance for your concern for our brothers and sisters in great need.

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

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FOOD VOUCHERS

You may purchase vouchers on weekdays in the parish office during office hours during the summer months. Vouchers will be sold in the church foyer before and after Saturday evening mass and all Sunday masses. Vouchers can be used as cash at your favorite supermarket. 5% of every voucher purchased goes to our church. We carry:

- Shoptite, Stop & Shop, ACME, Wholefoods** (\$25 & \$100)
- Kohl's, JC Penney, Macy's**
- Dunkin Donuts** (\$10 & \$25 denomination)
- Sam's Club/ Walmart** (\$25 & \$100 denominations),
- BP and Exxon** (\$50 denomination),
- Starbucks** (\$10 denomination)
- Mathnasium**
- Especially For You Florist**
- WaWa** (\$25 & \$100 denomination)
- Manhattan Bagel** (\$10 denomination)
- Panera** (\$10 denomination)

We thank and greatly appreciate the families currently using vouchers and urge all to join them.

DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

Do you like to sing and have a love of music? Then come join the Parish Choir! This year's season begins on Thursday, September 7th at 7:30 PM in the choir loft. Music reading is not necessary. High school students are always welcome and encouraged to join.



If you have any questions, please see Phillip Steffani, Director of Music, after any mass for further details or call him at 908-313-8674.

We look forward to making music with you!

HEALING MASS

All are invited to a healing mass on Tuesday, September 19th in honor of The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at Immaculate Conception Church, Spotswood, NJ. The evening will begin at 7 pm with the Flame of Love Rosary, Holy Mass, Laying on of Hands, and will end with Benediction. Rev. Ignatius Mary Okorogi, SDV will preside over the evening. Subsequent Healing Masses will be every third Tuesday: October 17 and November 21. For information: Parish Office 732-251-3110 or Immaculate Conception Prayer Group 732-251-5777.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PRAYER GROUP

The Immaculate Conception Prayer Group meets every TUESDAY in the Church at 7:00PM with entry through the side door. Everyone is welcome, no prior membership required. We look forward to these evenings as we gather in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to offer praise and thanksgiving to our awesome God.

We pray the Rosary, recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" with songs, Scripture readings, prayer, and an occasional teaching by a guest speaker. We conclude each meeting in a "healing circle" to present our petitions to our compassionate Lord. Refer to the weekly bulletin for any change in schedule. For information or prayer requests, please call Aida: 732-723-0633 or Phyllis 732-251-5777.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: FAITH DIRECT

Do you often find yourself without your checkbook or envelope on Sunday morning? Join the many parishioners who have already enrolled in Faith Direct for automated giving to Immaculate Conception. Faith Direct is secure and convenient, and will provide you with an offertory card to place in the basket during the collections. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Sign up today by visiting www.faithdirect.net. Our parish code is **NJ107**. You can also pick up an enrollment form at the parish office or call the Faith Direct toll-free number, 866-507-8757, for more information. *Please consider using Faith Direct today!* **You may also wish to make a one-time gift to Immaculate Conception!** Scan this QR Code with your smart phone to make a One-Time gift to Immaculate Conception using our secure mobile gift page.





**Immaculate Conception Pre-K
Mommy and Me
(A Toddler-Time Program)**

- WHO:** You and Your Toddler (18 months to 30 months)
(Mom, Dad or Relative with your Toddler)
- WHERE:** Immaculate Conception Pre-K (Room 2A)
23 Manalapan Road
Spotswood, NJ 08884
- WHEN:** Tuesday, Oct. 3rd through Tuesday, Dec. 5th
from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings
Program will run for 10 weeks.
- WHAT:** You and your child will enjoy a multitude of
Experiences which include arts and crafts, music,
story time, movement and gymnastics.
(There will also be a time to share parenting
concerns.)
- COST:** \$250.00 for 10 sessions
~~\$ 10.00~~ registration fee
\$260.00 total
- To receive an application to register, please call 732-251-7430 or download the forms on our website at icsspotswood.org. Applications must be received by Thursday Sept. 28th, 2017**

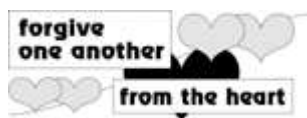
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Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

St. James the Less Church, 36 Lincoln Ave. in Jamesburg, will be hosting its Fall Festival on September 23rd on the church grounds from 1PM to 7PM. Welcome autumn with family fun, fellowship, food, children’s games, vendors, & more.



**23 Manalapan Road
Spotswood, NJ 08884
732-251-7430 (Fax) 732-251-7425**

GIFT SCHEDULE – 2017-18

	Session	"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	Mandatory Mass
	Time	9a-12p	10:15a-1:15p	6p-9p	5p-8p	5PM Assigned Date and Grade
	Day	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
TOPICS	Dates					
The Importance of Stories	September	09/16/17	09/17/17	09/18/17	09/19/17	
Sharing a meal The Eucharist	October	10/21/17	10/22/17	10/23/17	10/24/17	10/1/17 – 7 th & 8 th
Family Life Our Family Story	November	11/11/17	11/12/17	11/13/17	11/14/17	11/05/17 – 1 st & 2 nd
Society’s Outcast and relationship w/them	December	12/16/17	12/17/17	12/18/17	12/19/17	12/3/17 - Seasonal
Human Life Dignity	January	01/20/18	01/21/18	01/22/18	01/23/18	1/7/18 – 3 rd
The Lord/Slaves and Laborers	February	02/17/18	02/18/18	02/19/18	02/20/18	2/4/18 – 4 th
The road to freedom Through forgiveness	March	03/10/18	03/11/18	03/12/18	03/13/18	3/4/18 – 5 th & 6 th
Quality of Desperation Depression/Hope	April	04/21/18	04/22/18	04/23/18	04/24/18	