



OCTOBER 8, 2017

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017**

8:30 AM FR. HAROLD L. HIRSCH

5:00 PM NICHOLAS J. MAYO

*Priest of the Day: Rev. Edward A. Czarcinski*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017**

7:00 AM PARISHIONERS

9:00 AM MEMORIAL SOCIETY

11:00 AM ROBERT RENTER

*Priest of the Day: Rev. Arlindo P. DaSilva*

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017**

9:00 AM CORA LEE ALTENBERG

*Priest of the Day: Rev. James DeFillips*

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017**

7:00 AM Living Intention – GEORGE & VIRGINIA

PHILLIPS – 51<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary

9:30 AM THERESA WHITELOCK DALEY

*Priest of the Day: Rev. Joseph L. Desmond*

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017**

7:00 AM BRIAN KEENAN

9:30 AM FRANCO MARCHIANO &

MARGHERITA GAMBINO

*Priest of the Day: Rev. Mark J. Dolak*

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2017**

7:00 AM PEGGY & TED CISLO

9:30 AM JAMES A. MAURO & NICOLE MARZANO

*Priest of the Day: Rev. Rohan Dominic, CMF*

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2017**

7:00 AM ANTHONY DeROSE, Sr.

9:30 AM MARIE CHOJNACKI

*Priest of the Day: Rev. Michael A. Driscoll*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017**

8:30 AM SALVATORE & TINA SANZONE

5:00 PM Living Intention – ALLWIN COLACO & FAMILY

*Priest of the Day: Rev. Lukasz Drozak, CSsR*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017**

7:00 AM PARISHIONERS

9:00 AM RALPH OLIVIA, Sr.

11:00 AM ELLEN LAPINSKI

*Priest of the Day: Rev. Marian Drozd*

**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.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Flowers by the Blessed Mother on September 30th were donated in loving memory of Garrett Anthony Balazs 15th Anniversary in heaven, requested by his loving daughter's Hope and Dawn, and Sons-in-law Robert & Stefan.

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 23 &amp; 24</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>Weekly</u>	\$11,152.00	\$10,973.00
<u>Debt Reduction</u>	\$ 2,984.00	\$ 3,148.00

*Thank you for your continued support of the parish.*



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

This week the Sanctuary Candle will burn In Memory of Travis Lutzko.

**Readings For The Week of October 8, 2017**

**Sunday – Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 5:1-7 Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 Phil 4:609 Mt 21:33-43

**Monday – Sts. Denis and John Leonardi**

Jon1:1—2:1-2, 11 Ps Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8 Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday**

Gal 3:1-10 Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday – St. John XXIII**

Jon 4:1-11 Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday**

Mal 3:13-20b Ps 1:1, 1-2, 4, 4+6 Lk 11:5-13

**Friday**

Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2 Ps 9:2-3, 6+16, 8-9 Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday – St. Callistus**

Jl 4:12-21 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Lk 11:27-28

**Sunday – Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

**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.

**REQUIESCANT IN PACE**

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

**COLUMBUS DAY**

On Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, the only daily mass will be at 9:00 AM. The parish office will be closed on October 9<sup>th</sup> in observance of this holiday.

## Memorial Society



Mary Caldana • Joan Kmetz • Flora DeAngelis • Mario & Josephine Daddino • Francesca Petruso • Ellen Lapinski • Salome Aquino • Maria Colaco • Charles Cu-Unjeng • Fred Kornacki • Parents, Grandparents, Relatives & Friends of Fred & Dorothy Kornacki • Dianne Sims • John McCully • Marie T. & Anthony J. Bilotta • Louis & Lucy Negron • Gertrude & Joseph Szymanski • German A. Vaca • Robert P. Polon • Denise Polon-Esola • Robert T. Carroll • Matthew Germanski • Anna & Albert Davids • Henrietta Ikenson • Albert, Randy and Bernard Davids • Stella Wasilko • Peter and Antoinette Chunka • Eileen Anne Beechinor • Elias Oliveira • Billie Catherine Bilka • Deacon John LaGreca • Jackie Frost-Macyda • Darren Giordano • Bruno Bellesi • Luigi and Maria Onorati • Christopher Gallo • Salvatore Petruso • Mary Ballon • Casimiro Grippi • Mary Hall Martin • Santina Spinella • Joseph & George Schall • Marie Chojnacki • Theodore Polanski • Michael & William Matseur • Joseph & Mary Schall, Sr. • Joseph Haraz • Thomas Galarza • Donald W. Reid • Salvatore Guzzardi • Marie Marrero • Travis Lutzko • James B. Heiry, Jr. • John & Dorothy Mitko • Edmund R. Kania • Loretta Kania • Elizabeth Legaida • Maria & Enrico Rigutto • Mary & Vincent Gorini • DiValentin Family • Michael P. Galarza Eleanor Dornoff • Maria Downs • Mary Christensen • Theresa Sansivero Melilo • Maria Antonina Iellimo

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

**Week 1:** Brayden Pratt

**Week 2:** Roger Decibus, Carol Doell, Tara Green, Peter Heckler, Catherine Henry, Sonja & Marty Kerins, Anthony Muldowney, Rod and Pat Poulsen, Sandy Russell

**Week 3:** Joey DePalma, Joseph Kopitskie, Ann Lipovsky, Jonathan Volpe

**Week 4:** Mary Haraz, Deacon John McGuire, David Nicolini, Nina Savino, James Wheeler

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).

October 8 & 22      November 12 and 26  
December 10

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements for baptism.

### BAPTISM CLASS

Our next Baptism Class will be held on **Thursday, October 19, 2017**, at 7:30 PM in the rectory basement meeting room, 18 South St. To register contact the parish office at 732-251-3110.



## ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

**LIVING ROSARY: October 11 (Wednesday)** - The Rosarians invite all parishioners, adults, children and grandchildren to join us on **Wednesday, October 11 at 7 PM**. This year the church is celebrating the Fatima Centennial - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima when Our Lady appeared to three children (Lucia Santos, Francisco Marto and Jacinta Marta) in a mountainous region of Portugal in 1917. Please come and join us in reciting the rosary followed by mass. Msgr. Joe will be the celebrant. Refreshments to follow in the cafeteria. **Rosarians:** Please arrive 6:15 PM at church.

**REMINDER: ST. LUCY'S – Sunday, October 22** – Leaving IC at 9:30 AM. Mass at St. Lucy's – 11 AM - Tour is promised. Dinner at Golden Corral at approximately 3 PM. Cost: \$16 cash. Please place \$16 (cash) in an envelope with your name on the envelope to be collected on the bus. Gratuity extra (on your own). Return approx. 5:30 PM.

**ATLANTIC CITY FUNDRAISER - OCTOBER 29 (SUNDAY)** to Caesars Casino. Bus to leave IC parking lot at 9 am and return at 7:30 pm. Call Bonnie at 732-251-2468 for reservations.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY – December 10 (Sunday)** at Ria Mar, South River from 12- 4 pm. Cost; \$38 per person. Mail payment to Nancy or Gloria or bring to November meeting. Payment is due no later than November 5.

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

### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



The Immaculate Conception Rosary Altar Society is sponsoring a membership drive for the month of October.

The Rosary Altar Society encourages its members' religious development by praising the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Mother of Jesus. The Society is open to **ALL** practicing Catholic Women of all ages wishing to promote the devotion to Mary through the Rosary. Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month and begin with recitation of the Rosary followed by the meeting.

The Society cares for the Altar and flowers for church, visits the sick and those in nursing facilities and recites with Rosary with them, attends funerals of Rosarians, we are members of the Rosary and Prayer Shawl ministries and tend to the Immaculate Conception Community Garden. The Rosarians also sponsor pilgrimages and Atlantic City trips for fun, as well as, run the Toy Drive and food baskets for the needy during the holiday season.

We would love for you to join us and be part of our Society. If you would like to give the Rosary Altar Society a try, please contact Elvi at 732-251-2739.

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

There will be blessing of the animals in front of our Church on **Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM** as part of our celebration of the Feast of St. Francis.



**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**  
**Weekend of October 14 & 15**

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5 pm	D. Cugini	P. Boyle M. Hunter D. Kornacki M. Kussavage N. Steen	A. Snediker B. Snediker
7 am	N. Hilyard	E. Farragher C. Maines A. Menezes V. Phillips	A. Borja M. Borja
9 am	C. Buffalino	R. Kasper K. Sauer	C. Buffalino K. Buffalino
11 am	L. Miller	D. Blanchett E. Enriquez G. Enriquez P. Heinz M. Israel	G. Rambaud K. Rambaud

**A SAFE PLACE**

A Safe Place is a group that welcomes those who have experienced the tragic death of a loved one through drugs, suicide and other hard to face things.

It offers, as its name states, a safe place to:

- Speak about what happened, without having to dress it up or explain.
- Where judgement will be suspended, so we can talk freely
- Speak about what you are feeling, without having to explain
- To ask questions, some of which cannot be answered, but need at least to be spoken.
- To know that the discussions, although difficult, will be safe and others will make sure they have my back.
- To speak with at least the hope that God is present, even if I do not feel Him, or am angry with Him.

The purpose of this group is NOT to:

- Offer an answer
- Fix you.

This group will be facilitated by:

- Msgr. Joseph Curry, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Spotswood
- Mrs. Marianne Majewski, LCSW, Executive Director, Catholic Charities.

**Meeting dates are the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month**

**7:00 pm**

Immaculate Conception Rectory  
18 South St  
Spotswood, NJ 08884

**COME CELEBRATE**

Deacon John McGuire will celebrate his 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate in December of this year.



All are welcome to our parish celebration of Deacon John and his many years of service to our parish, on **Sunday, October 15, 2017** at the **11:00 am mass**. Following the mass, there will

be a light celebration in the cafeteria, where we can all greet Deacon John and thank him for his loving service.

**BLAST!**

*Believing, Living and Sharing Together*  
**YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

Our new season is off to a great start. If you have not attended a youth group meeting yet, don't worry. The next scheduled meeting is Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Come have some fun, make new friends and share your faith.

Check us out on Instagram: **Blast\_2k17**

If you want to receive email blasts about Youth Group, please email us at [youthgroup@icspotswood.com](mailto:youthgroup@icspotswood.com)

**Do you want to get text reminders for meetings and special events? Text @askura to 81010.** You will get a confirmation text that you are signed up.

Know anyone else that might benefit from Youth Group? Invite them along. Bring a friend and share your faith!

Mark your calendar with these upcoming events:

- Friday, October 20, 2017 Youth Group Halloween Party – 7 PM – 11PM IC cafeteria – more details to follow
- Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> – Hiking trip to Delaware Water Gap 7 AM- 3PM – more details to follow (Note, no meeting Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Friday, November 17, 2017 Regular youth group meeting – 7 PM – 9PM Rectory basement

**DON'T MISS ANYTHING – SIGN UP FOR TEXT OR EMAIL REMINDERS!!**

*Youth group is open to all students in grades 6 through high school*

**MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION**

The next monthly food collection will be held **October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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 15<sup>th</sup>**.



**VENDORS WANTED**

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Fall Festival / Craft Show will be taking place on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> 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.



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## PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

### Prayer and Worship

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Prayer Group	Phyllis Marks	phyllis225@verizon.net
Ushers/Greeters	Parish Office	office@icsspotswood.com

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### Community Building

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### Pastoral Services

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### Parish Consultative Councils

Finance Committee		office@icsspotswood.com
Liturgy	Deacon Tom	deacontomgriffoul@gmail.com
Pastoral Council	Christine Velsor	tomtina@comcast.net

## SPOTSWOOD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND COLUMBIETTES DINNER DANCE

All are invited to the Knights of Columbus Dinner Dance honoring Rich O'Brien, Past Grand Knight and Evelyn Pearce, Past President of the Columbiettes on Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 7 pm to 11 pm at the Columbian Club Hall, 30 Crescent Avenue, Spotswood. Cost is \$40 per person and includes buffet dinner, beer, wine, dessert and DJ. RSVP and payment due by October 8, 2017. For reservations please contact Eileen Cella at [emcc1227@msn.com](mailto:emcc1227@msn.com) or 732-416-0147 or Frank Guerino at [fguerino@verizon.net](mailto:fguerino@verizon.net) or 732-421-6916.

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION TRICKY TRAY



All are invited to the 20th Annual Immaculate Conception Tricky Tray, Friday November 3, 2017. Get your tickets early - last year's event was sold out. For additional information and tickets email [ictrickytray@icsspotswood.org](mailto:ictrickytray@icsspotswood.org) or call 732-251-3090.

## CARNIVAL FOLLOW-UP MEETING

There will be a follow up meeting for the Carnival Committee on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Rectory Basement. All committee members are asked to make every effort to attend.



## 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.



## CHAMPIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES 50/50 Raffle

By entering our Champion 50/50 Raffle, you are helping our neighbors in need and you just may win one of the two grand prizes. The prize for our last year's raffle was over \$28,000 each for two lucky winners. With your participation, we are hoping for even greater success this year. Tickets are \$100 each. The drawing is scheduled for Monday, October 16 at the Champions for Catholic Charities Dinner being held at The Palace in Somerset Park. Download a raffle form at [www.diometchen.org/champions](http://www.diometchen.org/champions) or call 732-562-2438. Thank you and good luck.

## ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY ANNUAL COAT/BLANKET DRIVE

The St. Vincent DePaul Society will be conducting its Annual Coat/Blanket Drive the weekend of October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are asking for your support to help give children of our SVDP clients (coordinating with SVDP Perth Amboy) a warm coat or blanket this winter. We will send adult sizes to New Brunswick for homeless men and women. Please consider donating new or gently used coats or blankets! Collection bins will be present in the church entrance during all mass times on the weekend of Oct. 21-22, 2017. Thank you!

### About the Society

Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are men and women who strive to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to individuals in need. We can be reached at 732-597-1507 or by email at [info@ebsvdp.org](mailto:info@ebsvdp.org). If getting involved and helping others is something you've been meaning to do, please consider this an invitation to join us!



## CHURCH GARDEN HARVEST



It's final harvest time for the ICC Garden. This year we donated over 1900 vegetables to the Spotswood CUP Food Pantry including 75 cucumbers, 116 eggplants, 166 heads of lettuce, 763 bell and other peppers, 757 tomatoes, 20 pounds of green beans, also basil, parsley, cabbage and 87 pound of cherry tomatoes.

Thank you to all parishioners who donated plants in May, and to our ICC Garden Ministry members who worked hard to plant, water, maintain and harvest our church vegetable garden as well as weed and spruce up the landscaping at the gym and rectory.

## HURRICANE RELIEF CONCERT

St. James the Less Church in Jamesburg is sponsoring a Concert with all proceeds going to those affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. A night of jazz and big band sounds will be played by the St. James Orchestra (17 pieces) with vocalist Claudia Perry. The concert will be held on Wednesday, October 11 at 7:30 pm. Admission is a donation of \$10. Refreshments will be sold during intermission. For tickets and information contact St. James the Less Church at 732-521-0100. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

*"The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." - MATTHEW 21:42*



Jesus was the corner stone and He was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others in today's society. For example, saying grace

before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is sign that God is alive and well!

## COME PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE AND PROTECT!

16th Annual Blue Mass for Law Enforcement on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 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>.

## 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.

## NATIVITY OF OUR LORD – 3 DAY MISSION

Nativity of Our Lord Church will be hosting a 3-day mission beginning on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> presented by Redemptorist priest, Fr. Charles Coury. The theme will be "Christ Be My Light" and will focus on Mary the Woman, Mary the Mother, Mary the Gift; followed by Conversion and lastly by the Power of the Cross. All are welcome.

## 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					
Sharing a meal The Eucharist	October	10/21/17	10/22/17	10/23/17	10/24/17	10/1/17 – 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>
Family Life Our Family Story	November	11/11/17	11/12/17	11/13/17	11/14/17	11/05/17 – 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>
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 <sup>rd</sup>
The Lord/Slaves and Laborers	February	02/17/18	02/18/18	02/19/18	02/20/18	2/4/18 – 4 <sup>th</sup>
The road to freedom Through forgiveness	March	03/10/18	03/11/18	03/12/18	03/13/18	3/4/18 – 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>
Quality of Desperation Depression/Hope	April	04/21/18	04/22/18	04/23/18	04/24/18	