



**NOVEMBER 19, 2017**  
**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017**

8:30 AM SALVATORE & MARGARET CASSESE

5:00 PM MARIA COLACO

*Priest of the Day: Rev. Jerome A. Johnson*

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017**

7:00 AM PARISHIONERS

9:00 AM JANE KOEGEL – 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

11:00 AM ELVIRA M. ABELMAN

*Priest of the Day: Rev. Imre Juhasz*

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017**

7:00 AM TOM GOLETZ

9:30 AM ELLEN LAPINSKI

*Priest of the Day: Rev. Joseph Kabali*

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017**

7:00 AM RAYMOND DePIRO

9:30 AM ELLEN LAPINSKI

*Priest of the Day: Rev. Krzysztof Kaczynski*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2017**

7:00 AM GEORGE SANDERS

9:30 AM ANTHONY & RAFELLA SPATAFORA

*Priest of the Day: Rev. Sebastian D. Kaithackal*

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2017**

9:00 AM MARIE T. & ANTHONY J. BILOTTA

*Priest of the Day: Rev. Alphonsus M. Kariuki*

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2017**

7:00 AM ROSEMARIE GORTLER

9:30 AM GUSTAV E. GAHRMANN

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

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017**

8:30 AM MARIANNE ALIOTTA

5:00 PM RICHARD TRAVOSTINO – 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*Priest of the Day: Rev. Mark F. Kehoe*

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017**

7:00 AM PARISHIONERS

9:00 AM JORGE HERNANDEZ

11:00 AM GIUSEPPE SMERAGLIA – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*Priest of the Day: Rev. Charles F. Kelly*

**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**

This weekend the flowers by the Blessed Mother Altar are In Loving Memory of Elvira Abelman's 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary in Heaven donated by daughter Ruth Dorset Castoria and flowers by the St. Joseph Altar are In Loving Memory of Charles E. Meade, Sr. donated by his wife, children and grandchildren.

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.

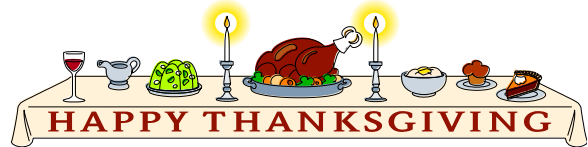
We create a vibrant parish life through prayer, discernment, education and active involvement of all. We celebrate our evolving diversity, as well as, our oneness in faith as a family in Christ.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

| <u>November 4 &amp; 5</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2016</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <u>Weekly</u>             | \$12,082.00 | \$10,993.00 |
| <u>Debt Reduction</u>     | \$ 3,381.00 | \$ 2,816.00 |



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



On Thanksgiving Day, the daily Mass will be at 9:00 am only. There will be no other Masses that day. The parish office will be closed on November 23 and 24.

**Readings For The Week of November 19, 2017**

**Sunday – Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Pro 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Thes 5:1-5 Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

**Monday**

1Mac 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155 Lk 16:35-43

**Tuesday – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin**

Rev 3:1-8 Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 Mt 12:46-50

**Wednesday – St. Celia**

1Mac 7:1, 20-31 Ps 17:2bcd, 5\*6 8b+15 Lk 19:11-26

**Thursday – Thanksgiving Day**

1Mac 2:15-29 Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 Lk 19:41-44

**Friday – St. Andrew Dung-Lac**

1Mac 4:36-37, 52-59 Ps 1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday – St. Catherine of Alexandria**

1Mac 6:1-13 Ps 19:2-3, 4+6, 16+19 Lk 20:27-40

**Sunday – Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 1Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25:31-46

**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.

**REQUIESCANT IN PACE**

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

## 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.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

- Week 1:** Teresa Artz, Maureen Benner, Roger Decibus, Joey DePalma, Alfred Gleason, Grace Gildersleeve, Robert Hesse, Ann Lipovsky, Jonathan Volpe
- Week 2:** Emily Amador, Jerry Boyle, Kathy Clark, Deacon John McGuire, David Nicolini, Charlene Poupolo, Brayden Pratt, James Wheeler
- Week 3:** Carmella Dacunto, Ellie Murray
- Week 4:** Timothy Burns, Carol Doell, Tara Green, Peter Heckler, Catherine Henry, Sonja & Marty Kerins, Catherine & Leo McKernan, Anthony Muldowney, Sandy Russell

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.



### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS

This weekend Nov. 18 & 19 sign-ups for the months of December and January will take place in the altar server sacristy after all masses.

### NEWLY BAPTIZED

Please welcome to our parish family Peyton Michelle Lavelle and Anthony Harry Snyder who were recently baptized.

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms will be scheduled on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 12:15 pm.

November 26                      December 10

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements for baptism.

### BAPTISM CLASS



Our next Baptism Class will be held on **Thursday, December 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.

### 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.

*"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." - MATTHEW 25:21*



God expects us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us; He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.



## ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

**FALL FESTIVAL/CRAFT SHOW** - The Immaculate Conception Rosary-Altar Society will be hosting the Annual Fall Craft Show on Saturday, November 25 from 9 am to 4 pm. **FREE ADMISSION** - Bring your camera for a free photo with Santa. Homemade food and 50/50.

**GRAVE BLANKET & WREATH SALE:** Weekends of November 11 & 12 and November 18 & 19 before and after all masses. Cost: Grave Blanket - \$30.; Wreath - \$25. From Countryview Nursery. Pick-up date: Sunday, December 3.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY** - December 10 (Sunday) at Ria Mar, South River from 12- 4 pm. Cost; \$38 per person. Spouses/friends are welcome to attend our Christmas Party. Mail payment to Nancy Krahn, 5 Brian Lane, Spotswood, NJ 08884 no later than November 22. For further info, please call Nancy at 732-251-7309.

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

## MINISTRY SCHEDULES

### Weekend of November 25 & 26

| Mass  | Lector       | Eucharistic Ministers  | Altar Servers              |
|-------|--------------|--|----------------------------|
| 5 pm  | C. Buffalino | M. Hunter<br>D. Kornacki<br>M. Kussavage<br>D. Raschdorf<br>N. Steen | A. Longo<br>B. Perdoni     |
| 7 am  | D. Siravo    | C. Gush<br>A. Menezes<br>V. Phillips                                 | H. Obando<br>R. Ramos      |
| 9 am  | R. Davitt    | A. Griffoul<br>M. Griffoul<br>R. Kasper<br>K. Sauer                  | A. Suarez<br>A. Suarez     |
| 11 am | M. Israel    | D. Blanchett<br>P. Boyle<br>E. Farragher<br>G. Motalvo               | A. Snediker<br>B. Snediker |

### PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR BULLETIN SPONSORS

Our advertisers have been generous with their support of our parish bulletin. **Let us say thanks by supporting their businesses and please mention you saw their ad in our bulletin.** Some ads feature a money saving coupon.

### PARISH EMAIL ADDRESSES

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## 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

**Next Meeting – December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

Immaculate Conception Rectory  
18 South St  
Spotswood, NJ 08884

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Save the Date!

Enjoy an evening filled with Christmas carols and music led by our fantastic parish choir, accompanied by a 45-piece, professional orchestra.

**Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM**

Admission Adults \$20 -- Seniors and Children under 12 \$15 It will be a memorable evening for you, your friends and family. Help spread the word! !



## ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

Our annual Toy Drive is taking place on **December 2 & 3** in the school corridor. As in the past we need your help to make this Christmas a happy day for the needy children and senior citizens in our area who, through the Catholic Charities, will benefit from your gift. We need gifts for children from infants to teenagers and also for senior citizens.

Toys, games, books, jewelry, toiletries, gloves, scarves, cookies, etc. will be greatly appreciated. Please wrap your gifts and indicate BOY or GIRL and the appropriate age the gift is suited for. If your gift is clothing, also mark the size. For seniors, please indicate Man or Woman. May God's blessings be with you. If you have any questions, please call Jay at 609-409-0199 or Maria at 732-254-1775.



## THANKSGIVING

If you know of an individual or family in our parish that needs help with food for Thanksgiving, please call the parish office and leave your name and phone number. Someone from our Social Outreach Ministry will contact you.

## BLAST!

*Believing, Living and Sharing Together*

### YOUTH GROUP NEWS

#### Youth Group – What's It All About?

- Gathering with Friends- old and new
- Engaging in great discussions
- Experiencing God in the ordinary things
- Having Fun & Laughing together
- Sharing our faith with each other

If you missed the first few meetings, didn't attend the Halloween Party, or couldn't wake up for the invigorating hike in the mountains, all is not lost! There is still time to get involved and experience Youth Group before the year is done.

Join us for the Youth Group Meeting on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> – 7 PM – 9:30 PM in the Immaculate Conception rectory basement

Upcoming dates –

Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Gathering

Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – Meeting/Praise & Worship

Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group Meeting

Watch for more information to follow! Follow us on Instagram: **Blast\_2k17** and/or sign up for text reminders - Text @askura to 81010.

## HEALING MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Immaculate Conception Prayer Community invites all to attend a healing mass of Thanksgiving in honor of the Presentation of Mary on **Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm**. The evening will include The Flame of Love Rosary, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Laying on of Hands for Healing. Father Ignatius Mary Okoroji as Presider. Please pick up a flyer to share with friends and family.

## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus, Spotswood Council 4907 are holding our annual Thanksgiving Holiday Food Drive from now until November 20th. We are partnering this year with the Spotswood Office on Aging for this worthy cause. Please drop off any nonperishable food items at the Columbian Club Hall located at 30 Crescent Avenue or at the Spotswood Senior Center located at 1 Arlington Avenue, Suite 401 and we will deliver them to some needy families in the Spotswood area. Cash donations are also gratefully accepted to support the CUP Food Pantry here in Spotswood.

## PARISH BLOOD DRIVE – DECEMBER 3

Our parish blood drive will be held on **Sunday, December 3** from 8 am to 1 pm The Community Service will handle this event in the cafeteria. Join us for Coffee, tea, juice and homemade breakfast treats. You can donate blood if you are:

1. in good health, free of cold symptoms
2. at least 18 yrs. old
3. weigh at least 110 lbs.
4. bring ID
5. eat and drink plenty of water before donating.

Thank you for your gift of life



## PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

### Prayer and Worship

|                      |                   |                             |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Altar Servers        | Deacon Danny      | deacondannysj89@yahoo.com   |
| Divine Mercy         | Sandra Cunningham | smc4jmj@gmail.com           |
| Eucharistic Ministry | Catherine Sauer   | kitty144@verizon.net        |
|                      | Carol Maines      | marblesm@verizon.net        |
| Lectors              |                   | office@icspotswood.com      |
| Liturgy              | Deacon Tom        | deacontomgriffoul@gmail.com |
| Music Ministry       | Phillip Steffani  | phillipsteffani@gmail.com   |
| Prayer Group         | Phyllis Marks     | phyllis225@verizon.net      |
| Ushers/Greeters      | Parish Office     | office@icspotswood.com      |

### Christian Formation

|                       |                 |                          |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Adult Initiation/RCIA | Edward Spinella | rcia@icspotswood.com     |
| Religious Education   | Mark & Sue Sahl | ccd@icspotswood.com      |
| IC School K-8         | Mary Erath      | merath@icsspotswood.com  |
| IC Pre K              | Gloria Martin   | gmartin@icsspotswood.com |

### Community Building

|                            |                   |  |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Athletic Assoc. (ICS)      | Adam Perdoni      | aperdoni@icsspotswood.com  |
| Boy Scouts Troup 35        | Matthew Riti      | <a href="mailto:matt.riti@comcast.net">matt.riti@comcast.net</a> |
| Columbiettes               | Eileen Cella      | emcc1227@msn.com   |
| Cub Scouts Pack 35         | Mark Lesniak      | spotswoodpack35@gmail.com  |
| Father's Club              | Steve Rogala      | srogala1@hotmail.com   |
| Girl Scouts                |                   | <a href="mailto:info@gscsnj.org">info@gscsnj.org</a>             |
| Home School Assoc.         | Karalyn Herban    | kherbanot@gmail.com  |
| Immaculate Conception Univ |                   | office@icspotswood.com   |
| Knights of Columbus        | Jason Consorti    | wgk4907ic@gmail.com  |
| Marriage Encounter         |                   | office@icspotswood.com   |
| Ministry to the Deaf       | Tevis Thompson    | deaf1@comcast.net  |
| Retrouvaille               | Pat and Tom Gallo | patntomg@msn.com   |
| Rosary Altar Society       | Maria Tiberi      | nonnatiberi1@gmail.com   |
| Social Activities          | Paul Mastrobuoni  | twobeachbums@verizon.net   |
| Youth Group                |                   | youthgroup@icspotswood.com                                       |
| Youth Organization         | Richard Lancia    | richlancia@comcast.net   |

### Pastoral Services

|                            |                   |  |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Bereavement                | Mary Hamm         | rmtm26@aol.com   |
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| Interfaith Network of Care |                   | <a href="http://www.interfaithnetworkofcare.org">www.interfaithnetworkofcare.org</a> |
| Lazarus Ministry           | Patricia Kowalski | pkrn61@verizon.net   |
|                            | Eileen Farragher  | efmf@comcast.net   |
|                            | Rosemarie Nolan   | rmn1943@gmail.com  |
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| Social Concerns Outreach   |                   | office@icspotswood.com   |

### Parish Consultative Councils

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

## RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR TICKET RAFFLE

Immaculate Conception School Class of 2019 is sponsoring a raffle of 4 orchestra seat tickets to the Radio City Christmas Spectacular featuring the Rockettes for the November 26<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm show. Please stop by after Mass to support the Class of 2019 and enter for your chance to kick off the holiday season with this wonderful show! The drawing will take place on November 20, 2017 at 9:00am at Immaculate Conception School. Winners need not be present and will be notified by phone or email. Thank you for supporting the ICS Class of 2019.

## MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

The next monthly food collection will be **December 19<sup>th</sup> and 10<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, December 10<sup>th</sup>**.



## Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus Sunday, December 10, 2017 9am-12pm ICS Cafeteria



### FEATURING:

- \_ Buffet Breakfast
- \_ Photograph with Santa Claus & Mrs. Claus
- \_ Basket Raffles - 50/50 Raffles – Calendar Raffle
- \_ Holiday Crafts for kids
- \_ Kids can write letters to Santa and include their 'wish list'

Cost: Children under 2: Free, Children: \$7.00, Adults: \$14.00  
*Reservations available through advanced sale only until Wednesday, December 6th; no reservations the day of the breakfast.*

Reservations can be made by submitting the form below with payment (cash or check made payable to ICFC) to:  
Breakfast with Santa, IC Fathers' Club,  
23 Manalapan Rd., Spotswood, NJ 08884

### Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus Reservations

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Reservations will be held at the door)

\_\_\_\_\_ # Children under 2 (Free) \_\_\_\_\_ # Children

\_\_\_\_\_ # Adults

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

Our Christmas Flower Collection will be conducted this weekend, **November 25 & 26**.

A Christmas Flower envelope was included with your offering envelopes. Space is provided on the offering envelope to list the names of those relatives and friends for whom you would like to donate in memory of. Those parishioners enrolled in Faith Direct can place their list of names in the collection basket with a notation "Christmas Flower". A list of these names will be included in our December 24<sup>th</sup> bulletin.



**Please clearly print** all names on the envelopes so that the names can be correctly typed in the bulletin insert.

**Note:** The list of names appearing in the December 24<sup>th</sup> bulletin will include all names for those envelopes received up to and including *Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>*. Offerings received after that date will appear in a future bulletin.

## CHRISTMAS WAFERS – Oplatek

The Felician Sisters will be selling the "Oplatek" - Christmas Wafers - in the church foyer after all Masses on the weekends of December 3 & 4 and December 10 & 11. Requested offering is \$3.00.

## BULLDOGS BAKE SALE

The ICS Bulldogs will be hosting a Pre-Thanksgiving bake sale after all masses this weekend November 8<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. Come pick up assorted homemade pies, cakes and cookies just in time for the Thanksgiving feast. Many decorative baskets will be available for the Thanksgiving table. All proceeds benefit the junior high athletic program at Immaculate Conception.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION YOUTH ORGANIZATION**

**2018 Rec Basketball Registration begins October 16<sup>th</sup>**

<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/85575>

Registration Ends: 12/03/17  
Girls division (K-2, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup>)

- Season begins : 1/6/18
- Season ends: 3/10/18

Boys division (K-2, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup>)

- Season begins: 1/7/18
- Season ends: 3/11/18

PARISHIONER Registration Fee: \$75.00

Non-PARISHIONER registration fee: \$95.00

To register go to - <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/85575>

If you're interested in coaching or being a team sponsor, please e-mail: [icyorecball@gmail.com](mailto:icyorecball@gmail.com)



**ICS PRE-SCHOOL VOTED BEST OF THE BEST**

Dear Parishioners,

It is with much pleasure and excitement that I announce, Immaculate Conception Pre-school has been named "**Best Of The Best**" Preschools in Middlesex County by the Home News Tribune Readers' Choice 2017. Last year we were "one" of the best, so we have now exceeded that honor. I am very proud and grateful to all of the members of our Pre-K staff.



As we continually strive to make the program a loving, nurturing environment for children, we are thankful for this recognition. We realize and appreciate that the success of the Preschool is due to your continued support and cooperation. Working together as we have for the past 23 years, we hope to continue to educate children in a manner that fosters a faith-filled community, along with a fun learning experience.

Thank you to all who voted for us as the best preschool around!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Gloria Martin  
Pre-K Coordinator

**YOUTH RALLY & MASS FOR LIFE**

Bishop James Checchio will concelebrate the Youth Rally & Mass for Life in Washington DC on Friday, January 19, 2018. The Youth Rally & Mass for Life is held at the Capital One Arena starting at approximately 6:45 AM prior to the March for Life. Anyone wishing to attend must request tickets through the Respect Life Office 732-562-1990 ext. 1543 or [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org). The deadline for requests is Tuesday, October 31, 2017. For more information on the Youth Rally & Mass please visit [www.youthrallyandmassforlife.org](http://www.youthrallyandmassforlife.org).

**COUNSELING AND WELLNESS SERVICES**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Metuchen is offering Counseling and Wellness Services. If you or someone you know needs counseling or is impacted by addiction, we can help. Individual and family therapy for children and adults is available. For an appointment, call (800) 655-9491.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

January 26-28, 2018



Celebrate your marriage and its many blessings by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend. A Marriage Encounter weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. Space is limited. Early registration is advisable. For cost and location, visit [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org) or call (732) 904-9636

**GIFT SCHEDULE**

|   | Session      | "A"      | "B"          | "C"      | "D"      | Mandatory Mass                             |
|---|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|----------|--|
|   | <b>Time</b>  | 9a-12p   | 10:15a-1:15p | 6p-9p    | 5p-8p    | 5PM Assigned Date and Grade                |
|   | <b>Day</b>   | Saturday | Sunday       | Monday   | Tuesday  |  |
| <b>TOPICS</b>                             | <b>Dates</b> |          |              |          |          |  |
| 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 |  |