



NOVEMBER 26, 2017
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017

8:30 AM MARIANNE ALIOTTA
5:00 PM RICHARD TRAVOSTINO – 30th 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 – 10th Anniversary
Priest of the Day: Rev. Charles F. Kelly

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2017

7:00 AM RALPH OLIVA, Sr.
9:30 AM LEO & PEGGY GOWIN
Priest of the Day: Rev. Kevin P. Kelly

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2017

7:00 AM PEGGY & TED CISLO
9:30 AM MICHAEL GAVIGAN
Priest of the Day: Rev. Sean W. Kenney

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2017

7:00 AM NESTOR SEAN TOSADO
9:30 AM DOROTHY BENZIGER
Priest of the Day: Rev. Msgr. Joseph Kerrigan

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2017

7:00 AM JOSEPH, ANNA & DIANA LaCAMERA
9:30 AM ANTOINETTE BRAY
Priest of the Day: Rev. Andrzej Kielkowski

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017

7:00 AM MATTHEW NOLAN
9:30 AM FRANCES & ARCHANGELO POLISENO
Priest of the Day: Rev. Bede Kim

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017

8:30 AM MARY ZIMMERMAN
5:00 PM BARBARA RYAN
Priest of the Day: Rev. James King'ori

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

7:00 AM PARISHIONERS
9:00 AM MARIA & ENRICO RIGUTTO
11:00 AM BRIAN KEENAN
5:00 PM ARLENE SCATURRO
Priest of the Day: Rev. Vernon Kohlmann
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

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

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

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



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 11 & 12</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>Weekly</u>	\$ 9,658.00	\$ 9,100.00
<u>Debt Reduction</u>	\$ 2,862.00	\$ 2,071.00

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week the Sanctuary Candle will burn In Memory of John "Bud" & Theresa Smith.

Readings For The Week of November 26, 2017

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

Monday
Dan 1:1-6, 8-20 Ps Dan 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday
Dan 2:31-45 Ps Dan 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday
Dan 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-26 Ps Dan 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 Lk 21:12-19

Thursday – St. Andrew the Apostle
Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:6, 9, 10, 11 Mt 4:18-22

Friday
Dan 7:2-24 Ps Dan 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81 Lk 21:29-33

Saturday
Dan 7:15-27 Ps Dan 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87 Lk 21:34-36

Sunday – First Sunday of Advent
Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-1 1Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mass Schedule – Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 7th Vigil Mass 7:30 PM

Friday, December 8: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 8.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Week 1: David Beardsley, Sean Pohle

Week 2: Teresa Artz, Maureen Benner, Roger Decibus, Joey DePalma, Alfred Gleason, Grace Gildersleeve, Robert Hesse, Ann Lipovsky, Jonathan Volpe

Week 3 Emily Amador, Jerry Boyle, Kathy Clark, Deacon John McGuire, David Nicolini, Charlene Poupolo, Brayden Pratt, James Wheeler

Week 4: Carmella Dacunto, Ellie Murray
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.

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Please contact the parish office to make arrangements for baptism.

For 2018, baptisms will be schedule on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 12:15 pm (exception March 2018).

January 14 and 28	July 8 and 22
February 11 and 25	August 12 and 26
March 11	September 9 and 23
April 8 and 22	October 14 and 28
May 13 and 27	November 11 and 25
June 10 and 24	December 9 and 23

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.

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me" - MATTHEW 25:40



Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.

PARISH EMAIL ADDRESSES

Msgr. Joe Curry	jcurry@icspotswood.com
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Phillip Steffani, Director of Music	phillipsteffani@gmail.com
Parish Office	office@icspotswood.com



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

GRAVE BLANKETS & WREATHS: Pick-up date - Sunday, December 3 after the 7 AM Mass until 1 PM.

ROSARIAN MASS – Sunday, December 3 at 9 AM with recitation of the Rosary at 8:30 AM.
No December meeting.

CHELSEA – Recite the Rosary at 2 PM on Tuesday, December 5. For further info, please call RoseMarie T. at 732-521-3006

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.

LABELS FOR EDUCATION

The *Labels For Education* program is ending this year. Participating products are Campbell's, Pepperidge Farm, SpaghettiOs, V8, Pace and Swanson. Please submit only the UPC with the Label For Education (LFE) logo on it by December 25th. A bin is located in the church lobby. Labels without the LFE logo will not count towards submissions. Immaculate Conception School has benefitted from this program over the years and is award sports equipment and/or art supplies based on the number of labels submitted. Thank you for all those who have supported this program.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

The next monthly food collection will be **December 19th and 10th**. 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 10th**.



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 15th 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! !



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.

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 1st Thursday of every month

Next Meeting – December 7th at 7 pm

Immaculate Conception Rectory
18 South St
Spotswood, NJ 08884

ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

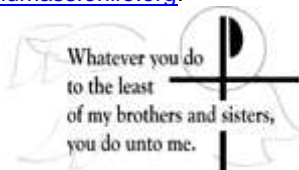
Our annual Toy Drive is taking place on **December 2 & 3** in the school corridor. As in the past we need your help to make this Christmas a happy day for the needy children and senior citizens in our area who, through the Catholic Charities, will benefit from your gift. We need gifts for children from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



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. The deadline for requests is Tuesday, October 31, 2017. For more information on the Youth Rally & Mass please visit www.youthrallyandmassforlife.org.



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 17th – 7 PM – 9:30 PM in the Immaculate Conception rectory basement

Upcoming dates –

Friday December 8th – Christmas Gathering

Friday, December 15th – Meeting/Praise & Worship

Friday, December 29th – 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.

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



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 24th 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 24th bulletin will include all names for those envelopes received up to and including *Monday, December 11th*. 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.

PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

Prayer and Worship

Altar Servers	Deacon Danny	deacondannysj89@yahoo.com
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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	matt.riti@comcast.net
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		info@gscsnj.org
Home School Assoc.	Karalyn Herban	kherbanot@gmail.com
Immaculate Conception Univ		office@icspotswood.com
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Marriage Encounter		office@icspotswood.com
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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		www.interfaithnetworkofcare.org
Lazarus Ministry	Patricia Kowalski	pkm61@verizon.net
	Eileen Farragher	efmf@comcast.net
	Rosemarie Nolan	rmn1943@gmail.com
Right to Life	Tom Gallo	patntomg@msn.com
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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION YOUTH ORGANIZATION

2018 Rec Basketball Registration begins October 16th

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

Registration Ends: 12/03/17

Girls division (K-2, 3rd-4th, 5th-8th)

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

Boys division (K-2, 3rd-4th, 5th-8th)

- 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



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 _____

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 Faith Direct's 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!

FOOD VOUCHERS

You may purchase vouchers on weekdays in the church foyer when school is in session from 8 AM – 11:30 AM Monday to Friday. 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:

- Shoprite, 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.

**TO THE PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN,
MAY WE SUGGEST...**

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little one to see and hear what is going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.

Quietly explain the parts of Mass and actions of the priest, altar servers, etc.

Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me"

Remember that the way we welcome children in the church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

The presence of children is a gift to the church and they are a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

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.

NEW YEAR'S EVE "EVE" BASH
Friday, December 30, 2017
7pm-10pm
ICS Cafeteria



Ring in the night BEFORE New Year's Eve featuring:

- _ DJ & Dancing
- _ Family Game Night – Bring your favorite board game
- _ Desserts & Candy Bar
- _ Basket Raffle – 50/50 Raffle
- _ Holiday Crafts
- _ BYOB

Cost: \$7.00 per person

Reservations available through advanced sale only until December 22nd.

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

New Year's Eve "Eve" Bash Reservations

Family Name: _____

(Reservations will be held at the door)

_____ # Children

_____ # Adults

Amount Enclosed _____

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 or call (732) 904-9636

GIFT SCHEDULE

	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					
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	