



**JANUARY 21, 2017
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018

8:30 AM ELLEN LAPINSKI
5:00 PM MR. & MRS. EMILIO PASTORE

Priest of the Day: Rev. Gerardo Paderon

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018

7:00 AM PARISHIONERS
9:00 AM MATTHEW CONKLIN
11:00 AM DECEASED MEMBERS OF SPOTSWOOD
RIGHT TO LIFE

Priest of the Day: Rev. Matthew R. Paratore

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018

7:00 AM MARION V. CRAMER
9:30 AM ROSA RANDAZZO

Priest of the Day: Rev. Jason Pavich

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018

7:00 AM PATRICIA DeROSE
9:30 AM ADELIN SERRAO & JOSEPH SCALFARO

Priest of the Day: Rev. David J. Pekola

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018

7:00 AM SAL VENEZIA
9:30 AM JOHN SAVOIA

Priest of the Day: Rev. Lazaro Perez

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018

7:00 AM FRANK & THERESA SOOS
9:30 AM GLORIA DIMECK

Priest of the Day: Rev. Thomas V. Perunilam

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2018

7:00 AM JOHN SHATYNSKI
9:30 AM ROBERT J. KOWALSKI

Priest of the Day: Rev. Sahaya R. Peter, CMF

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018

8:30 AM ANN SAER
5:00 PM MARIE F. MILLER

Priest of the Day: Rev. Grzegorz Podsiadlo, SDS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018

7:00 AM PARISHIONERS
9:00 AM THOMAS GALARZA

11:00 AM LUCY NEGRON

Priest of the Day: Rev. John V. Polyak

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 Joanne Petrow in the Parish Office at 732-251-3110.

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>January 6 & 7</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>Weekly</u>	\$10,871.00	\$ 9,181.00
<u>Debt Reduction</u>	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,429.00

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week the Sanctuary Candle will burn In Memory of Michael P. Galarza.

Readings For The Week of January 21, 2017

Sunday – Third Sunday in Ordinary Times

Jon 3:1-5, 10 Ps 25:4-9 1Cor7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

Monday

2Sm 5:1-7, 10 Ps 89:20-22, 25-26 Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday – St. Vincent & St Marianne Cope

2Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Ps 24:7-10 Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday – St. Francis de Sales

2Sm 7:4-17 Ps 89:4-5, 27-30 Mk 4:1-20

Thursday – The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

CTS 22:3-16 OR 9:1-22 Ps 117:1-2 Mk 16:15-18

Friday - St. Timothy & St. Titus

2Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10 Mk 4:26-34

Saturday – St. Angela Merici

2Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Ps 51:12-17 Mk 4:35-41

Sunday – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Times

Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 1Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

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.

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.

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: Jeanine Fuhrman, Terrez Michaels, Susan Oliver

Week 2: Jamie Cullen, Joey DePalma, AJ Knibbs, Harriet Kunzman, Ann Lipovsky, Anthony Muldowney, Jonathan Volpe

Week 3: Timothy Burns, Carol Doell, Tara Green, Peter Heckler, Sonja & Marty Kerins, Deacon John McGuire, Sandy Russell, Jayna Stracensky, James Wheeler

Week 4: Julie Hildebrand, Braden Pratt healing, 1 special intention 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.

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Please welcome to our parish family Lucas Walter Obando who was recently baptized.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are scheduled on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 12:15 pm (exception March 2018).

January 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

First time parents are required to attend Baptism Class. Our next Baptism Class will be held on **Thursday, February 15, 2018** at 7:30 PM in the rectory basement meeting room, 18 South St. To register contact the parish office at 732-251-3110.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS



Sign-ups for the months of February and March will take place this weekend, January 20 & 21 and next weekend, January 27 & 28 after all masses in the altar server sacristy.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 27 & 28

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5 pm	E. Pearce	M. Hunter P. Kowalski M. Kussavage D. Raschdorf N. Steen	K. Hunter T. Kowalski
7 am	J. Decker	E. Farragher C. Gush C. Maines A. Menezes V. Phillips	T. Andersen L. Lee M. Rogala
9 am	L. Shaughnessy	A. Griffoul M. Griffoul K. Sauer	N. Kasper V. Peduula R. Ramos
11 am	R. Davitt	D. Blanchett P. Boyle M. Israel G. Montalvo C. Tosado	A. Suarez A. Suarez



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, January 31 at 7 PM in the cafeteria. All members are welcome to attend.

GENERAL MEETING & ROSARIAN MASS: Sunday, February 4 with recitation of the Rosary at 8:30 AM followed by 9 AM Mass. Meeting in cafeteria after Mass.
HOSPITALITY: Rose, Gloria and Eileen.

SAN ALFONSO RETREAT: ALL LADIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A WEEKEND RETREAT AT SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE, LONG BRANCH conducted by the Redemptorist priests and brothers and sponsored by Immaculate Conception Altar-Rosary Society. Peaceful reflection, reconciliation, Holy Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Stations of the Cross.

DATE: Friday, March 16 (check in by 5 PM) - Sunday, March 18. **COST:** \$220.00 (includes 6 meals) Ridesharing from ICC at 3 PM Friday and return at 3 PM on Sunday. A non-refundable \$50.00 deposit payable to San Alfonso Retreat House is due by February 20. Please mail \$50.00 deposit to Eileen Farragher, 484B Fairton Drive, Monroe Twp., NJ 08831. **PLEASE NOTE! MUCH WALKING INVOLVED.**

Please fill out the form below and mail your \$50.00 non-refundable deposit to Eileen Farragher, 484B Fairton Drive, Monroe Twp., NJ 08831

NAME: _____

PHONE # _____

ADDRESS: _____

\$50 DEPOSIT TO San Alfonso Retreat House –
Check # _____

ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP TO RESORTS CASINO, February 11th, 9am leave church parking lot, Cost \$30.00pp. with \$25.back from casino, for reservations call Bonnie -251-2468 (leave message).

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

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.

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"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." - Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.



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 – February 1st at 7 pm

Immaculate Conception Rectory

18 South St

Spotswood, NJ 08884

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISER

The Knights of Columbus, Council 4907, Spotswood and Carrabbas Italian Grill are sponsoring a Charity Fundraiser Dinner at the Columbian Club Hall, located at the Knights on 30 Crescent Avenue, on Sunday, January 28th from 1-4 PM. A Carrabba's Italian Buffet Dinner including salad, soda, water and dessert will be served. The Buffet will open at 1:30 and food will be served until it's all gone. A cash bar will also be available. The cost is \$20 per person and all are welcome. For Tickets, call John Savarese at [732-986-6639](tel:732-986-6639) or by email at donjohnsav@verizon.net. We will also be selling tickets in the Church lobby after all Masses on January 13 and 14 and again on January 20 and 21. No tickets will be sold at the door for this event.

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.



Unlock The Magic of ICS! Immaculate Conception School and Preschool will be holding our annual Open House on **Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 10am - 1pm** at 23 Manalapan Road, Spotswood. Join us for school tours and refreshments! Team up with our students to fight hunger internationally as we package meals for Rise Against Hunger. Share in the Magic and find out why ICS Rocks! Can't make it to Open House? Visit www.icsspotswood.org to schedule a tour! We look forward to meeting you and your families!

BLAST!

Believing, Living and Sharing Together
YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Next Meeting

Friday, January 26th – Youth Group Meeting

The Youth Group is open to all students in grades 6 through 12. Come see for yourself how fun and exciting living our faith can be! You don't want to miss it.

Check us out on Instagram: **Blast_2k17**

Do you want to get text reminders for meetings and special events? Text **@askura to 81010**.

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

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.

PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

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Parish Consultative Councils

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2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST

If you would like a contribution statement for 2017, please complete this form and return in it the collection basket or mail it to the rectory office: Church of the Immaculate Conception, Attn: Rose Saracino, 18 South Street, Spotswood, NJ 08884.

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Telephone #: _____

STAR WARS PASTA DINNER

The Star Wars Pasta Dinner is back. Calling all Jedi to join the Republic for a Star Wars Pasta Dinner on Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm in the ICS Cafeteria.

Featuring:

- Buffet Dinner (Pasta, Salad, Bread, Desserts)
- Professionally Dressed Star Wars Characters
- Photograph with Star Wars Characters
- Star Wars Crafts
- Toy Raffles
- 50/50 Raffle
- Calendar Raffle



Cost: Adults: \$14.00, Children (3-15yrs): \$7.00, and Children under 2: Free

Reservations are available through advance sales only until January 22nd. Make reservations by submitting form below with payment (Cash, check made payable to: ICFC) Submit the form through the school in an envelope marked:

Star Wars Pasta Dinner,
Steve Rogala, IC Fathers' Club
c/o Maddie Rogala 6th Grade -OR-

mail to
Star Wars Pasta Dinner,
Steve Rogala, IC Fathers' Club,
23 Manalapan Road,
Spotswood, NJ 08884.

Star Wars Pasta Dinner

Family Name: _____

Email: _____

Reservations: _____ # Adults

_____ # Children

_____ # Children under 2

Amount Enclosed: _____

(No tickets are issued - Reservation will be held at the door)

CALENDAR RAFFLE

The IC Fathers' Club will be hosting a calendar raffle. Grab a date for \$5 each for a chance to win \$915 (if all tickets are sold). Tickets will be sold after all masses this weekend. Drawing will take place on January 27th at the Star Wars Pasta Dinner. You do not need to be present to win.

THE CATHOLIC SPIRIT

The annual drive to support our diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Spirit, is taking place during the month of February, National Catholic Press Month. Please support their good work by using the envelope in your packet. Any amount you contribute will show your support for the ministry of The Catholic Spirit and will be greatly appreciated. And please remember to take home a copy of the paper – it has a special role to play in your life as a practicing Catholic.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend is for the Foundation for Catholic Education, a diocesan fund that provides tuition assistance grants for students with financial need in the Catholic elementary and high schools of the Diocese of Metuchen. Without financial assistance, these students might not receive the gift of a Catholic education. Please be as generous as your means allow.

**2018 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP**

All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2018 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held on Sunday, January 21 at 3:00 pm at the Immaculate Conception Gymnasium, 18 South Street in Spotswood.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. All boys and girls 9-14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. For entry forms or additional information contact Rich Lancia, richlancia@comcast.net.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND



A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held January 26 - 28. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Phone 732-904-

9636 for registration and information. Visit us at: www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org for more information.

**BUS TRIP TO THE RALLY FOR LIFE IN TRENTON
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018**

The Diocese of Metuchen's Respect for Life Office will be running a bus trip to the Rally for Life in Trenton, NJ on Monday, January 22, 2018. The bus ride is free of charge, but since space is limited all passengers must reserve their seats. Passengers will board the bus at the Diocesan Center in Piscataway at 9:30 AM. The Rally at the State House begins at 11:00 AM and ends at 1:00 PM. The bus will bring everyone back to the Diocesan Center between 2:00 – 2:30 PM. If you have any questions or would like to reserve a seat please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1990 exts. 1543 or 1629.

SENIOR BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Wednesdays, January 24 through March 21 – 10:30 AM-12:30 PM St. John Neumann Pastoral Center 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ The topic will be "Spring Bible in Preparation for Sunday Mass" The presenter will be Father Greg Uhrig. The fee is \$5.00 per session Bring Your Bible Sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen. To register, call (732) 562-1990 x 1705 or visit <http://diometuchen.org/family-life>

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					
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	