

FEBRUARY 4, 2018
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018

8:30 AM JAMES TAGGART
5:00 PM ROBERT JESKEY

Priest of the Day: Rev. Albert L. Roca

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018

7:00 AM PARISHIONERS
9:00 AM DEACON JOHN LaGRECA
11:00 AM GRACE & ALFRED RAPOZA
5:00 PM JUDY ELFERT

Priest of the Day: Rev. John M. Rozembajgier

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018

7:00 AM CHRISTOPHER GALLO
9:30 AM BARBARA SCORTINO

Priest of the Day: Rev. Paul Ruge

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018

7:00 AM EUGENE GRAWENDER, Jr.
9:30 AM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CHIPURA &
SPINNER FAMILIES

Priest of the Day: Rev. Alberto Ruiz

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018

7:00 AM ANTHONY ROSSANO
9:30 AM GERARD, MARY & JOSEPH CHOJNACKI

Priest of the Day: Very Rev. Leonard F. Rusay

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018

7:00 AM CHRISTOPHER GALLO
9:30 AM FRIEDA BASTAK

Priest of the Day: Rev. Richard M. Rusk

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2018

7:00 AM CHRISTOPHER GALLO
9:30 AM JOHN SCHUSTER

Priest of the Day: Rev. Thomas A. Ryan

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018

8:30 AM LORRAINE GOWIN
5:00 PM CHRISTOPHER GALLO

Priest of the Day: Rev. Charles A. Sabella

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

7:00 AM PARISHIONERS
9:00 AM MEMORIAL SOCIETY
11:00 AM ROSE ANN RUPP

Priest of the Day: Rev. Michael C. Saharic

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.

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.

Dear Immaculate Conception Family:

I hope this note finds you well and that you are navigating the weather and flu! Pitcher and Catchers report in about 10 days and then things will be better!

I am writing to thank you and give you a brief update of the great things that happened when I visited Guatemala this past month. This year I went to Guatemala with 6 full suitcases of supplies. There were 65 backpacks, carnival shirts, clothing and great amounts of over the counter medicines. To say these were received with gratitude is an understatement!

I also had been given just short of \$6,000.00 to take with me! With that money we helped with the following:

- Put in a sidewalk around a clinic to help with the people having to walk through the mud.
- Gave money to the people there to help repair the two wells that were not working, so that the clinic and surrounding families had water.
- Gave money to the pastor of our sister parish to help with the continued work on the Youth Center and other needs of the parish.
- Gave money to help support a clinic for children and a home for abandon adults.
- Gave money to help support the truck our parish (through a generous donor) purchased.
- Help a couple of families who were struggling.
- Gave a gift to the staff there, that sacrificed a week of their vacation to take us around.

Besides these things, we have since July, given \$5,800.00 toward the scholarship program in our sister parish. There will be more as the year continues. This represents about 15 students who are helped.

Myself and the group that go there, are showered with thanks from these tremendously grateful people, whose lives you have changed with you generosity.

I have posted some information and pictures on our webpage, if you would like to take a look.

I am honored to represent you all to these, our brothers and sisters. Thank you to you all for you fine examples of Christian love and service!

Servus,

Msgr. Joe



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

<u>January 20 & 21</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<u>Weekly</u>	\$ 9,584.00	\$11,382.00
<u>Debt Reduction</u>	\$ 2,729.00	\$ 3,095.00

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

In the charity of your prayers please pray for Florence Geiger, Joseph Kopitskie, Alfred Minervini, Jr., Mary Tonachio Robert Nolan, father of a parishioner, and 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.

Readings For The Week of February 4, 2018

Sunday – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 Ps 147:1-6 1Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 1:29-39

Monday – St. Agatha

1Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 Mk 6:563-56

Tuesday – St. Paul Miki

1Kgs 8:22-3, 27-30 Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

1Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

1Kgs 11:1-13 Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 Mk 7:24-30

Friday

1Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19 Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 Mk 7:31-37

Saturday – St. Scholastica

1Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34 PS 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 Mk 8:1-10

Sunday – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 1Cor 10:31—11:1 Mk 1:40-45

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.

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Please welcome to our parish family, Amelia Louise Oliva, 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).

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Week 1: Patricia Bendorf, Timothy Burns, Marilyn Crandall, Carol Doell, Tara Green, Peter Heckler, Sonja & Marty Kerins, Deacon John McGuire, Diane Rademacher, Sandy Russell, Jayna Stracensky, James Wheeler,

Week 2: Virginia Gorman, Julie Hildebrand, Stephen Magee, Ben O'Dowd, Pat Orzo, Janice Peterson, Brayden Pratt

Week 3: Jeanine Fuhrman, Terrez Michaels, Susan Oliver

Week 4: Jamie Cullen, Joey DePalma, AJ Knibbs, Harriet Kunzman, Ann Lipovsky, Anthony Muldowney, Jonathan Volpe

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to donate altar flowers, please contact Joanne Petrow in the Parish Office at 732-251-3110.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 10 & 11

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5 pm	N. Hilyard	E. Farragher D. Kornacki M. Kussavage D. Raschdorf N. Steen	M. James M. Rogala
7 am	J. Decker	C. Gush C. Maines A. Menezes V. Phillips	K. Hunter T. Kowalski
9 am	C. Buffalino	A. Griffoul M. Griffoul R. Kasper K. Sauer	G. Gopez J. Gopez
11 am	T. Konopacki	E. Enriquez G. Enriquez P. Heinz M. Israel	A. Longo J. Volpe

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ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

CHELSEA – Come join us at The Chelsea on Tuesday, February 6th at 2 pm to recite The Rosary with the ladies at the Chelsea. For additional information, please contact RoseMarie T. at 732-521-3006.

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.

SUPER BOWL BAKE SALE

Attention ALL FOOTBALL FANS!!!!

The ICS Athletic Association will be having a Super Bowl Bake sale on Super Bowl this weekend, in the Church lobby. Going to a Super Bowl Party? Stop by our table to pick up some delicious desserts to take along with you. There will be some great "football" themed items and many other desserts to choose from. *Please Support the Bulldogs!*



MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

The next monthly food collection will be held next weekend of **February 10th and 11th**. 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, **February 11th**.



BLAST!

Believing, Living and Sharing Together
YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Next Meetings

Friday, February 9th and 23rd

Additional details to follow.

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!



Unlock The Magic of ICS! Immaculate Conception School and PreSchool will be holding our winter Open House on Thursday, February 8, 2018 from 9-11am and Thursday, February 15, 2018 from 5-7pm at 23 Manalapan Road, Spotswood. Join us for school tours & refreshments! Can't make it to Open House? Visit www.icsspotswood.org to schedule a tour! We look forward to meeting you and your families

NEW STUDENTS/FAMILIES ONLY

REGISTRATION FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (K-8) 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13th
(9:00 - 11:00 am. & 3:00 - 5:00 pm)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15th
(3:00 - 7:00 pm)

Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate and Immunization Records Required

HAVE YOU LOST A LOVED ONE?

When a loved one dies, our world is forever changed. For the heart-broken, daily life is overwhelmed with sadness. The simplest of tasks becomes a monumental challenge as our minds and hearts are clouded with sadness, loneliness, fear and possibly anger. If you are suffering over the death of a loved one, **The Immaculate Conception Bereavement Support Group** may help you during this painful time. Our trained and caring facilitators will guide you on your journey through grief beginning on **Monday, March 5** at 7:30 PM in the Rectory basement meeting room and will continue for the next six Mondays. The rectory is located at 18 South Street, Spotswood. Each session focuses on a stage of grief and offers a safe haven during a difficult time. For information or to register, please call the parish office at 732-251-3110 during office hours or email office@icspotswood.com.

PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

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Music Ministry	Phillip Steffani	phillipsteffani@gmail.com
Prayer Group	Phyllis Marks	phyllis225@verizon.net
Ushers/Greeters	Parish Office	office@icspotswood.com

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IC School K-8	Mary Erath	merath@icsspotswood.com
IC Pre K	Gloria Martin	gmartin@icsspotswood.com

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Parish Consultative Councils

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Pastoral Council	Christine Velsor	tomtina@comcast.net

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2018-2019 TUITION ASSISTANCE

ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school may do so now. The application process is online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed (including supporting documentation) by no later than **Saturday, March 31, 2018**. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application, or need access to the technology to apply, may register for one of two Application Workshops, which will be held in two locations in January and February going to www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance and following the Workshops link.

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.

COMEDY NIGHT



Immaculate Conception School is sponsoring a Comedy Night to be held on **Saturday, March 3, 2018**. The night will include: Dinner/Beer & Wine at beginning at 6:30 pm with the Comedy Showtime at 8 pm. Immaculate Conception School Auditorium the show features: Kevin O'Connor, Missy Gryniewicz, Geno Bisconte and Charles Abouzied and will contain Adult Content. No one under 21 will be permitted. Tickets are \$40 each and are available at: <http://www.icsspotswood.org/events/comedy-night>

HEALING MASS

All are invited to the February Flame of Love Healing Mass at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at Immaculate Conception Church, Spotswood, NJ. The evening will begin with recitation of the Flame of Love Rosary. Father Ignatius Mary Okoroji SDV will celebrate Mass followed by Adoration, and the Laying on of Hands for Healing.

NEW JERSEY ANNUAL CATHOLIC YOUTH RALLY

Save the Date! Sunday, May 20, 2018 is the Annual NJ Catholic Youth Rally at Great Adventure. Registration details are coming soon. Open to all Scouting, Jr. High, High School & Young Adult Ministry, Parish/School Athletic Programs & Families! Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office <http://diometuchen.org/youth-and-young-adult-ministry/>
Youth.ministry@diometuchen.org

TEENS FOR JEANS

For the ninth consecutive year, Immaculate Conception is participating in the 'TEENS FOR JEANS' drive sponsored by 'Do Something.org'. Please clean out your closets and drawers, and bring in new or gently used CLEAN denim jeans. A collection box is in the church foyer now through February 18. Questions? Please call 732-605-1971. Thank you!!



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 #: _____

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK
February 7 – 14, 2018

PRAY FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

According to Church teaching, marriage between a man and a woman – unlike any other relationship – makes a unique and irreplaceable contribution to the common good of society, especially through the loving acceptance and education of children. The union of husband and wife becomes, over a lifetime, a great good for themselves, their family, communities and society. In short, marriage is a gift to be cherished and protected.

The sacrament of marriage is a commitment that calls forth the grace of God. As members of the human family, let us continually pray for all of our married couples and for the strengthening and protection of marriage.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY CELEBRATIONS
Sunday, February 11, 2018

World Marriage Day, which is held each year on the second Sunday in February, honors the lifelong commitment of husband and wife. The commandment given to us by Jesus in John 15:132 is to “love one another”. Covenantal love between a husband and wife is a daily decision, simple but challenging. It is an ongoing process of learning about each other and how to accommodate differences to that both spouses can feel satisfied and grow in love for each other.

For life-giving marriage resources, please go to the United State Catholic Bishops (USCCB) marriage resource website: www.foryourmarriage.org and Be prepared to find videos along with interesting articles for couples in every stage of marriage including the challenges facing couples today: unemployment, parenting, balancing work and family, caregiving, etc.

FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

Honor your marriage by following these simple tips to celebrate National Marriage Week!

1. Hug your spouse often, it helps relieve stress.
2. During the week call your spouse and say “I love you.”
3. Take out your wedding pictures and share a memory with family and friends.
4. Bring a gift to your spouse for no reason.
5. Fix his or her favorite meal this week.
6. Share your love for each other with your children one evening.
7. Ask your spouse for a date this week.
8. Tell each other how much your marriage means to you.
9. Share the joys and sacrifices that have made your marriage lasting with engaged couples!
10. Visit our website at www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org for more information.



“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’” - Mark 1:35, 38

In today’s Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

STAR WARS PASTA DINNER RAFFLE WINNER

Last weekend, at the IC Fathers Club Star Wars Pasta Dinner, the winner of the calendar raffle was drawn. The winning date was September 23rd for \$592. Congratulations to the winner, Matera and thank you to all those who supported our school.

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.



OUR CALL TO HOLINESS

The Catholic Community of St. Cecilia is sponsoring a mission in preparation for Lent. The Mission will be conducted by Bill Wegner, Good New International, a Catholic lay ministry will guide the mission from Sunday February 11th through Wednesday, February 14th. Two sessions will be offered, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday beginning at 7:30 pm or Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 8:30 am (each session follows daily Mass) evening session will be repeated in the following morning session. All are welcome – an offering will be taken with refreshments served. Catholic Community of St. Cecilia, 10 Kingston Lane, Monmouth Junction, New Jersey. For more information call 732-329-2893.

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					
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	