

# Immaculate Conception Church

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*Open weekdays from 9:00am to 3:00pm or call for appointment*



## *Parish Staff*

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*Pastor*

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*Weekend Assistants*

Rev. Michael Otuwurunne  
*Weekday Assistant*

Susan Chinchar  
*Parish Secretary*

Marivic Villanueva  
*Organist*

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## *Mission Statement*

We, the Parish Community of Immaculate Conception, Hackensack, N.J., believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is of prime importance. We are committed to loving and serving Him by our love and care for all persons, creatures and the earth, which is our home. We hope to achieve this gospel life by nourishing ourselves deeply with the Eucharist and living the truth of His Word, so that we are empowered by Christ and the Spirit to embrace all, as we have been embraced by Jesus.

### *Liturgical Celebrations*

Saturday Eve: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon

Monday - Saturday: 8:30 am

Saturday after 8:30 am mass – Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions

Holy Day: 8:30 am, 12:00 noon & 7:00 pm

### *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 pm

### *Sacrament of Baptism*

Parents should meet with the priest prior to baptism. Please call the rectory office.

### *Sacrament of Holy Matrimony*

Couples should contact the parish priest at least one year in advance.

### *Parish Membership*

If you are not registered officially as a part of the parish family, please do it now at the parish office. You are important to us and hopefully we are to you. Please notify us of an address change or if you are moving out of the parish.



What an audience Jesus has in today's Gospel! "A great crowd of His disciples and a large number of people from all over Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon." Disciples, pagans, and devout Jews gathered together to hear Jesus speak in the Sermon on the Mount. All of these people had something in common. God was someone to be bargained with, and if God liked you, you were rewarded with good fortune. This Sunday, Jesus tells us a different story. "Woe to you who are rich...who are filled now...who laugh...when all speak well of you. Blessed

are you who are poor...you who are now hungry...when people hate you and when they exclude you and insult you." Jesus completely flips the script on what it means to be blessed by God. What He proclaims as "woe" are states of life we often strive for, and "blessed" are the states we work hard to avoid! Jesus is concerned with the kingdom of God and the world to come, not the typical structures of power and privilege. The word "now" appears often in these statements. Why? If you are well "now," that's beside the point. To be rich in this life has no direct bearing on your immortal soul. If you're struggling "now," that's not an indication that God has forgotten you or that - in light of eternity - you're worse off than someone else. In fact, it could be an indicator that you're enduring something that will bring you to a place of greater, eternal joy in the future. This Sunday, consider your priorities. Who do we reject as not blessed, and thereby inflict woe upon ourselves? When we encounter difficult situations in our own lives, do we see them as opportunities to remember God and lean on His mercy and grace?



*That God will relieve their suffering and restore them to health.*

Please pray for: Kellie Salata, Kelly Chinchar, Jessica, Carol Mangino, Gloria, Daniel Breslin, Stanley, Bonnie, Helen Traina, Joseph Marrone, Bill Marshall, Anthony, Michael, Joseph, Christine Morrison, Jessica Esopo, Jack McShera, Theresa McPeak, Walter Eckel, Steve, Pat, Audra.

**PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

[icchackensack.com](http://icchackensack.com)



for parish information including priest's weekly schedules and upcoming events (calendar tab), hymns for next weekend's Masses, sign up for electronic giving, our weekly bulletin and more!

**Collection Report**

*Last Sunday's collection was \$1,924.*

*E-giving was \$345.*

*Budgeted Amount needed Weekly is \$2,779.*

*Your generosity is most needed and greatly appreciated.*



**Opportunities for Parish Support**

There are several ways you can help support our parish and honor loved ones at the same time. As you may have noticed on the first Sunday of every month in our bulletin, we thank the donors of our Altar Gifts. You can donate the Bread & Wine, Altar Flowers or the Sanctuary Lamp in a two week block for \$50 in someone's memory. We have blocks open for this year.

We also have to purchase a new Easter candle each year (the tall candle on the altar) at a cost of \$300-\$400 which can also be donated in someone's memory. You do not have to fund the entire amount, anything you wish to donate towards the purchase of our Easter candle is appreciated. If you wish to honor someone in any of these ways, please call the rectory.

**WANTED: USED OR NEW COMMUNION DRESSES AND SUITS TO HELP NEEDY FAMILIES IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE**

A child's First Communion is a special day for any family and we are trying to make sure financial hardship does not stand in the way of it being as special as it can be. The Archdiocese is collecting dresses/veils, suits and shoes. Donations can be left in the sacristy.

**My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,**

While I am writing this article, the temperature outside is 9 degrees with a real feel of 4 degrees. It is brutal, it is freezing and it is deadly. I found myself thinking about the homeless who are out in this cold and my heart goes out to them and I am praying they can find shelter to get out of the cold. It also made me think about the fact that many people think of the less fortunate on cold days or during the holidays such as Christmas and we give to charity to try and help. This is a great and important thing to do. But what about the rest of the year? Just because it is a beautiful spring or summer day, I would not want to be homeless or go without food, would you? This is why I give to Covenant House on a monthly basis for they shelter and feed homeless kids all year round not just during the holidays or when the weather is bad. Let us do our best to remember those in need at all times, good and bad weather, during the holidays and during ordinary time. Let us keep them in our prayers daily and help as much as we can afford to help as often as we can help. Let's keep in mind that even if we do not know them personally, they are still God's children thus they are our brothers and sisters. And as such they are in need not just for shelter and food but to know someone cares about them; that they are loved by people they do not even know for after all that is what it means to be a follower of Christ.

**God Bless you and have a wonderful week, Fr. Michael**

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**ARCHDIOCESAN CELEBRATION  
OF MARRIAGE**

*We are again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples who will be celebrating 5, 25 or 50 years of Christian marriage in 2019. These liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:*

**April 28, 2019 at 3:00 pm — 50 years**

**June 2, 2019 at 3:00 pm – 5 years and 25 years**

*You must pre-register for these Masses, please call the rectory at 201-440-2798.*

**Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal**

This year's Appeal is the perfect opportunity for us to reflect on God's generosity and to share the blessings we have been given with those around us. This year our parish goal is \$12,179. Our pledges to date are \$455. This campaign provides the resources to sustain programs and ministries that are described in the brochures/pledge cards that are in the pews. **Our parish also benefits by receiving a rebate from the appeal if it exceeds its goal.** Please be as generous as possible. Thanks you for any help you can provide. If you choose to donate online, please visit [www.rcan.org/sharing](http://www.rcan.org/sharing).

**ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK**

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

Saturday, March 9, 2019 – 8am -4pm

**CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**

Saturday, March 16, 2019 - 8am-4pm

Both at Seton Hall University, South Orange

Includes guest speakers, fellowship, confession and much more. Each concludes with a mass celebrated by Cardinal Tobin. Tickets are \$25 including continental breakfast and lunch. More information including registration can be found at [www.rcan.org/womenscommission](http://www.rcan.org/womenscommission) for women and [www.njcatholicmen.org](http://www.njcatholicmen.org) for men. Also there are flyers in the back of church.

***We are looking for Eucharist Ministers. Please see Fr. Michael or call the rectory if you can serve in this very important ministry.***

*Upcoming*  
**EVENTS**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**PRESIDENT'S DAY - HOLIDAY**

*No Faith Formation Classes*

*The Rectory Office is Closed*

*Holy Hour – 7:00 to 8:00 pm in Church*

**WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>/24<sup>TH</sup>**

*Church in Eastern Europe second collection*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Gr. 6-10**

*10:45 am to 12:00 Noon – Church Basement*

**WEEKEND OF MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>/3<sup>RD</sup>**

*Monthly Food Drive at all Masses*

*Rosary Society to recite the Rosary after  
10 am Mass on Sunday – All are Welcome!*

*Readings*  *Week*

**Week of February 17, 2019**

Mon: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13  
Tues: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/  
Mk 8:14-21  
Wed: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [17a]/Mk 8:22-26  
Thurs: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [20b]/Mk 8:27-33  
Fri: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19  
Sat: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [cf. 1]/Mk 9:2-13  
Sun: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/  
1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

**SCRIPTURAL REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP**

***"Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you,  
and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man."***

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time, the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

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**MASS**   
**INTENTIONS**

**PRESIDENTS  
DAY**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2019**

**8:30 Nino Colonnelli**

*by John & Kelly Battaglia & Family*

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

**8:30 Annv. Josephine DeGrosa**

*by the Family*

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019**

**8:30 Annv. Robert Goodman**

*by Marie Goodman*

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019**

**8:30 Annv. Vincenzo Pilla**

*by the Asala Family*

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2019**

**8:30 Luke Duffy**

*by Marie Goodman*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019**

**8:30 Annv. Florence &**

**Nicholas Perone**

*by the Family*

**5:00 pm Margaret & Joseph Voorhis**

*by the Vasak & Turk Families*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019**

**8:00 Annv. Mary &**

**Nicholas Allegretto & Family**

*by the Petruzzelli Family*

**10:00 John Dalessio**

*by the Family*

**12:00 Marie Godlesky**

*by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chinchar*





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