

# Immaculate Conception Church

49 Vreeland Avenue, Hackensack, New Jersey

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



## *Parish Staff*

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Rev. Michael S. P. Trainor  
*Pastor*

Rev. Gerard Graziano  
*Retired Pastor*

Rev. Brian Muzas  
Rev. Jerry Bracken  
*Weekend Assistants*

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

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



*"Are you envious because I am generous?"* The landowner in today's Gospel parable surprised everyone. Contrary to standard practice, he paid all of his laborers the same wage, regardless of how many hours they had worked! Of course this was a very pleasant surprise for those who had begun their job late in the day. And, understandably, it was something of a disappointment for those who had toiled since the morning. From their perspective, they should have gotten more than the others.

But in fact the landowner was not cheating anyone; he was simply being especially generous with the latecomers. This story would have had a special meaning for the Jewish audience listening to Jesus. They, the Chosen People, were the laborers who had started at 9:00 am. They belonged to the group with a long history of worshipping the true God. Non-Jewish Gentiles, on the other hand, had appeared late in the game. Jesus was making the point that just because He would offer the same salvation and mercy to everyone, there should be no reason for the Jews to complain. They had received their promised Messiah; so what if, in God's mercy, He allowed others who had not waited so long to be saved as well? Divine generosity is not meant to be a cause for jealousy. Now, we may feel removed from the concerns of those Jews. But the basic lesson remains relevant: that we ought to appreciate God's generosity, even when it reaches to those whom we may not expect God to forgive. Those who have long been faithful, for example, might think they deserve more benefits than sinners who repent late in life. But instead, we should all rejoice to see God's mercy extended to *everyone*, no matter when they joined the fold.



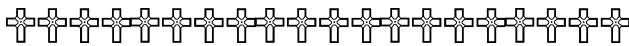
*That God will relieve their suffering and restore them to health.*

Please pray for: Kellie & Kathy Salata, Kelly Chinchar, Jessica, Carol Mangino, Gloria, Daniel Breslin, Stanley, Marie, Bonnie, Helen Traina, Joseph Marrone, Bill Marshall, Anthony, Michael, Denise Gautier, Joseph.



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and click on the Parish Giving logo and follow the easy registration steps. If you have any questions, please call 201-440-2798 or see Marivic after any mass for help with the signup process. Thanks to those parishioners who have already signed up!!



### Collection Report

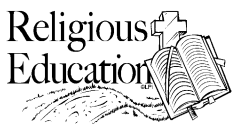
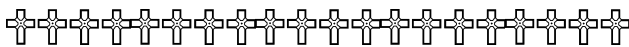
*Last Sunday's collection was \$2,058.  
Hurricane Relief collection was \$709.  
E-giving was \$255.*

*Your generosity is most needed and greatly appreciated.*

### 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, our weekly bulletin and more!



### FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

for our parish children in Grades 1-6 begin MONDAY, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:15 to 4:30 at Memorial School. Please do not send your child to class if they have not registered, they will not be permitted to stay. They must be registered at the rectory office before attending class.

### SCRIPTURAL REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

*"So the last will be first and the first last" –  
MATTHEW 20:16*

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our gratitude and generosity helps us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

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

This is a spoiler alert if you have not seen the movie "IT" and plan to go see it, stop reading now. I saw the movie "IT" a couple of weeks ago and it was rather scary and very good. In it there are kids that fight against an evil creature that mostly appears in the form of a clown but also appears in other forms. You see "it" knows what scares the kids and that is the form "it" takes for "it" feeds off their fear. By the end of the movie the kids figure out that is how "it" gets its power and that as long as they are not afraid, the creature has no power and cannot hurt them. In other words, "it" only has power over them if they give "it" that power! This creature reminded me of the devil. Unlike the creature in the movie, the devil is real. But just like the creature in the movie, the devil only has the power that we give him. Despite the saying that "the devil made me do it", the devil cannot actually make us do anything. The devil can only tempt us, for as the creature in the movie fed off the kids' fears, the devil feeds off our sins. So, the question we need to ask ourselves is...are we going to give him power over us? Are we going to feed him by sinning? Or are we, as the kids did in the movie, going to take that power away from him and thus defeat him!?

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

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**OUR ANNUAL ANIMAL BLESSING**

Will be held on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 am BRING YOUR PET OR PETS. The blessing will be held in the driveway behind our church. All are welcome to attend.

**TRICKY TRAY FUNDRAISER**

Our Tricky Tray is fast approaching on Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup> at Redd's Restaurant in Carlstadt. We are still collecting donations for prizes, selling raffle tickets and selling tickets for the event. Please call the rectory or see Marivic after mass if you have any questions.

**\$40 includes buffet dinner and a sheet of tickets**

**PARAMUS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

Cordially invites 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents to visit them during one of their Open Houses on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 1-4 PM and Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 PM. The school is located at 425 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ. For more information, please call 201-445-4466 x104.



**LECTORS**

Lector Workbooks for the new church year are in the sacristy. There are names on each one. Please pick up yours today!!

**CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY & CHOIR**

We are looking for kids to join our Children's Nativity Play on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm. We are also looking to form a children's choir for that night too. Please see Marivic or Fr. Michael if you are interested.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN**

*for Grades 1-6*

3:15 to 4:30 at **Memorial School**

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

**WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>/OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

Monthly Food Drive at all Masses

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES-Gr. 7-10**

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

Annual Animal Blessing at 11:00 am

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**

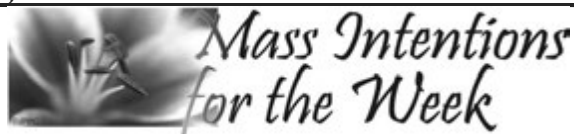
Women's Circle Meeting – 7:00 pm

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

12:00 Noon Mass - Investiture for all Confirmation Candidates

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

Tricky Tray Fundraiser – Redd's Restaurant, Carlstadt - \$40 includes buffet dinner and one sheet of tickets



**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017**

8:30 **Annv. Lillian Warga**  
by the Goodman Family

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017**

8:30 **Dolly Montenegro**  
by Joan Vicenzotti

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017**

8:30 **Annv. Irene & Joseph Prinjinski**  
by Cheryl Prinjinski

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017**

8:30 **Raymond Bailey**  
by the Family

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2017**

8:30 **Dolly Montenegro**  
by Mike & Marie Nasta

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

8:30 **James Turk**  
by Jennifer & Mary Turk

5:00PM **Mildred Krieger**  
by the Leonardi Family

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017**

8:00 **For the People of the Parish**

10:00 **Rosary Society**

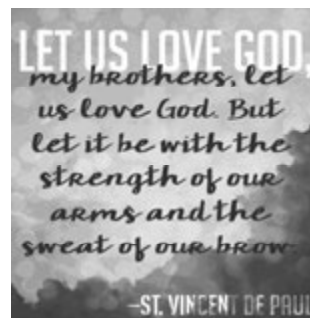
12:00 **Annv. Ronald Graziano**  
by Graz

**Scripture Readings**

**Readings for the Week of September 24, 2017**

Sun: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/  
Mt 20:1-16a  
Mon: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 8:16-18  
Tues: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 8:19-21  
Wed: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2-4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6  
Thurs: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Lk 9:7-9  
Fri: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51  
Sat: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jr 31:10-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45  
Sun: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

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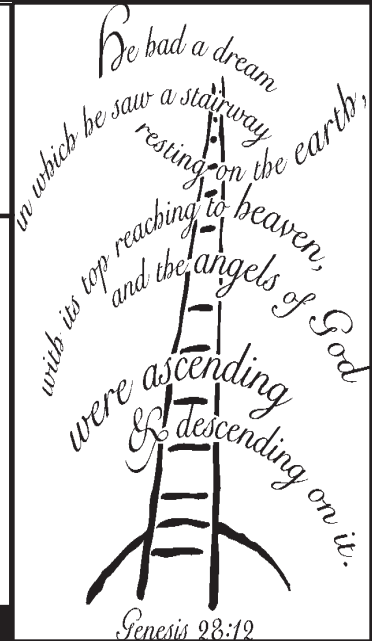
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