

Immaculate Conception Church

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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.



“But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” In the parable of the sower that Jesus tells in today’s Gospel, the ideal is to be *“the seed sown on rich soil”* that yields an abundant harvest. As Jesus explains, this means we should strive to be *“the one who hears the word and understands it.”* So how do we place ourselves in this category? How do we assure that we will hear God’s voice (i.e., The Word) and actually understand what He’s saying to us? The answer comes in the parable itself. Jesus explains what we need to avoid in order to make sure our seed bears fruit. First, we must beware of *“the evil one”* who comes and steals away the seed of God’s word. Faithfully praying the Lord’s Prayer, with its request to *“deliver us from evil,”* is a good starting point here. Placing ourselves under God’s protection every day is like taking up a shield against the forces that would seek to derail us. Secondly, we must be committed enough to God’s word that *“tribulation or persecution”* do not uproot us or make our faith wither and die. Here, too, sincerely praying the petition in the Lord’s Prayer—*“Thy will be done”*—can prepare us to accept whatever comes our way without waffling or wavering. Finally, we must be careful that *“worldly anxiety and the lure of riches”* do not *“choke”* us. Again, we turn to the Lord’s Prayer and find an antidote built in: *“Give us this day our daily bread.”* We pray not for a new car or a winning lottery ticket, but for our basic needs. So let us embrace the prayer Jesus gave us, indeed the **words** He himself gave us to say, as we seek to truly hear and understand God’s word.



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.



Electronic Giving is simple, secure and convenient. Just go to www.icchackensack.com 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, our organist, after any mass for help with the signup process. Thanks to those parishioners who have already signed up!!

Collection Report

7/2 collection was \$1,830. E-giving was \$295.

7/9 collection was \$1,836. E-giving was \$95.

Your generosity is most needed and greatly appreciated.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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for parish information including priest’s weekly schedules and upcoming events (calendar tab), hymns for next weekend’s masses, our weekly bulletin and more!

“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” - Mt 13:22-23

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE CAN YOU HELP?



The Women’s Circle is collecting NEW school supplies for under-privileged children through August 20th. Your donations of backpacks, loose leaf binders and paper, pens, pencils, erasers, rulers, book covers, crayons, glue sticks, etc. will be greatly appreciated. Please place the items in bags and leave under the tables in the back of church.

Scripture Readings

Readings for the Week of July 16 2017

- Sun: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10-14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23
- Mon: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-8/Mt 10:34—11:1
- Tues: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24
- Wed: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27
- Thurs: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27/Mt 11:28-30
- Fri: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc-18/Mt 12:1-8
- Sat: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Sun: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/
Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I was just away visiting my aunt in N.C. for a week and while there we did many things, visited many places and each place we went I saw families. Then I noticed that within the family the children always had ear buds in their ears totally ignoring their parents. I noted this in museums, restaurants and parks. When I arrived back at my parent's house I observed the same thing taking place here. For example, as is my custom, I went for a walk at the reservoir and saw what at first I thought was a very pleasant scene, there was a mother and father and son walking along and I thought how nice to see this family out together until I noted once again the son had the ear buds in his ears and could not hear a word his parents were saying to him. He was lost in his own world. This leads to two thoughts. First to the young people....take out the ear buds and be part of your family! The second thought applies to prayer. So often I hear people tell me that they pray but do not think God answers them. Well, God is our Father in heaven and we are His children and I cannot help but to think that maybe we are acting just like these young people I talked about above. For God our Father answers us but are we His children listening to Him or are we lost in our own worlds and just not listening? We too need to take out the ear buds (distractions of our own making) and listen to what God is saying for surely our Father always hears us and always answers us.

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

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TRICKY TRAY FUNDRAISER

We will be having a Tricky Tray on Thursday October 19, 2017 at Redd's Restaurant in Carlstadt. Tickets are \$40. We are looking for donations for prizes and any donation is greatly appreciated. Please see the flyers in the back of church for more information.



REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

is now being held for next September. If your child is entering 1st grade in September, you must register them now so that they may receive First Communion in their second year. Extra registration forms are in the back of church. Classes are weekly for 1st through 9th grades. Questions? Please call the rectory at 201-440-2798.

Turks and Caicos Mission Appeal
Next Weekend July 22nd & 23rd

The Turks and Caicos Islands encompass a total of 40 islands and cays. Catholic life in Turks and Caicos began as a small mission (starting in homes) on two different islands, which were served infrequently by a priest who, for six months, went back and forth. The Archdiocese of Newark accepted a request from the Holy See to staff the Turks and Caicos Islands beginning in 1998. Today there are 4 priests serving in two churches, one chapel in 3 separate islands and a missionary school as well. The priests on the islands do visit parishioners in these isolated places, for celebrations and to prepare the people for the Sacraments. As popular with tourism as the Turks and Caicos Islands may be, there is more than just the beaches, resorts and restaurants. These, often, are not what we are shown in the vacation brochures. The islands are a mission life in many ways and a parish life at the same time. Fr. Marco Marroquin will describe the work on the mission and ask for our assistance to assist the mission as it continues this valuable work of outreach, teaching and preaching. A special **second collection** will be taken at all Masses to support this mission.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JULY 31ST
AFTER JULY 31ST THERE WILL BE A
\$50 PER CHILD LATE FEE!!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES DONATION BIN
A HEARTFELT THANKS

Catholic Charities received \$645 as a result of our clothing donations bin behind the church from December 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017. These funds, combined with monies from other participating parishes throughout the Archdiocese, alleviated the sufferings of the needy who sought relief through the many operations of Catholic Charities. We value our older adults and were privileged to assist 1,999 older adults with a range of compelling needs through 12 Catholic Charities programs during 2016. Thank you for being our partner and enabling us to bring Christ's love to the most vulnerable in our society.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEEKEND OF JULY 22ND/23RD

*Turks & Caicos Missionary here for
Propagation of the Faith appeal*

WEEKEND OF JULY 29TH/30TH

Second Collection for our Utility Bills

MONDAY, JULY 31ST

DEADLINE

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

*\$50 per child Late Fee
will be charged after today!!*

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 5TH/6TH

Monthly Food Drive at all Masses

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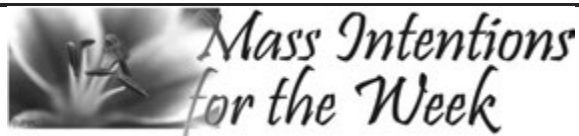
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8:30 *Annv. Lena Rossi
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TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2017

8:30 *Deceased Members
of the Cantelmo Families
by the Family*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017

8:30 *Rita, Frank & Frank Jr. LeBenz
by Helen Traina & Family*

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017

8:30 *Peter Bange
by Ann Bange*

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2017

8:30 *Michele Scollo
by John & Kelly Battaglia & Family*

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2017

8:30 *Eugene Godlesky
by Mr. & Mrs. Phil Iacono*

5:00PM *Edward & Rose Azzato
& Fred Pulzello
by the Family*

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2017

8:00 *For the People of the Parish*

10:00 *Annv. David John Vacirca
by Rose Marie Vacirca*

12:00 *Maria Giovanni
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