

Immaculate Conception Church

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



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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.



"He first found his own brother Simon and told him, 'We have found the Messiah.'" After spending the day in the company of Christ, Andrew took action. He shared the good news! Instead of keeping his newfound friendship with Jesus all to himself, Andrew invited his brother into the fold. Andrew found Simon and "brought him to Jesus." This was no small matter because Simon would become Peter, the first pope!

How important it is to bring others along with us to meet Christ! Yet, how often do we reach out with the kind of confidence that Andrew had? Are we ready and willing to share our faith with our family and friends? Do we consider our relationship with Jesus a gift to be shared, or a fact to be safely hidden away in our personal prayer corner? Part of our call as Christians is to evangelize others, to share with them the good news of salvation. Loving Jesus and following His moral commands is essential, of course, but it is not the end of the story. The Gospel message is meant for all people, and we are meant to be its messengers. Sometimes this requires us to step out of our comfort zone. It may mean speaking up when we'd rather be silent. It may mean inviting someone to Mass when they might say no. But it might also mean a conversion for someone we care about. It might mean a new minister for the Church. Ultimately, it might mean another saint in heaven. None of that is up to us, however. What we can control is only whether we share our faith joyfully and extend the invitation to others to experience the peace that comes from knowing Christ.



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, Marie, Bonnie, Helen Traina, Joseph Marrone, Bill Marshall, Anthony, Michael, Denise Gautier, Joseph, Jessica Esopo, Christine.

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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 \$1,971.

E-giving was \$178.60.

Christmas collection was \$8,220.

Your generosity is most needed and greatly appreciated.

In Appreciation

We would like to thank the Women's Circle for their very generous donation towards our Utility costs.



SCRIPTURAL REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

"Jesus turned and saw them following Him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'"

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.



2017 Contribution Reports

are being prepared. If you received one last year, we will automatically prepare one for you this year. If you need one this year and you use the envelopes, just call the rectory and we will prepare one for you.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This weekend I am going to use this article to answer some questions that were presented to me sort of like "Dear Abby":

Is it a mortal sin to miss mass on Sundays for I heard that changed? It is a mortal sin to miss mass on Sunday and this has never changed. It is also a mortal sin to miss mass on Holy Days of Obligation.

If I attend a funeral or wedding on the weekend does that fulfill my Sunday mass obligation? No, it does not, you must still attend a Sunday mass. The only way it would count is if the readings were from that Sunday which never happens at a funeral and I have never known a bride and groom that would choose to have the Sunday readings for their wedding.

If I attend a service at a protestant church does that fulfill my Sunday obligation? No, it does not. We pray that some day we will be one church again but right now we are not in "communion" with the protestant churches and thus we do not recognize their services as being valid "masses". This also applies to communion. If you attend a service at a protestant church such as a wedding, funeral etc., you should not receive communion for it is viewed as not valid. It is only bread and wine and we send the wrong message when we receive in such cases for we are indicating that we see it as valid.

If I miss mass can I receive communion? You should not receive communion until you have gone to confession.

If I attend a penance service are my sins forgiven without going to individual confession with a priest? No, they are not forgiven without individual confession. A priest is only authorized to give general absolution in case of emergency for example on a plane that is about to crash or a ship that is sinking etc.

It is alright to eat meat on Fridays outside of Lent correct? Yes and no. It is allowed outside of Lent but you must make some other sacrifice that week.

If you ever have a question you would like answered in an article such as this, please just drop a note in the collection basket.

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

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**Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
January 29 – February 2, 2018**

St. Joseph Academy is a Catholic, Pre-K 3 through 8th grade Academy, providing a safe, nurturing and spiritual educational environment for our children for the past 70 years. SJA is Middle States accredited and is a member of the National Junior Honor Society. In addition to before-care, after-care and summer camp programs, SJA students participate in a robotics program, competitive track and basketball teams, a student run theatre production, and a choral group, among other activities. Registration for the 2018 school year begins during Catholic Schools Week. For more information, call us, check out our website (www.sjabogota.com), or schedule a tour at St. Joseph Academy, 131 East Fort Lee Rd, Bogota, NJ 07603, 201-487-8641.

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JANUARY 27TH. THERE ARE
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CHURCH.**

BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST

*Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus #747 on Saturday, January 20th from 10 am – 12:30 pm at the Bergen Arts & Science School gym (old Holy Trinity school) The contest is open to boys and girls from 9-14 years old and is **FREE**. The only requirement is that you bring a copy of their birth certificate. Extreme snow date is Saturday, January 27th.*



 *Mass Intentions*

MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY
NO Faith Formation Classes
Rectory Office will be Closed

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST
FAITH FORMATION CLASSES-Gr. 7-10
10:45 am to 12:00 Noon – Church Basement

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH
"Feed those in Need" Food Kitchen

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 27TH/28TH
Second Collection for our Utility Bills

MONDAY, JANUARY 29TH
Finance Council Meeting – 7:00 pm

WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 3RD/4TH
Monthly Food Drive at all Masses

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2018
8:30 Anny. Marian DeMeo
by Maryann Eckel

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018
8:30 Porfiero Pires
by the Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018
8:30 Giacomina Spina
by Antonio & Francesca Sari

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018
8:30 Louis Ferrante
by Mike & Marie Nasta

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018
8:30 John C. Rattacasa
by Linda J. Sylvestri

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018
8:30 Louis Ferrante
by Patricia & Michael Nasta

5:00PM Anny. Cecelia & George Furman
by the Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018
8:00 Petruzzelli Family
by Mr. & Mrs. Mario Petruzzelli

10:00 For the People of the Parish

12:00 Anny. Eugene DiGenio
by Ann DiGenio

Scripture Readings

Readings for the Week of January 14, 2018

- Sun: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
- Mon: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/
Mk 2:18-22
- Tues: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]/Mk 2:23-28
- Wed: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1]/
Mk 3:1-6
- Thurs: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11,
12-13 [5b]/Mk 3:7-12
- Fri: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 [2a]/Mk 3:13-19
- Sat: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
- Sun: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/
Mk 1:14-20



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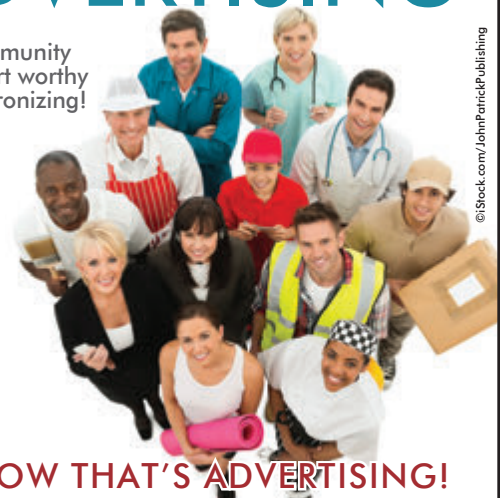
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