

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

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

Holy Day: 8:30 am, 12:15 pm & 7:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 to 4:30 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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, HACKENSACK, NJ

A protestant pastor friend of mine was invited to meet Pope Francis with a group of other pastors. He noticed the Pope's chair was especially ornate and set at the head of the group. He somewhat playfully said, "Holy Father, why do you get that special chair?" The group chuckled nervously at my friend's audacious chide. The following year, the group was invited to return. They entered the room to find only simple chairs placed in a circle. Pope Francis entered, sat down in one of the humble chairs and, looking directly at my friend, with a twinkle in his eye, asked, "What do you think of my chair now?" My friend was stunned that the Pope remembered his concerns — and took the time to answer them. Thomas the apostle was certainly stunned by the Risen Jesus displaying His wounds in person. But he also must have been equally shocked that Jesus knew and answered his particular questions, worries, and even demands related to his faith. How humbled — and perhaps a bit terrified — he must have been to realize God remembers his concerns and cares enough to answer them. What questions or demands about Jesus do you find in your heart? Like Thomas, will you be bold enough to voice them this week? How wonderful to know that if we do so, God will remember and respond even to our most audacious desires. — *Father John Muir*



PRAYER REQUESTS

That God will relieve their suffering and restore them to health. Please pray for: Kellie Salata, Kelly Chinchar, Jessica, Daniel Breslin, Stanley, Helen Traina, Joseph Marrone, Bill Marshall, Anthony, Michael, Joseph, Jessica Esopo, William, Steve, Audra, Bernadette, James Weiss, Baby Ford, Rosemary Malangone, Elizabeth Malangone, Sue West, Danny, Colleen Emery, Richard, Joan Russo, Christina Martin, Mornia Evans, Valerie Valverde, Diana McGuckin, Pat Peterson, Manny Scarangella.

Collection Report

Palm Sunday collection was \$2,512.

Easter Altar Flowers was \$637.

Easter Sunday collection was \$4,595.

E-Giving was \$283.

Budgeted Amount needed Weekly is \$3,480.

Your generosity is most needed and greatly appreciated.

SCRIPTURAL REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..."

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents, and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2024 Annual Appeal is underway. We have \$11,602 pledged towards our assigned parish goal of \$13,435. That leaves us just \$1,833 to go! Thank you to those who have already pledged. If you have not yet made a gift, there are envelopes in the pews and in the back of church that you can fill out and put in our weekly collection or you can visit www.rcan.org/sharing. If you make a pledge directly to the Archdiocese, please let Sue know in the office so we can be sure our account is properly credited. You can drop a note in the collection, call the rectory or send us an email. Your gift will truly make a difference. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Readings of the Week

Week of April 7, 2024

Mon:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Tues:	Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
Wed:	Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thurs:	Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
Fri:	Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Sat:	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
Sun:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is every Monday at 7:00 pm.

HOLY HOUR

First Friday Holy Hour will be suspended until September.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last week we celebrated the Triduum and Easter Sunday. On Holy Thursday, we celebrated the Last Supper where Jesus Christ gave us His body to eat and His blood to drink. On Good Friday we celebrated the Passion of our Lord, where He gave His life for the forgiveness of our sins. On Easter Sunday we celebrated the Resurrection of the Lord, where He rose from the dead so we may as well, He gave us the gift of eternal life. He did all this for the Love of us! Now let us ask what do we do for Him? How do we show our appreciation for all that He did for us? Do we do anything at all to express our thanks? All He asked in return is that we avoid sin, love one another, and celebrate the mass in memory of Him. I want to focus on the last one, the celebration of mass in memory of Him. He has asked that we do as He did on Holy Thursday, to receive His body and blood. In order to do so there needs to be people to give out the body and blood in the form of the Eucharist; in other words, we need Eucharistic Ministers. My brothers and sisters in Christ, by serving at mass we are showing our thanks to Christ for all He did for us, we are doing as He asked by celebrating the mass and repeating the actions of the Last Supper. My brothers and sisters, I ask that you seriously think about and pray about serving as a Eucharistic Minister. We are very short on people serving in this ministry. I know most people attend the same mass most weekends and that would be the mass we would ask that you serve at as a minister. You would be fully trained to serve in the ministry and I, as the pastor, would be very appreciative.

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



 The gift of Bread & Wine for the month of April has been given in memory of Kyle P. Jashembowski by Linda J. Sylvestri.



 The Sanctuary Lamp for the first two weeks of April has been given in memory of Lucia DiNardo & Giuseppe Manieri. The second two weeks have been given in memory of Michael, Pietro & Elena Manieri by Maria & Nicola Totaro.

Question: What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

Answer: In Poland during the early 1930s, Jesus appeared to a religious sister, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. These private revelations had one key theme: the love and mercy of God. The relevance of this message was evident then and would continue to resound in importance throughout the social and political upheaval of the 20th century. One of Jesus' requests was the institution of a feast of God's mercy. St. Faustina records in her diary, "*I desire that the Feast of mercy be a refuge and shelter for souls ... let no soul fear to draw near to me ... It is my desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter*" (Diary, no. 699). After St. Faustina's canonization in 2000, the Vatican declared that the Second Sunday of Easter would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

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Easter and Holy Week at our parish this year was a tremendous celebration because of the efforts of so many people. The lectors, Eucharistic ministers and ministers of hospitality did a great job to make the liturgy much more meaningful. All those who helped did a fine job decorating and preparing our church for our Easter celebration. So a big ***THANK YOU*** from all of us at Immaculate Conception for what you do to make our celebrations so spiritually significant.

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, APRIL 8TH

FAITH FORMATION CLASS Gr. 2

3:30 to 4:30 pm – Church Basement

Bible Study – 7 pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH

No FAITH FORMATION CLASS – Gr. 7 & 8

WEEKEND OF APRIL 20TH/21ST

Second Collection for our Utility Expenses

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH

First Penance & Practice for First Holy Communion – Grade 2 – 10 am

Mandatory Confirmation Retreat – 10 am
Archdiocesan Retreat Center in Kearny

Recycle Old Ink and Toner Cartridges

There is a receptacle on the table in the back of church for the small cartridges. Large ones can be left under the table. If you have a bunch, please call the rectory and we can arrange to meet you at the garage doors and we can put them in the garage instead of you lugging them into the church.



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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024

**8:30 Maria Bursich
& Antonio Giacometti**
By Maria Belci

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024

**8:30 Annv. Nicola, James,
Gemma & Michael Visci**
By the Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024

8:30 Annv. Angela Mazzoni
By the Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024

8:30 Kyle P. Jashembowski
By Linda J. Sylvestri

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024

8:30 Pat Graziano
By Fr. Graz

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

8:30 Adelgunde Marshall
By her husband Larry

**5:00 pm Deceased Members
of the McShera Family**
By the Terraccino Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

8:00 Vincenzo & Maria Barricella
By Frank Barricella & Family

10:00 Stella & Rudy Milisits
By Mary Ann Teklits

12:00 Ferruccio Belci
By Maria Belci





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