Church of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

18 SOUTH STREET, SPOTSWOOD, NEW JERSEY 08884



Rev. John O'Kane *Pastor*

Fr. Fredy Triana-Beltran Parochial Vicar

Deacon Thomas Griffoul Deacon Patrick Smith Transitional Deacon Dawid Malik

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Welcome to New Families!

New families moving into the parish are asked to register at the Parish Office by telephone or in person during office hours. Certificates of eligibility to sponsor at Baptism or Confirmation can be obtained at the Parish Office.

Parish Office: 732-251-3110

Office Hours:

Monday 10:00 am to 2:30 pm Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 am to 2:30 pm Friday Closed

School: 732-251-3090 Rocco J. Fornaro, Principal

CCD: 732-251-5973 Kim Bohinski-Smith, PCL

Pre-K: 732-251-7430

Music Ministry: 908-313-8674 Phillip Steffani, Director of Music

Tuition: 732-251-3110 Cafeteria: 732-251-7452

Liturgical Life

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Vigil Mass, Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am

DAILY EUCHARIST

Monday - Friday: 7:00 & 9:30 am

Saturday: 8:30 am** Miraculous Medal Novena is prayed at 8:15 am**

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Mass: 7:30 pm

Holy Day: 7:00, 9:30 am & 5:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 pm

or by appointment

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday - Thursday: 7:30 - 9:15 am

Saturday: 7:00 - 8:00 am

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Infant Baptism: Call the Parish Office for information and registration. Preparation Sessions for parents will be on the First Sunday of every month at 1:30 pm.

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month at 12:15 pm.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process to welcome new members to our faith. For information, call Parish Office or contact RCIA@icspotswood.com.

Marriage and Holy Orders: Contact the Parish Office for information.

Parish Website: www.chicspotswood.com



JANUARY 28, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

8:30 AM ROBERT J. KOWALSKI 5:00 PM GLORIA GLINANE Priest of the Day: Rev. Timothy Chisty

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

7:00 AM PATRICK STANTON 9:00 AM PARISHIONERS 11:00 AM PHILLIP STEFFANI, SR. Priest of the Day: Rev. Glenn Comandini

MONDAY, JAUARY 29, 2024

7:00 AM KEVIN HARMS 9:30 AM BEATRICE FENNO Priest of the Day: Rev. James Considine

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024

7:00 AM PAOLA & FRANCESCO SORCI 9:30 AM PASQUALE TEDESCO, JR. – Living Intention Priest of the Day: Rev. Robert Coruna

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024

7:00 AM ROBERT E. MEMORY 9:30 AM FERNANDO DESINTONIO Priest of the Day: Rev. Msgr. Sylvester Cronin

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024

7:00 AM MARGARET HOLINKO 9:30 AM SCOTT M. SAVARESE Priest of the Day: Rev. Michael Crummy

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

7:00 AM ANGELA & ANTONIO TRAMONTANA 9:30 AM CATHERINE JUCHNIEWICZ Priest of the Day: Rev. David Chalackal

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

8:30 AM THERESA SAFFIOTTI 5:00 PM DANNY RODRIGUEZ Priest of the Day: Rev. Msgr. Joseph Curry

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

7:00 AM PARISHIONERS
9:00 AM ANNETTE ASTARITA
11:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLUMBIETTES
Priest of the Day: Rev. Edward Czarcinski

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to donate Altar Flowers, please contact Joanne Petrow in the parish office at 732-251-3110 for availability.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

In the charity of your prayers please pray for Eileen Jeffas and all the faithful departed of our parish.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT



We, the people of Immaculate Conception Church, are a Roman Catholic faith community with the celebration of the Eucharist as the center of our lives.

We create a vibrant parish life through prayer, discernment, education, and active involvement of

all. We celebrate our evolving diversity, as well as, our oneness in faith as a family in Christ.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

 January 13 & 14
 2024
 2023

 First Collection
 \$ 8,829.50
 \$ 6,634.50

 Debt Reduction
 \$ 2,111.00
 \$ 1,985.00

THE ABOVE INFORMATION DOES NOT INCLUDE FAITH DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Readings for the week January 28, 2024 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28 Monday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20 Tuesday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43

St. John Bosco

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Presentation of the Lour

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

Saturday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

Adoration

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed

Sacrament is regularly held in our church from
Monday through Thursday after the 7 am mass
and every Friday from 7 pm until 8 pm. Apy

and every Friday from 7 pm until 8 pm. Any changes to the Friday evening schedule will be noted in the bulletin and announced at mass. The Last Friday of the month, all are invited to

join the Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy reciting the Chaplet for the Sick and Dying during Eucharistic Adoration. The Chaplet of St. Joseph will be prayed every Wednesday at 10:15 am. The hymns for adoration in both English and Spanish are located in the hymnal.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

The Liturgy Committee extends an invitation to anyone interested in the Presentation of the Gifts to the Altar. If you are willing, upon arrival at Mass, please inform an usher/greeter that you wish to participate in this important church practice. Thank you.







Week 1: Ryan Alcantara, Melissa Irizarry, Kathy Palumbo, Stan Pepka, Darius Reyes, Cecilia Sauer, Mary, Christopher, JB, Baby Ivory

Week 2: Paul Adamowicz, Mano Basile, Ron C., Joey DePalma, Nicholas Euchaliptus, James Michael Fisher, Brian Race, Charlie Race, Zachary Riti, Karson Swartzbaugh, Jonathan Volpe, Rev. Thomas Walsh

Week 3: Betty Colgate, Henry Doell, Sebastian Doras, Cameron Dubay, Joan Finn, Robert Fisher, Deidre Gomm, Nicole Harker, Corey Jones, Harry Jones, John Mazurek, Patrick O'Brien, Joseph Panasiddi, Carolyn Pfisterer, Kitty Sauer, Josephine Turiano, Joe L, Mark Vern, Leah Weeast, Caitlin

Week 4: Moira Appicelli Burns, Bob Driscoll, Alicia Ferraro, Ahmed Hamoud, Denik Joseph, Olivia Marie Poliseno, Jeanne Sax, Pat Tecza, Lisa Trombino, Mable Wright, Robert

All special intentions (3) and all the sick and recovering of our parish. Names on the Prayer Request List will be included for four weeks. If you or someone you know is sick or in the hospital, please let us know so that we can pray for them. If you would like to request a name to be put on the Prayer List, please email office@icspotswood.com.

Immaculate Conception School Kicks Off their Catholic Schools Week by inviting the Community to their Open House Event on Sunday January 28th, 2024

Prior to the Open House, the Community is invited to join a Mass



at 9am and Complimentary Breakfast at 10am. The Open House will take place from 10am-1pm in the school's auditorium - located at 23 Manalapan Road, Spotswood, NJ 08884. Students,

faculty, parish members and current families will be delighted to meet you. Students will lead personalized tours and teachers will speak about the advanced curriculum. You will also have a chance to view students' artwork and captivating exhibits. Following in the week are more fun events including a School Talent Show and Student Career Wax Museum open to the community.

Check out all the magic of the school yourself! RSVP now at icsspotswood.org/csw

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER & LECTOR SIGN-UPS

Eucharistic Minister and Lector sign-ups for February will take place this weekend after all masses in the Altar Server Sacristy. Please be sure to stop by and signup. Thank you for serving.

PARISH EMAIL ADDRESSES/SOCIAL MEDIA

Rev. John O'Kane jokane@icspotswood.com Rev. Fredy Triana-Beltran ftriana-beltran@icspotswood.com Deacon Thomas Griffoul deacontomgriffoul@gmail.com Deacon Patrick Smith.....deconpaticc@gmail.com Kim Bohinski-Smith, PCL...ccd@icspotswood.com Phillip Steffani, Director of Music phillipsteffani@gmail.com Parish Office office@icspotswood.com

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

First time parents are required to attend baptism class. You must contact the Parish Office at 732-251-3110 to schedule your child's baptism or to register for baptism class. Sponsor Letters for God Parents are due in the parish office before a date for baptism is confirmed.

Baptisms will be scheduled on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 12:15 pm. Below are the 2024 dates, please note, they are subject to change.

February 11, 25 March 10 April 14, 28 May 12, 26 June 9, 23 July 14, 28 August 11, 25 September 8, 22 October 13, 27 November 10, 24 December 22

GOD PARENT/SPONSOR LETTERS

Church law mandates that a sponsor for baptism and confirmation be an active Confirmed Catholic. An active Catholic is a parishioner who is registered, attends Mass weekly, contributes to the support of the church, is in a valid Catholic marriage (if married), and publicly leads a life compatible with Church teaching. Letters of eligibility can only be written for parishioners who meet these criteria. Mass attendance is normally confirmed by envelope use. Please call the parish office to obtain a sponsor letter or for additional information.

FAMILY MASS

The Family Mass is offered at the 11 am mass on the 2nd and 4th

Sundays of the month. Younger children in the congregation will be invited into the sanctuary during the homily. We would like to encourage all families, especially those with young children to participate in these masses.



All are invited to join us for fellowship in the cafeteria on the 4th Sunday of the month after mass. There will be no fellowship on Sunday, January 28th for the beginning of Catholic Schools Week

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties."- 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this - use the word "pray" instead of the

word "worry" in the future. Then spend your time praying instead of worrying.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

The next monthly food collection will be held the weekend of February 10th and 11th. Non-perishable food items, baby food and disposable diapers (sizes 3 and 4) are always needed! Please leave your donations in the church foyer before 12:00 noon on Sunday, February 11th.



PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS **Prayer and Worship**

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Christian Formation

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Parish Consultative Councils

Finance Committee office@icspotswood.com Deborah Evennou debbieevennou@yahoo.com Pastoral Council

HELP WANTED

Immaculate Conception School is in need of teachers for the below positions.



732-251-3090

- After Care Facilitator
- Substitute Teachers
- Athletic Director
- Spring Track Asst. Coach

If you would like additional information or are interested in one of the positions, please contact the school at forward or resume

schooloffice@icsspotswood.com

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2024-2025 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at https://online.factsmgt.com/aid. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2024. Applications are available in English and

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 28

ICS OPEN HOUSE 10 am - 1 pm

January 29

- CCD 6 pm
- Rosary Exec. Board 6:30 pm Café
- Bible Timeline Class Cafe

January 30

CCD 6 pm

January 31

BINGO

February 1

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February 2

Confessions and Adoration 7 pm

February 4

Rosary Altar Society Meeting 10 am Café

February 5

- NO CCD
- Bible Timeline Class Cafe
- HSA Meeting 7:30 pm Tech Room

February 6

NO CCD

February 7

BINGO

February 8

BINGO

February 10

Liturgy Ministry Retreat Day 8:30 am mass

ROSARY FOR LIFE

All parishioners are invited to join the Right to Life group on the fourth Saturday of each month at 7:45 am.



BINGO



Wednesdays and Thursdays Doors open at 6pm, Calling begins at 7:30pm

Kitchen is Open for dinner and snacks See our Facebook page for this week's

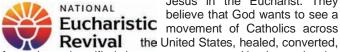
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Admission is \$4.00 per person Bingo board packets are \$2.00/\$4.00 each Specials are \$1.00 each sheet Progressive is \$3.00 per sheet Various Pull-tabs are \$1.00 each Bingo Daubers for sale. Must be 18 to play.

NATIONAL YEAR OF EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

What is a National Eucharistic Revival?

The Bishops of the United States are calling for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of



Jesus in the Eucharist. They Eucharistic believe that God wants to see a movement of Catholics across

formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist-and sent out in mission "for the life of the world." These three years will culminate in the first National Eucharistic Congress in the United States in almost fifty years. Almost a hundred thousand Catholics will join together in Indianapolis for a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage toward the "source and summit" of our Catholic faith.

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL QUOTE FOR MEDITATION

"Holiness is a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident -- in the most audacious way -- in His Fatherly goodness."

- St. Therese of the Infant Jesus

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage (NEP) has publicly launched! The NEP (https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/) will consist of four cross-country Eucharistic processions, collectively traversing the entire continental United States over a two-month period, beginning during the feast of Pentecost, May 17-19, 2024.

The pilgrimage is being organized by the National Eucharistic Revival campaign in conjunction with Modern Catholic Pilgrim, a Catholic nonprofit dedicated to deepening the faith across the country through pilgrimages. Along the way, the pilgrims will make stops in major U.S. cities, churches, Catholic colleges, and holy sites. Parishes along the routes will host Mass, adoration, devotions, praise and worship, lectures on the Eucharist, and more.

The Seton Route, which will begin in New Haven, Connecticut, will be passing through the Diocese of Metuchen on May 27-28, 2024. The four pilgrimage processions will ultimately converge in Indianapolis on July 16, 2024, to participate in the National Eucharistic Congress. Adam Carlisle, Secretary Evangelization and Communication, will be helping to organize our diocese's involvement. If anyone is interested in assisting with this important event, please feel free to contact him at acarlisle@diometuchen.org.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou. O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



Friends of Immaculate Conception

Immaculate Conception Church and School is starting a new program called Friends of Immaculate Conception. If you are a business owner or your business allows and you are willing to make a donation to the parish or school if a member of Immaculate Conception chooses to use your business, then you are a Friend of Immaculate Conception. These patrons will frequently be listed in the Parish bulletin reminding parishioners to support our Friends. If you would like to sign up for the program, please contact the Parish Office at 732-251-3110.

Current Friends of Immaculate Conception are: Herman W. Redd of Caldwell Banker Real Estate Brokerage; Flooring Central; Brunswick Memorial Home; DeMarco Funeral Home; Guarini Plumbing & Heating, Pascarella Nursery, Especially For You Florist, Tuscany of Old Bridge

RETROUVAILLE Stress In Your Marriage?

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?



RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ. RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group

discussions) with four follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is February 2 - 4, 2024. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or email 3024@helpourmarriage.org.

CHOICES MATTER A Critical Life Issues Conference March 16, 2024

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity presents "Choices Matter - A Critical Life Issues Conference which will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway on Saturday, March 16, 2024. An Opening Mass will be celebrated by Bishop James Checchio at 9:00 AM and the conference will begin at 10:00 AM and end at 3:30 pm. This year's topics/expert speakers are:

- Jim Towey Author and advisor and personal friend of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta
- Kevin Dunn An award-winning filmmaker and pro-life speaker
- Evie West Ex-gang member, Teen Mom & Dy Author "Revolving Choices: Playing Roulette with Life"

General registration is \$35 and student registration is \$15. The conference features Eucharistic Adoration, exhibits and more. The fee includes lunch and handouts. To register visit: welcome! For questions or for more information please email amarshall@diometuchen.org. Seating is limited.

PERPETUAL ADORATION – SHRINE CHAPEL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, in Raritan, is looking for adorers to sit with the Blessed Sacrament Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is also being offered the third Thursday of each Month (Night Vigil) from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Anyone interested in signing up should visit https://blessedsacramentshrine.com/

DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY

April 20th, 2024 Check-In Begins at 10am. The day will run from 10:30-5pm.

St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Edison

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will run our Diocesan Youth Day at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Edison, NJ on Saturday, April 20th, 2024.

Throughout the course of this day, 8th-12th grade teens will come together to enter into the sacrament of the Mass, have fun with one another, hear talks from Chika Anyanwu, have the opportunity for Adoration and Confession, enjoy live music, good food, and more!

Please register here: https://www.diometuchen.org/diocesan-youth-day

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO THE DIACONATE?

The Diocese is looking for Spanish-speaking or bilingual men who are interested in becoming Deacons. A new diaconate formation class is about to begin. Applications for that class will be accepted this Spring; prior to applying, interested men must attend an Information Meeting. Information Meetings will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 7:00 PM and again on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 10:00 AM. If you are between the ages of 35 and 60, and you believe you are being called to this ministry, you, your wife and your pastor are cordially invited to attend one of these meetings. If you have any questions, or wish to advise that you will attend, please contact the Diocesan Diaconate Office at (732)562-2457 or diaconate@diometuchen.org.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE on the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord

February 2 (February 3-4 in parishes) 2024:

Please join in praying for our clergy and those in consecrated life. We would appreciate your prayers also for discerners to the priesthood as well as to a life of vowed consecration. For more information on the World Day for Consecrated Life from USCCB: https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/world-day-consecrated-life

TO THE PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN, MAY WE SUGGEST...

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little one to see and hear what is going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.

Quietly explain the parts of Mass and actions of the priest, altar servers, etc.

Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me"

Remember that the way we welcome children in the church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

The presence of children is a gift to the church and they are a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

LENTEN NIGHT OF RECOLLECTION



As We Journey Together Through Lent Thursday, February 15, 2024 Private prayer 6:00pm — Spiritual Presentation 6:15pm Mass 7:00pm Lenten Soup Supper following Mass

Reflection by Lori Albanese, JCL Theme "Enriched through Ecumenism" Lenten Soup Supper \$7.00 per person

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