

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

Deacon John McGuire
Retired

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

Dr. John Maresca, Interim Principal

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Phillip Steffani, Director of Music

Tuition: 732-251-3110

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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


MASS INTENTIONS
OF THE WEEK

APRIL 28, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

8:30 AM George Boruch

5:00 PM Kathleen Hoyle

**Celebrant: Rev. John O'Kane*

Priest of the Day: Rev. David Skoblow

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

7:00 AM Alan Bartlett

**Celebrant: Rev. John O'Kane*

9:00 AM Loretta Sorge

**Celebrant: Rev. Fredy Triana-Beltran*

11:00 AM Parishioners

**Celebrant: Rev. Fredy Triana-Beltran*

Priest of the Day: Rev. Stanislaw Slaby

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024

7:00 AM Keren Derechailo

9:30 AM Salvatore Petruso

Priest of the Day: Rev. William J. Smith

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024

7:00 AM Evelyn Lester

9:30 AM Michele, Francesca & Maria Gambino

Priest of the Day: Rev. Gilbert Starcher

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024

7:00 AM Miriam Grogan

9:30 AM Salvatore Petruso

Priest of the Day: Rev. John Stec

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

7:00 AM Olga Shatynski

9:30 AM Michele, Francesca & Maria Gambino

Priest of the Day: Rev. Peter Suhaka

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

7:00 AM Banach Family

9:30 AM Lauryn McCaffery

Priest of the Day: Rev. Msgr. Andrew Szaroleta

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

8:30 AM Rev. Stanley Jarosz

5:00 PM Parishioners

**Celebrant: Rev. Fredy Triana-Beltran*

Priest of the Day: Rev. John Szezepanik

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

7:00 AM Alan Bartlett

**Celebrant: Rev. Fredy Triana-Beltran*

9:00 AM Lily Gallagher

**Celebrant: Rev. John O'Kane*

11:00 AM Lil & Tom LaRegina

**Celebrant: Rev. John O'Kane*

Priest of the Day: Rev. Mauricio Tabera-Vasquez

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

April 13 & 14	2024	2023
<u>First Collection</u>	\$ 7,004.00	\$ 5,631.50
<u>Second Collection</u>	\$ 1,670.00	\$ 1,583.00

**THE ABOVE INFORMATION DOES NOT INCLUDE
FAITH DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS.**

Readings for the week April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

St. Catherine of Siena

Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8 or, for the Memorial, Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58

St. Athanasius

Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

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. 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.

Eucharistic



Adoration

MAY CROWNING

The May Crowning will be held on Sunday, May 5th at the 11 am mass. *All parishioners are invited to attend. First Communicants are invited to wear their Communion outfits and participate.*





Week 1: Joseph Avila, Rosemary Boseman, Moira Appicelli Burns, Bob Driscoll, Alicia Ferraro, Charlie Figliozzi, Ahmed Hamoud, Denik Joseph, Sue Karlis, Jean Kushmerick, Henryk Malik, Janet McCarron, Michael Miller, Satya Tobin

Week 2: Ryan Alcantara, James Finnigan, Melissa Irizarry, Kathy Palumbo, Stan Pepka, Darius Reyes, Cecilia Sauer, Colin Shanahan, Jack Swartz, Cathy Valendo, Ann Marie Vetrecin, Mary, Christopher, JB, Baby Ivory

Week 3: Paul Adamowicz, Mano Basile, Ron C., Joey DePalma, James Michael Fisher, Barbara Novak, Betty Orzo, Brian Race, Charlie Race, Zachary Riti, Karson Swartzbaugh, Jonathan Volpe

Week 4: Betty Colgate, Cindy Czarnecki, Henry Doell, Cameron Dubay, Robert Fisher, Deidre Gomm, Amber Gunther, Nicole Harker, Corey Jones, Harry Jones, John Kornacki, John Mazurek, Joseph Panasiddi, Carolyn Pfisterer, Sofia Russo, Kitty Sauer, Josephine Turiano, Mark Vern, Leah Weeast, Caitlin

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.

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.



Fifth Sunday of Easter

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” -1 JOHN 3:18



Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk?” Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you

give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it’s not too late to start!

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to donate Altar Flowers, please contact Joanne Petrow in the parish office at 732-251-3110 for availability. This weekend Altar flowers are in honor of First Holy Communion and on the Blessed Mother Altar in Memory of Enrico Rigutto.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL NOW ENROLLING FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR!

Immaculate Conception School EST. 1960 is a Roman Catholic Pre-K-8th grade co-educational school that exists to promote, encourage and foster faith, integrity, charity, and scholarship with all members of the school community.



ICS offers full day programs for Pre-K, Kindergarten and Grades 1-8; Aftercare programs onsite & provides extra-curricular opportunities including fine & performing arts, music, STEM & Technology and Athletic Programs. Contact us today at (732) 251-3090 or schooloffice@icspotswood.com. Go to icspotswood.org/tour-our-school to take a virtual tour & learn more.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2024-25

Religious Education Registration for the 2024-2025 school year has begun. Registration packets for existing families were sent home the beginning of March. New families may contact the Religious Education office at 732-251-5973 or email ccd@icspotswood.com to request a Registration Packet.

Registration must be completed by August 1st so that books and materials can be ordered on time for the start of classes the week of September 16th/17th.

The Religious Education is a volunteer organization and parent involvement is the key to the success of our program. We need help to keep the program working and growing. The Diocese of Metuchen mandates Virtus training and background check for all volunteers. For more information and to volunteer please call the Religious Education office at 732-251-5973.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

The next monthly food collection will be held the weekend of May 11th and 12th. 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, May 12th**.



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 Progressive amounts at

www.Facebook.com/ICSbingo or the parish website.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 29

- CCD 6 pm
- Bible Timeline Class 6 pm

April 30

- CCD 6 pm

May 1

- BINGO

May 2

- BINGO
- Right to Life Meeting 7 pm Rectory Bsmt.

May 3

- Confessions and Exposition 7 pm

May 4

- ICS Flea Market 9-2

May 5

- May Crowning at 11 am mass

May 6

- CCD 6 pm

May 7

- CCD 6 pm

May 8

- BINGO

May 9

- BINGO

May 10

- Exposition 7 pm

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.



May 12, 26

June 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.**



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.



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



VEGETABLE GARDEN DONATIONS

The ICC Community Garden Committee is asking for vegetable plants/donations for this year's garden. All vegetables grown are donated to Alice's CUP Food Pantry in Spotswood. Donations are used for garden supplies and to help maintain the garden. Popular vegetables for the food pantry are varieties of peppers, tomatoes, squash and cucumbers. Plant donations will be accepted the weekend of May 4th and 5th. There will be a table set-up in the church foyer for plants and garden donations; please leave all plants in the foyer by 12 noon on Sunday. Thank you for helping to make our church garden a success.



EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES PILGRIMAGE

October 13-23, 2024

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

You're cordially invited to join us on a deeply meaningful pilgrimage to Italy from October 13 to October 23. Together, we'll embark on a spiritual odyssey to explore the profound mysteries of the Eucharist and pay homage to the revered St. Padre Pio in San Giovanni Rotondo.

Throughout our pilgrimage, we'll delve into the rich tapestry of Eucharistic miracles that have graced the land of Italy, witnessing firsthand the miraculous presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. These encounters will serve as profound reminders of the awe-inspiring power and boundless love of our Lord.

Our journey will also lead us to the hallowed grounds of San Giovanni Rotondo, where the incorruptible body of St. Padre Pio serves as a beacon of faith and devotion to millions around the world. Here, we'll have the opportunity to venerate this beloved saint, seek his intercession, and draw inspiration from his remarkable life of holiness and service. This pilgrimage isn't just a trip; it's a transformative experience that promises to deepen our connection to the Eucharist and strengthen our faith in profound ways. It's an invitation to step outside of our everyday lives and immerse ourselves in the sacred beauty and spiritual richness of Italy. We warmly encourage you to join us on this journey of discovery, prayer, and fellowship as we seek to renew our hearts and souls in the presence of Christ and the legacy of St. Padre Pio.

For further details and to reserve your place, please contact Juan Ignacio Zurita at 1-786-656-0594

NATIONAL YEAR OF EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

What is a National Eucharistic Revival?

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



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. They believe that God wants to see a movement of Catholics across the United States, healed, converted, 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.

PARISH EMAIL ADDRESSES/SOCIAL MEDIA

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EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL QUOTE FOR MEDITATION

THE EUCHARIST IS THE HEART OF THE CHURCH

"Consider the generosity of our Savior: what He acquired by dying becomes ours by eating. As often as we receive this Sacrament with proper dispositions, we make our own the fruits of all the labors, injuries and sufferings of His life, especially those borne at the time of His passion and death. Just as the power and the sensations of the head reach all the members of the body, in the same way, because Christ is "the head of the Church which is His Body" (Eph. 1:23), the treasures of His grace are made abundantly available to all who through charity are one with Him as living members."

- Louis of Grenada (1554-1623)

2024 Bishop’s Annual Appeal

STAY WITH US, LORD: Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission

If you missed it, you can still see the Bishop’s Annual Appeal video by going online to <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>. Watch it and see all the good work being done in your name, thanks to your support of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. If you haven’t already done so, please prayerfully consider a gift today!



NJ CATHOLIC YOUTH RALLY AT SIX FLAGS GREAT ADVENTURE

May 19, 2024

1 Six Flags Boulevard, Jackson, NJ



The NJ Catholic Youth Rally is a day-long event that gathers teens from across the state of NJ for a day of fun, fellowship, Mass, and more held at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ. The day starts with a dynamic opening ceremony. Teens then get the day to enjoy the park

and all the rides. The day concludes in the Batman Stunt Arena with a Mass. Open to all Jr. High, High School & Young Adult Ministry, Scouting Parish/School Athletic Programs, and families!

The registration DEADLINE is May 10th.

Register here: <https://www.diometuchen.org/youth-rally>

ANNOUNCEMENT

In a letter dated April 8, 2024 we were informed that Mr. Jerome Roxas Ocampo, who served in our parish, has been called by Most Reverend James F. Checchio, Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen, to the Order of Deacon. He will be ordained on Friday, May 3, 2024 at 4:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. Please keep him and all of the seminarians in your prayers

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

July 19-21, 2024



A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held July 19 – 21, 2024. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

IMMIGRATION TALKS

We will be resuming **immigration talks** in coordination with Catholic Charities, so if your parish is interested in hosting an immigration talk, please email us at Lescobar@diometuchen.org and let us know the best day for you and your community.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Communications and Public Relations calls for submissions for the Diocesan Media Showcase celebrating the 58th World Communications Day.

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Communications and Public Relations extends an invitation to all photographers, writers, and graphic artists residing within the Diocese of Metuchen to participate in our upcoming showcase celebrating World Communications Day 2024. With the goal and aim of living out a synodal Church through Faith communications, the local Catholic Church seeks to set out new and effective ways of sharing the gospel message through its local storytellers.

This year's theme, inspired by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, revolves around "Artificial Intelligence and Wisdom of the Heart: For a Fully Human Communication.

Learn more at www.diometuchen.org/wcdshowcase

REMEMBER THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES



Heavenly Father, keep safe the women and men serving our country in the Armed Forces around the world, especially those who work to bring order to Iraq and Afghanistan, and give eternal rest to those who have died in the struggle for peace and freedom.

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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, Pasarella Nursery, Especially For You Florist, Tuscany of Old Bridge

NATIONWIDE PRAYER CAMPAIGN

The U.S. Supreme Court has begun hearing oral arguments in a case that could impact the widespread accessibility of abortion pills. We invite you to offer [this prayer to St. Joseph](#) daily for the end of abortion and for the protection of women and pre-born children, starting today and continuing through June, when a decision is expected. [Learn more.](#)

SAVE THE DATE DIOCESAN EVENTS

Please save the date and join us for the following celebrations. These are expressions of our tradition as a Hispanic community in our Diocese of Metuchen:

Hispanic Pilgrimage to the Blue Army Shrine.

May 25, 2024, from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.

Hispanic Heritage Mass at the St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral.

October 11, 2024 at 7 pm.

Stay tuned for more information

BIBLE IN A YEAR FOR WOMEN

The virtual women's group will be following Fr. Mike Schmitz's "Bible in a Year" podcast and meeting **each Sunday at 2:30 on Zoom** to discuss insights from the week. For details or to participate, please contact Cristina at cdaverso@diometuchen.org

INDOOR YARD SALE & CRAFT FAIR

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, PARISH HALL

100 MAIN STREET, HELMETTA

Saturday, May 18, 2024 8 am – 2 pm

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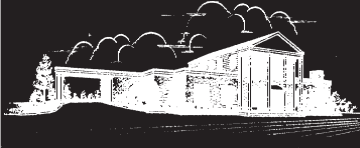


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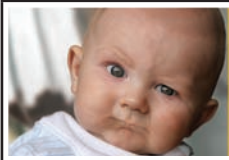
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