

# Church of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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*Pastor*

**Rev. Joseph Thien Ban Ho**  
*Parochial Vicar*

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**Deacon Patrick Smith**

**Deacon John McGuire**  
*Retired*

## ***Welcome to New Families!***

*New families moving into the parish are to register at the parish office in person or by completing the registration form, found on the parish website, and mailing or bringing it to the parish office. Certificates of eligibility to sponsor a 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

**CCD:** 732-251-5973

Kim Bohinski-Smith, PCL

**Music Ministry:** 908-313-8674

Phillip Steffani, Director of Music

## ***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

**Friday:** 7:00 pm

### **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 12:30 pm.

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

**OCIA:** Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is a process (1) for adults who were never Baptized or Baptized Christian in another church or (2) Catholics who have not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist to enter into full Communion with the church. For additional information contact the Parish Office or email [deacontomgriffoul@gmail.com](mailto:deacontomgriffoul@gmail.com).

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

**Parish Website:** [www.chicspotswood.com](http://www.chicspotswood.com)



# MASS INTENTIONS

OF THE WEEK

**JANUARY 25, 2026**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026**

8:30 AM Joseph F. Jones & Kathleen Jones  
 5:00 PM John Savoia  
*Priest of the Day: Rev. Msgr. William Fadrowski*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026**

7:00 AM Frank & Theresa Soos  
 9:00 AM Salvatore Petruso  
 11:00 AM Parishioners  
*Priest of the Day: Rev. Eugeniusz Fasuga*

**MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026**

7:00 AM Thomas Gallo, Jr.  
 9:30 AM Harry Boyer  
*Priest of the Day: Rev. Msgr. John Fell*

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026**

7:00 AM Alison Kenneway  
 9:30 AM Hopelin Sahay and Joel Kevlin – Living Intention  
*Priest of the Day: Rev. Frank Fellrath*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026**

7:00 AM Paola & Francesco Sorci  
 9:30 AM Robert J. Kowalski  
*Priest of the Day: Rev. Michael Fragoso*

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026**

7:00 AM Juana Lugo  
 9:30 AM George McGuire  
*Priest of the Day: Rev. Randy Gamboa-Espinoza*

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026**

7:00 AM Elizabeth Duffy  
 9:30 AM Marie Mauro  
*Priest of the Day: Rev. Juan Carlos Gaviria*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026**

8:30 AM Salvatore Petruso  
 5:00 PM Parishioners  
*Priest of the Day: Rev. Msgr. John Gordon*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026**

7:00 AM John Hennessey  
 9:00 AM Dominick Torre, Jr.  
 11:00 AM Phyllis Marks  
*Priest of the Day: Rev. Piotr Grezskiewicz*

**REQUIESCANT IN PACE**

In the charity of your prayers please pray for Nancy Alborea 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**

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
<b>January 10 &amp; 11</b>		
<b>First Collection</b>	<b>\$ 6,600.52</b>	<b>\$ 7,127.50</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,317.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,946.00</b>

*The above information does not include on-line giving.*

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

This week the Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of Robert J. Kowalski.



**Readings for the week January 25, 2026**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10—13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

**Sts. Timothy & Titus**

2 Tim 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time**

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35

**St. Thomas Aquinas**

2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time**

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25

**St. John Bosco**

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time**

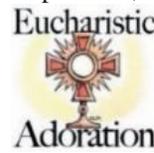
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Zep 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Eucharistic 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.



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

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



**Week 1:** Paul Adamowicz, Ryan Alcantara, Rudy Choborda, Jr., Grace O'Connor, Kathy Palumbo, Joan Potosnak, Cecilia Sauer, Lisa Trombino, Mary, Christopher, Anthony

**Week 2:** Melanie Amaral, Diane H. Barlow, Ron C., Betty Colgate, James Doud, Kevin Duffy, James Michael Fisher, Melissa Irizarry, Alex & Matthew Ledbetter, Doreen Pinto, Kyle Shaw, Tim Sheehy, Chris Spano, Josephine Turiano, Cathy Valendo, Robert

**Week 3:** Esther D., Robert Fisher, Deidre Gomm, Theresa Griesing, Amber Gunther, John Kornacki, Carol Maines, Lillian Merola, Bill Nolan, Carolyn Pfisterer, Douglas Price, Ryan Pryor, Kitty Sauer, Jeanne Sax, John Venditti, Cathy Vocaturo

**Week 4:** Moira Appicelli Burns, Darcy Carey, Theresa Castranova, Joseph Cella, Alicia Ferraro, Maureen & Frank Gavigan, Nicole Harker, Sue Hulseberg, Eddie Lugo, Carmen Morcelo, Joe Palumbo, Stacy R., Angi Redd, Stephanie S., Kim VB, Leah Weeast

All special intentions (1) 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](mailto:office@icspotswood.com).

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month at 12:15 pm.



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

**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.

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him."*  
**MATTHEW 4:22**



Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

**MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION**

The next monthly food collection will be held the weekend of February 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup>**.



**FOOD DONATION THANK YOU!**

I want to extend my deepest thanks to all the parishioners at Immaculate Conception Church for your generous donations to our local Spotswood food pantry, Alice's CUP. Whenever I bring the donations to the pantry, there is a continuous line of people, mostly elderly or young families, seeking assistance. This past week like many other times, as we brought in your donations, the volunteers were taking them directly to their shelves. Your gifts help feed over 340 area families each month. The need is truly great, and I am proud of all of you for living your Catholic values and heeding the words of Jesus, "I was hungry and you gave me to eat." May God bless you all. – Deacon Tom Griffoul

**FAMILY MASS**

The Family Mass is offered at the 11 am mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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 in the church.



**RIGHT TO LIFE LAPEL ROSE SALE**

The Immaculate Conception Right to Life will be hosting a Lapel Rose Sale **this weekend after all masses.**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### January 25

- Masses 7 am, 9 am and 11 am
- Baptism 12:15 pm

### January 26

- Daily Masses 7 am and 9:30 am
- CCD 6 pm

### January 27

- Daily Masses 7 am and 9:30 am
- CCD 6 pm
- Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled Café 7 pm

### January 28

- Daily Masses 7 am and 9:30 am
- OCIA Class
- BINGO

### January 29

- Daily Masses 7 am and 9:30 am
- BINGO

### January 30

- Daily Masses 7 am and 9:30 am
- Exposition 7 pm

### January 31

- Novena & Mass 8:15 am
- Confessions 3:30 pm
- Vigil Mass 5 pm

### February 1

- Masses 7 am, 9 am and 11 am
- 8:30 am Recitation of the Rosary
- Rosary Altar Society at 9 am Mass followed by meeting in the cafeteria
- Baptism Class 12:30 pm Registration Required

### February 2

- Daily Masses 7 am and 9:30 am
- CCD 6 pm

### February 3

- Daily Masses 7 am and 9:30 am
- CCD 6 pm
- Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled Café 7 pm

### February 4

- Daily Masses 7 am and 9:30 am
- OCIA Class
- BINGO

### February 5

- Daily Masses 7 am and 9:30 am
- BINGO

## 2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal

### *ONE IN CHRIST: Called to Love and Serve*

Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Very Reverend Jonathan Toborowsky, our Diocesan Administrator, coming to you this week announcing the 2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Visit the diocesan website [www.diometuchen.org](http://www.diometuchen.org) to learn the many ways your gift touches the lives of the faithful throughout Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren counties. Thanks to your generosity to the Appeal, together we are serving as instruments of hope, bringing comfort and counsel to those in crisis. We are also providing the formation of our future priests and deacons, inspiring our children and young adults to embrace our Catholic faith, and so much more. Please be as generous as your means allow. **A special thank you as Immaculate Conception was mentioned as one of the Top 5 parishes with increased participation from the prior year.**



## ANNUAL BEEFSTEAK DINNER

Immaculate Conception will be once again hosting its Annual Beefsteak Dinner on **Saturday, February 28th, 2026!** Cost of the dinner is \$45 per person which includes all the salad, French fries and of course all the Filet Mignon and Italian bread you can eat! Also included is all the beer, wine, soda or water you can drink! Dessert includes ice cream and coffee/tea. There will be raffles for wonderful baskets and a 50/50 raffle. Music to dance to and trophies for the champs. Please plan on spending a great night with the parish family and help support this Parish "Fun"draiser! Reservations can be made either at the parish office or by emailing [kmeadejr7@gmail.com](mailto:kmeadejr7@gmail.com).



### Help us make the Beefsteak Dinner all it can be!

The Beefsteak Committee is looking for prizes for our Tricky Tray raffle on February 28th. Any gifts that can be used to make baskets to help raise money for the parish would be appreciated. Tickets to sporting/entertainment events, rounds of golf at your club, electronic devices, gifts of fine wine/spirits, timeshare at vacation spots/homes are just a few items that would help us! If you are able to help us, email [kmeadejr7@gmail.com](mailto:kmeadejr7@gmail.com) and we will arrange to pick-up the items. If you are unsure if you have something to help, please email. Thank you for your generosity!

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

Please follow the link below to see the full Diocesan newsletter with images. Link to One Church Together Pastoral Newsletter: <https://diometuchen.org/events?page=1>



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**APOLOGY FROM  
CATHEDRAL LETTER CONCEPTS**

**Dear Parishioners and Staff:**

We sincerely apologize for the late arrival of your weekly offering envelopes. Due to unexpected catastrophic issues with our production equipment, we have experienced an unavoidable delay. We are working diligently to resolve the problem and restore our regular schedule. Please forgive us for this inconvenience—we greatly appreciate your patience and understanding.

Thank you - Cathedral Letter Concepts

**BINGO**

Wednesdays and Thursdays



Doors open at 5:45 pm, Calling begins at 7:15 pm

Kitchen is Open for dinner and snacks. See our Facebook page for this week's Progressive amounts at

[www.Facebook.com/ICSBingo](http://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.

**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



**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

**February 13-15, 2026**



A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to enrich your marriage, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide

Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 13 – 15. 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](http://www.wwme.org) for more information.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2026-2027 TUITION  
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Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Financial Aid Management at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2026. A signed Parish Verification Form is also required by the Diocese, and should be signed by your Pastor, and submitted to the school or schools your children attend. Eligibility requirements, instructions and forms can be found at <https://diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance>. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

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

**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.

**PARISH EMAIL ADDRESSES**

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**2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST**

If you would like a contribution statement for 2025, please complete this form and mail it to the parish office: Church of the Immaculate Conception, Attn: Rose Saracino, 18 South Street, Spotswood, NJ 08884. Form may also be dropped in collection bin.

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## Gospel Today

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time / Matthew 4:12-23

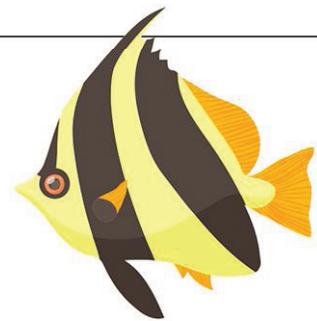
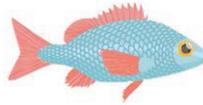
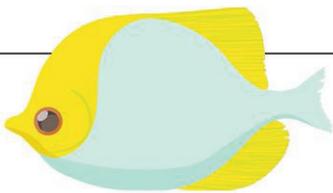
In today's Gospel, Jesus chose His first disciples at the Sea of Galilee. Brothers Simon Peter and Andrew were the first to be greeted by Jesus, followed by James and John. At once they left their boat and nets to become fishers of men and women with Jesus, as He began His ministry.

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Brothers James and John left their father Zebedee, their boat and nets, and followed Jesus.

As fishers of men and women, they would now help Jesus gather the people and preach the Good News.

### FOLLOW JESUS



Write the alphabet letters **NOT** found in the fish.

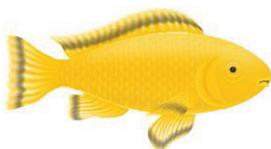


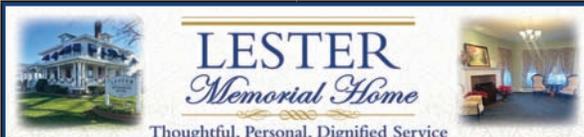
Unscramble the letters above and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.

Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the

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of Heaven is at hand." - Matthew 4:17



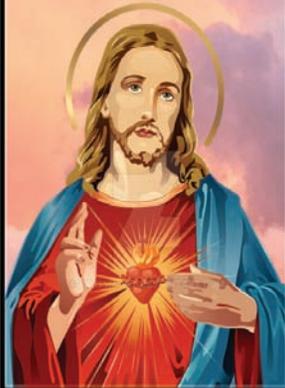


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