



**APRIL 15, 2018
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018

8:30 AM PEDRO MENDOZA

5:00 PM MARY JANE RAYMOND

Priest of the Day: Rev. Alexander A. Carles

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018

7:00 AM PARISHIONERS

9:00 AM KATHLEEN MARY FREUND

11:00 AM ANTONIO FAJARDO

Priest of the Day: Rev. Thomas A. Carlton

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018

7:00 AM RALPH FRANCO

9:30 AM ANN MARIE MARINELLO

Priest of the Day: Very Rev. Peter R. Cebulka

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018

7:00 AM CHRISTOPHER GALLO

9:30 AM CASIMIRO GRIPPI

Priest of the Day: Rev. Msgr. Joseph G. Celano

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018

7:00 AM WALTER MOCHARI

9:30 AM STANLEY & ROSE CHORAZY

Priest of the Day: Rev. Keith M. Cervine

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018

7:00 AM ERNEST GIANGRECO

9:30 AM LEON MUYALDE

Priest of the Day: Rev. Peter Akkanath Chakkunny

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018

7:00 AM WILLIAM WAITWORD

9:30 AM JOHN SAVOIA

Priest of the Day: Rev. A. David Chalackal

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018

8:30 AM SALVATORE PETRUSO

5:00 PM JOSEPH & ANNA ZENZOLA

Priest of the Day: Most Rev. Bishop James F. Checchio

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

7:00 AM PARISHIONERS

9:00 AM WILLIAM N. CONWAY

11:00 AM ANTHONY DELLA RATTA

Priest of the Day: Rev. Vincent P. Chen

Please pray for our Priest of the Day and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is regularly held in our church every Friday from 7:00 PM until 8:15 PM. Any changes to this Friday 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.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

In the charity of your prayers please pray for Carole Dugan, Josephine Schmidt, Aldo Scopelliti and all the faithfully 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.



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>March 31 & April 1</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<u>Holy Land</u>	\$ 1,688.00	\$ 1,488.00
<u>Easter</u>	\$24,237.00	\$24,267.00

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

Readings For The Week of April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9 1Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48

Monday

Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51-7:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6ab, 7b, 8a, 17, 21Ab Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51

Friday I

Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1-2 Jn 6:52-59

Saturday – St. Anselm

Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-17 Jn 6:60-69

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 29 1Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18

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.



HOSPITAL AND HOMEBOUND VISITATION

Visits are made to St. Peter's and Robert Wood Johnson Hospital by request. If you have a family member in either of these two hospitals or any of the area hospitals, please call the parish office and let us know. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion to the sick and homebound on a regular basis. If you are sick or confined at home and would like a visit from a Eucharistic Minister, please call the parish office.

Wedding Banns

ii. Nicholas Roccasalvo and Kimberly Kliesch

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Parish Office	office@icspotswood.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Week 1: Rosemarie Basale, Timothy Burns, Samantha Chan, James Dittman, Carol Doell, Tara Green, Peter Heckler Anthony Muldowney, Sandy Russell, Angela Seali, Hanan Tadrous, Louise & Bob Tracy

Week 2: Joey DePalma, Ann Lipovsky, Jonathan Volpe Baby Lily

Week 3: Roger Decibus, Virginia Gorman, Edith Loiacono, Stephen Lemanski, Edith Powell, James Powell, Diane Rademacher, James Wheeler

Week 4: Ben O'Dowd, Brayden Pratt, Kitty Sauer
1 special intention and all the sick and recovering of our parish. *If you would like to have a name placed on the "Pray for the Sick" list, please call the parish office during business hours. Names on the Sick List will be included for four weeks. If you would like a name to be listed beyond four weeks, please call the Parish Office at that time.*

If you or someone you know is sick or in the hospital, please let us know so that we can pray for them.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

This weekend is the monthly food collection. Non-perishable food items, baby food and disposable diapers (sizes 3, 4 and 6) are always needed! Please leave your donations in the church foyer before 12:00 PM on Sunday, **April 15th**. **The next monthly food collection will be held the weekend of May 12th and 13th.**



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are scheduled on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at **12:15 pm**.

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

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Please welcome to our parish family Camryn Paige Stankiewicz and Haley Marie Warner who were recently baptized.

BAPTISM CLASS



First time parents are required to attend Baptism Class. Our next Baptism Class will be held on **Thursday, April 19, 2018** at 7:30 PM in the rectory basement meeting room, 18 South St. To register contact the parish office at 732-251-3110.

CALL FOR ALTAR SERVERS

As Pope John Paul II so eloquently said: *"Altar server occupies a privileged place in the liturgy, you are much more than simple "helpers of the priest" above all, you are servers of Jesus Christ."*



All students in 4th grade and up are welcome to become altar servers. Please pick up a form in the church foyer and return completed form to the parish office by April 25th. Training will take place on April 27th 5:30-7 pm. Contact the parish office with any questions at office@icspotswood.com

THANK YOU

A big thank you from the Rosarians to all of you that helped to make our "Baby Shower" to Great Expectations such a great success. The playpen was full of beautiful and thoughtful gifts for our ladies at Great Expectations. We are sure the ladies who receive these gifts will be forever grateful. Also, thank you for the monetary gifts and gift cards. Thank you to Geri and Terry for organizing this event. We could not have done it without all of your support.



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, April 25 at 7 PM in the cafeteria. All Committee Chairpersons should attend. ALL ARE WELCOME.

ROSARIAN COMMUNION BREAKFAST – Sunday - May 6

– Annual Communion Breakfast at Pierre's (South Brunswick) after the 9 AM Mass and induction of new members and officers. **Guest Speaker:** Patrick Richardson, Esq. **Topic:** Preparation for Future Retirement. Mr. Richardson is a proud graduate of Immaculate Conception, St. Peter's HS and Rutgers Univ. He is a former Deputy Attorney General of New Jersey and practices in NJ and PA. **Cost: \$29.00.** Check payable to ICC. Payment now due. Please mail check to Eileen Farragher, 484B Fairton Drive, Monroe Twp., NJ 08831

SIGHT N SOUND - OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS - Saturday, June 23- 11 AM Show

to see the "Story of Jesus". Join us on a miraculous journey from the streets of Jerusalem to the Sea of Galilee alongside the most famous personal friend ever to walk the earth, JESUS. We will leave IC at 7:30 am for the 11 am show. Will stop for coffee. After the show an early dinner at the famous "Shady Maple". Approximate return 8:30 pm. **Cost: \$135.00** includes show, dinner, transportation and gratuity. Please make check payable to IC Church. Bring payment to May meeting or mail check to Eileen Farragher, 484B Fairton Drive, Monroe Twp., NJ 08831. For additional info, please call Eileen at 609-860-0641.

To join the Rosary-Altar Society, please call Elvi (Membership Chairperson) at 732-251-2739.

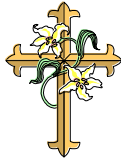
MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 21 & 22

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5pm	C. Buffalino	M. Kussavage R. Nolan D. Raschdorf N. Steen	C. Buffalino K. Buffalino
7 am	A. Adamowicz	C. Gush C. Maines A. Menezes V. Phillips	K. Hunter N. Kasper
9 am	T. Konopacki	A. Griffoul M. Griffoul R. Kasper L. Konopacki	C. Menezes J. Menezes
11 am	L. Miller	D. Blanchett P. Boyle P. Heinz	B. Perdoni R. Ramos

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.



WELCOME!

Congratulations and welcome to the new members of our Parish Family who were fully initiated at the Easter Vigil:

**Claudia Chan
Samantha Chan
Amy Gauvain
Karalyn Herban
Cleide Tyliczka**

Also those who have come into full communion with the Catholic Church

**Helen Chan
Ming Chan**

Many thanks for the prayers that have been offered for them during these past months of their preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation.



"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." – ACTS 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents, your abilities 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.



UNLOCK THE MAGIC AND BECOME PART OF THE ICS FAMILY!

Immaculate Conception School and Preschool will be hosting our Spring Open House on **Thursday, April 19, 2018** from 9-11am at 23 Manalapan Road, Spotswood. Join us for school tours & refreshments! Can't make it to Open House? Visit www.icsspotswood.org to schedule a tour! We look forward to meeting you and your families!

Brighten Your Child's Summer at Immaculate Conception Camp

June 18– August 10

Ages 3-7 years old

Full day 9am– 3pm or Half day 9am – 11:30 am

Monday– Friday 2, 3, 4 or 5 days per week

Choose your own weeks with extended care available

Themed Activities, Creative Arts and Crafts, Musical Games, Indoor and Outdoor Play, Wading Pools Daily, Enrichment Activities

Register today! Registration fee waived before May 1st.

732-251-7430 - gmartin@icsspotswood.com.

BLAST!

Believing, Living and Sharing Together
YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Calendar of Future Events:

- April 27th - YG Meeting - International Nite
- May 11th - Youth Group Meeting
- May 20th- Catholic Youth Rally Six Flags
- June 3rd - Youth Group Mass & Picnic

The Youth Group is open to all students in grades 6 through 12. Come see for yourself how fun and exciting living our faith can be! You don't want to miss it.

Check us out on Instagram: **Blast_2k17**

Do you want to get text reminders for meetings and special events? Text **@askura to 81010**.

Know anyone else that might benefit from Youth Group? Invite them along. Bring a friend and share your faith!

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL STATUS

As of April 5th, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$60,882.00 and payments totaling \$54,225.50 from 304 parishioners. This represents 71.6% of our \$85,000.00 goal.

CHURCH COMMUNITY GARDEN

A meeting will be held Thursday April 19th at 7PM in the rectory basement for those interested in helping with this year's Immaculate Conception Community Garden. Help is needed to plant, water, harvest, weed and maintain our church's vegetable garden. Last year we successfully donated many vegetables to the Spotswood CUP Food Pantry. We also helped to clean up other church ground areas and weeded/groomed the rectory and gym last year. If you are interested but cannot attend, please call Eileen at 732-735-4168.



CARNIVAL DONATIONS NEEDED

The Carnival Committee is in need of donations of the following items: canned good, dry goods, paper goods, household cleaning solutions, sponges, mops, brooms, etc. A donation bin will be in the church foyer from April 14th through April 29th. Thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support of the Parish Carnival.



HEALING MASS

There will be a Healing Mass in Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Beloved Savior on Tuesday, April 17th at 7 pm in the church. The celebrant will be Rev. Ignatius Mary Okoroji, SJV. All are invited to attend.



ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA

The Diocese of Metuchen is honored to host the official relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina to commemorate the 50th anniversary of his passing. All are welcome for public veneration, Tuesday April 17, 2018 from 9:00am to 6:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. Confession will also be available. For more information please visit: www.stfranciscathedral.org; email: info@stfranciscathedral.org; or call 732-548-0100.

PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

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ELECTRONIC GIVING: FAITH DIRECT

Do you often find yourself without your checkbook or envelope on Sunday morning? Join the many parishioners who have already enrolled in Faith Direct for automated giving to Immaculate Conception. Faith Direct is secure and convenient, and will provide you with an offertory card to place in the basket during the collections. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Sign up today by visiting www.faithdirect.net. Our parish code is **NJ107**. You can also pick up an enrollment form at the parish office or call Faith Direct's toll-free number, 866-507-8757, for more information. *Please consider using Faith Direct today!*

You may also wish to make a one-time gift to Immaculate Conception!



ICU 2018 SPRING SEMESTER

ICU - Immaculate Conception University - an all **voluntary** teaching arm of our Parish, offers a variety of **FREE** classes open to parishioners and non-parishioners of all ages. A Registration fee of \$10.00 will be collected in the first class.

ICU- Spring 2018 Semester:

Classes begin Tuesday, May 1, 2018 and will be held in the Rectory Basement

Registration: Registration begins April 16 by Phone 732-252-5777 or 732-251-3110

1. Irish Dance Class:

Tuesday Evening 6:00-7:00PM

Instructor: Cathleen Dower, Founder of The Fitzgerald School of Irish Dance. For Beginners of all ages; you don't have to be Irish to enjoy the benefits of this highly aerobic dance! With a focus on increasing flexibility, endurance, and most importantly, having fun, Irish Dance will build one's confidence level every time a new step is mastered! The student will learn Beginner Soft shoe dances which consist mostly of Jigs and Reels. The goals for this 6 week class are to build confidence, lasting friendships, and walk away with a sense of accomplishment from mastering a challenging yet fun art form! **Tuesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5**

2. Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

Tuesday Morning 10:30 AM-12:00 Noon or 12:30-2:00 PM

Facilitator: Lou Paluccio

This course, based on a book and DVD series by EWTN's Edward Sri, is your guide to a personal encounter with Christ. Jesus comes to meet us and beckons us to follow him. He calls us to be his disciples, to trust him, to open ourselves to his merciful love, and to love others as he has loved us. **Follow Me** invites you to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Christ. **Tuesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5**

ANNUAL NJ CATHOLIC YOUTH RALLY GREAT ADVENTURE

The Annual NJ Catholic Youth Rally will be held on Sunday, May 20, 2018. Online Registration available this year at <http://diometuchen.org/youth-and-young-adult-ministry/> Youth.ministry@diometuchen.org The schedule includes Opening Prayer Service at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday Liturgy at 6:00 p.m. (hosted by the Diocese of Metuchen) Open to all Scouting, Jr. High, High School & Young Adult Ministry, Parish/School Athletic Programs & Families!

NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE ANNUAL BANQUET DINNER – APRIL 20, 2018

New Jersey Right to Life, the state's largest pro-life organization, will hold its Annual Banquet Dinner on Friday, April 20, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick. The evening's event begins at 6:30 pm and will feature 2008 Republican Vice Presidential Candidate and Governor of Alaska (2006-09), Sarah Palin. A 5:30 pm photo opportunity with the Speaker is also available.

Registration and /or VIP Reception must be made in advance and seats are on a first-come, first served basis. Registration forms can be printed from the NJRTL website at www.njrtl.org. Registrations can also be taken by phone with a credit card by calling NJRTL office at 732-562-0562 Monday through Friday during regular business hours.

2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST

If you would like a contribution statement for 2017, please complete this form and return in it the collection basket or mail it to the rectory office: Church of the Immaculate Conception, Attn: Rose Saracino, 18 South Street, Spotswood, NJ 08884.

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Telephone #: _____

QUO VADIS DAYS

June 25-27, 2018

Young men ages 14-17! You're invited to spend three days living, praying and interacting with priests, seminarians and faith-filled teens your own age. The days will include dynamic talks, a visit from Bishop Checchio, sports and activities, prayer, small group discussion and so much more. For more information, visit www.diometuchen.org/QuoVadis or email quovadis@diometuchen.org

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In Memory Of

Gerard Artz
 Mr. & Mrs. Ted Bonczek
 Marcela & Edward Gers
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 Halleran & Ogle Families

Requested By

Mrs. Teresa Artz
 Mr. & Mrs. Edmund Bonczek
 Mrs. Teresa Artz
 Mr. Joseph Gurzenski
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Ogle

In Memory Of

"Chuck" Stan Harris
 David Jensen
 Henry Jensen
 Gloria Milne
 Joseph & Gertrude Szymanski

Requested By

Mrs. Alice Harris
 Mrs. Barbara Jensen
 Mrs. Barbara Jensen
 Mr. & Mrs. Edmund Bonczek
 Mr. & Mrs. George Gretch

GIFT SCHEDULE

	Session	"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	Mandatory Mass
	Time	9a-12p	10:15a-1:15p	6p-9p	5p-8p	5PM Assigned Date and Grade
	Day	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
TOPICS	Dates					
Quality of Desperation Depression/Hope	April	04/21/18	04/22/18	04/23/18	04/24/18	