



**APRIL 22, 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018

7:00 AM CHRISTOPHER GALLO

9:30 AM SANTINA SPINELLA

Priest of the Day: Rev. Timothy A. Christy

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018

7:00 AM STEPHEN M. SILVERSEY

9:30 AM PHILIP ALIOTTA

Priest of the Day: Rev. Msgr. Charles W. Cicerale

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018

7:00 AM ANTHONY J. BILOTTA 28th Anniversary

9:30 AM HENRIETTA IKENSON

Priest of the Day: Rev. Raymond L. Cole

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018

7:00 AM STANLEY FRANCIS MAKOWSKI

9:30 AM JOSEPH PALLADINO

Priest of the Day: Rev. Glenn J. Comandini

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018

7:00 AM MARY JANE RAYMOND

9:30 AM PHILIP ALIOTTA

Priest of the Day: Rev. Alfonso R. Conforson

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018

8:30 AM SALVATORE PETRUSO

5:00 PM TRAVIS LUTZKO

Priest of the Day: Rev. James F. Considine

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018

7:00 AM PARISHIONERS

9:00 AM STEPHEN GILDERSLEEVE

11:00 AM SALVATORE PETRUSO

Priest of the Day: Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Corona

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 Maria "Nina" Savino and all the faithfully departed of our parish.

Wedding Banns

iii. Nicholas Roccasalvo and Kimberly Kliesch



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 7 & 8

2018

2017

First Collection

\$10,980.00

\$13,135.00

Debt Reduction

\$ 3,079.00

\$ 3,056.00



Thank you for your continued support of the parish.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week the Sanctuary Candle will burn
In Memory of Mackenzie Hanrahan.

Readings For The Week of April 22, 2018

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

Monday – St. George

Acts 11:1-18 Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday – St. Fidelis

Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1-7 Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday – St. Mark

1Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 Mk 16:15-20

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27 Jn 13:16-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11 Jn 14:1-6

Saturday – Sts. Peter Chanel & Louis Grignon de Montfort

Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 14:7-14

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 1Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

This weekend the flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are in remembrance of Marie Malin on her 20th Anniversary in Heaven donated by her family.

If you would like to donate altar flowers, please contact Joanne Petrow in the Parish Office at 732-251-3110.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

- Week 1:** Suzanne Facarile, Matilda Marinello, Brayden Pratt, Charles Ruegger, Kitty Sauer
- Week 2:** 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 3:** Joey DePalma, Ann Lipovsky, Jonathan Volpe Baby Lily
- Week 4:** Roger Decibus, Virginia Gorman, Edith Loiacono, Stephen Lemanski, Edith Powell, James Powell, Diane Rademacher, James Wheeler

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

The next monthly food collection will be held the weekend of May 12th and 13th. 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, May 13th.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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

BAPTISM CLASS



First time parents are required to attend Baptism Class. Our next Baptism Class will be held on **Thursday, May 17, 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

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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 **or would like to know what we are all about**, please call Elvi (Membership Chairperson)

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE
April 28 & 29**

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5pm	L. Miller	M. Hunter D. Kornacki M. Kussavage D. Raschdorf N. Steen	G. Rambaud
7 am	J. Decker	C. Gush A. Menezes V. Phillips	A. Borja M. Borja
9 am	C. Buffalino	R. Kasper	E. Petrow G. Petrow
11 am	D. Siravo	D. Blanchett P. Boyle E. Enriquez G. Enriquez M. Israel	V. Pedula M. Rogala

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.



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.



"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice."
– JOHN 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Usually, the answer is in "quiet whispers", so take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His response.

CHOIR BAKE SALE – Next weekend!



Our Parish Choir will be selling delicious baked goods in the church foyer after all masses next weekend, **April 28th and 29th**. Please support this fundraiser and stop by our tables to select a tasty treat. If you wish, you may leave a donation as

well to help our endeavor. If you have questions about making further contributions, you may contact Phillip Steffani, the Director of Music, through the parish office. Please support your choir.

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENT

With praise and gratitude to Almighty God the Church of Metuchen announces the ordination to the Diaconate of

Joseph Stephen Illes
Matthew John Marinelli
Michael Kenneth Tabernero

By The Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA, Bishop of Metuchen on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 11 am at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 32 Elm Avenue, Metuchen, NJ.



VEGETABLE GARDEN DONATIONS

The ICC Community Garden Committee is asking for vegetable plant donations for this year's garden. We have grown many plants including zucchini, eggplant and cucumber. Popular vegetables for the food pantry are varieties of peppers and tomatoes. Plant donations will be accepted Mother's Day weekend, 5/12 & 5/13/18. Please leave all plant donations in the church garden located on the South Street side of the ICS gym. Thank you for helping to make our church garden a success.



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 11th, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$66,128.00 and payments totaling \$59,871.50 from 315 parishioners. This represents 77.8% of our \$85,000.00 goal.

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.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

If ever there is a time to pray for our country...it's now. There will be a brief prayer service held for the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at Spotswood High School at the Flagpole at 7 am. An additional ecumenical service will be held at 7 pm at the Reformed Church on Main Street in Spotswood. All are welcome to attend.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES - CONNECTIONS

Catholic Charities Connections Program is seeking volunteer mentors. Both male and female mentors are needed to participate in one-to-one activities and be a role model to young people. Do you:

1. Have a minimum of three hours per week to offer a child?
2. Like having fun?
3. Reside in or near Middlesex County or Franklin Township?
4. Want to make a difference in a child's life?

Anyone interested is asked to contact Jeanette Cullen at 732-738-1323 or jcullen@ccdom.org, for additional information.

PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

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Ushers/Greeters	Parish Office	office@icspotswood.com

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Parish Consultative Councils

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Liturgy	Deacon Tom	deacontomgriffoul@gmail.com
Pastoral Council	Christine Velsor	tomtina@comcast.net

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 732-251-5777 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**

A SAFE PLACE

A *Safe Place* is a group that welcomes those who have experienced the tragic death of a loved one through drugs, suicide and other hard to face things.

It offers, as its name states, a safe place to:

- Speak about what happened, without having to dress it up or explain.
- Where judgement will be suspended, so we can talk freely
- Speak about what you are feeling, without having to explain
- To ask questions, some of which cannot be answered, but need at least to be spoken.
- To know that the discussions, although difficult, will be safe and others will make sure they have my back.
- To speak with at least the hope that God is present, even if I do not feel Him, or am angry with Him.

The purpose of this group is NOT to:

- Offer an answer
- Fix you.

This group will be facilitated by:

- Msgr. Joseph Curry, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Spotswood
- Mrs. Marianne Majewski, LCSW, Executive Director, Catholic Charities.

Meeting dates are the 1st Thursday of every month

Next Meeting – May 3rd at 7 pm

Immaculate Conception Rectory

18 South St

Spotswood, NJ 08884

**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!

FOOD VOUCHERS

You may purchase vouchers on weekdays in the church foyer when school is in session from 8 AM – 11:30 AM Monday to Friday. Vouchers will be sold in the church foyer before and after Saturday evening mass and all Sunday masses. Vouchers can be used as cash at your favorite supermarket. 5% of every voucher purchased goes to our church. We carry:

- Shoprite, Stop & Shop, ACME, Wholefoods** (\$25 & \$100)
- Kohl's, JC Penney, Macy's**
- Dunkin Donuts** (\$10 & \$25 denomination)
- Sam's Club/ Walmart** (\$25 & \$100 denominations),
- BP and Exxon** (\$50 denomination),
- Starbucks** (\$10 denomination)
- Mathnasium**
- Especially For You Florist**
- WaWa** (\$25 & \$100 denomination)
- Manhattan Bagel** (\$10 denomination)
- Panera** (\$10 denomination)

We thank and greatly appreciate the families currently using vouchers and urge all to join them.

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HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER

A Holy Hour of Prayer on Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Prayer for Vocations, co-sponsored by the Office for Religious and the Office of Vocations, will be held on April 22, 3 p.m. at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the service. For information, call (732) 562-1990.

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

"It's Complicated", Wednesday, April 25, 7 to 9pm, St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ. The program is an interfaith discussion of Israel, Christianity and Islam building bridges to peace. The moderator will be Rev. Guy Selvester, director of the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs for the Diocese of Metuchen. The guest speakers will be Dr. Mohammad Ali Chaudry, Ph.D., Rev. D. Scott Russell, Mr. Keith Krivitsky and Rabbi Marc Kline. For information, email gselvester@diometuchen.org or call (732) 529-7937.

HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS

A Holy Hour for Priests will be held on Sunday, May 20 at 3 pm in the chapel at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. All are welcome. For information, visit www.diometuchen.org/evangelization and click on "Intercessors for the Shepherds" or call (732) 762-2469.

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

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	