

Immaculate Conception Church

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Mission Statement

We, the Parish Community of Immaculate Conception, Hackensack, N.J., believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is of prime importance. We are committed to loving and serving Him by our love and care for all persons, creatures and the earth, which is our home. We hope to achieve this gospel life by nourishing ourselves deeply with the Eucharist and living the truth of His Word, so that we are empowered by Christ and the Spirit to embrace all, as we have been embraced by Jesus.

Liturgical Celebrations

Saturday Eve: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon

Monday - Saturday: 8:30 am

Saturday after 8:30 am mass – Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions

Holy Day: 8:30 am, 12:15 pm & 7:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 to 4:30 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents should meet with the priest prior to baptism. Please call the rectory office.

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Couples should contact the parish priest at least one year in advance.

Parish Membership

If you are not registered officially as a part of the parish family, please do it now at the parish office. You are important to us and hopefully we are to you. Please notify us of an address change or if you are moving out of the parish.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, HACKENSACK, NJ

Consider how useless it is to spread your clothes on the ground for a donkey to walk on. The clothes get smeared with hooves, and who knows the grimy places where they've been? The animal may leave some unsavory presents on them. They may get stolen by a thief looking to make a buck. The thorns, thistles, rocks and muck of the road will leave stains. The clothes may never be useful again, and you'll probably walk home shivering without your normal covering. Yet this is precisely the gesture the people employ to welcome Jesus and His donkey. Why does this detail matter? Wastefulness is an essential part of celebration. Consider the unnecessary extravagance of Christmas decorations, confetti and ticker tape parades, baseball players spraying each other with bottles of champagne after a victory, birthday gifts for kids and so on. This wastefulness signals celebration and therefore participation in higher identities (as believers, winners, and parents, to mention the above examples). That's what the wasted cloaks are all about. Those who donate their cloaks participate in Christ's kingship in Jerusalem — and we savor it two thousand years later. The lesson? Learn how to “waste” money, time, clothes, and food on Christ. We do this at Mass, but in so many other ways, too, like serving the poor, going on retreats, and doing prayerful study. When we practice this holy wastefulness, Jesus will ride into our lives and we'll be more deeply members of His kingdom. — *Father John Muir*



PRAYER REQUESTS

That God will relieve their suffering and restore them to health. Please pray for: Kellie Salata, Kelly Chinchar, Jessica, Daniel Breslin, Stanley, Helen Traina, Joseph Marrone, Anthony, Michael, Joseph, Jessica Esopo, William, Steve, Audra, Bernadette, James Weiss, Baby Ford, Rosemary Malangone, Elizabeth Malangone, Sue West, Danny, Colleen Emery, Richard, Joan Russo, Christina Martin, Mornia Evans, Valerie Valverde, Diana McGuckin, Manny Scarangella, Cheryl Prinjinski, Ron Barth, Stephen West.

Readings *of the Week*

Week of April 13, 2025

Mon: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tues: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thurs: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Sat: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35/Gn 22:1-18, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/ Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12
Sun: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

Collection Report

Last Sunday's collection was \$1,562.

E-Giving was \$863.

Budgeted Amount needed Weekly is \$3,480.

Your generosity is most needed and greatly appreciated.

There are sign-up sheets in the vestibule for extra Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Week. There are also sign-up sheets for volunteers to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday. We still need a few more.

2025 Archdiocese Annual Appeal

The 2025 Annual Appeal is underway. We have \$7,665 pledged towards our parish goal of \$13,416. Thank you so much to those who have pledged already. We made our goal last year and we received a rebate check from the Archdiocese of \$850 which is the amount raised above our goal. If you have yet to give, please take a pledge envelope or visit www.rcan.org/sharing and be as generous as possible. If you make a pledge directly to the Archdiocese, please let Sue know in the office so we can be sure our account is properly credited. You can drop a note in the collection, call the rectory or send us an email. Thank you for your prayers and support.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is not his feast day for it took place on February 6, however, this weekend – Passion Sunday, I want to share with you a quote from St. Paul Micki – as he was dying on a cross like our savior died on the cross – he stated:

“As I come to this supreme moment of my life, I am sure none of you would suppose I want to deceive you. And so, I tell you plainly; there is no way to be saved except the Christian way. My religion teaches me to pardon my enemies and all who have offended me. I do gladly pardon the Emperor and all who have sought my death. I beg them to seek baptism and be Christians themselves.”

I share this with you on the day we remember how our Lord died on the cross and prayed to God the Father stating do not hold this sin against them. St. Paul Micki is correct, the only way to salvation is by being Christian and being Christian means forgiving those who hurt us or offend us in any way. If St. Paul Micki can forgive those who were crucifying him literally, can we not forgive those who are only crucifying us figuratively?

God Bless you and have a wonderful week, Fr. Michael

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SCRIPTURAL REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

“...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me.”
How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet so not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful conversation when the opportunity to talk about our faith arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.

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As He rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of His disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. - Lk 19:36, 37b

We would like to thank Lancelot Buser for his gift toward the purchase of our Easter Paschal Candle in memory of Don E. Buser & Armondo Robles.

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, APRIL 14TH

FAITH FORMATION CLASS Gr. 2

3:30 to 4:30 pm – Church Basement



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17TH

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH

Passion of the Lord – 3:00 pm

Collection for the Holy Land

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence, which means everyone over 14 years of age may not eat meat and those between 21 & 59 are obligated to fast.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH

Easter Vigil Mass – 8:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH

Masses: 8am, 10 am & 12 Noon

No FAITH FORMATION CLASS Gr. 6 & 7

SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH

First Penance & Practice for First Holy

Communion – Grade 2 – 10 am

WEEKEND OF APRIL 26TH/27TH

Archdiocesan Second Collection for Catholic Home Missions

Recycle Old Ink and Toner Cartridges

There is a receptacle on the table in the back of church for the small cartridges. Large ones can be left under the table. If you have a bunch, please call the rectory and we can arrange to meet you at the garage doors and we can put them in the garage instead of you lugging them into the church.

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MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025

8:30 Ferruccio Belci

By Maria Belci

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025

8:30 Annv. Josephine

& Michael Perone

By the Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025

8:30 George Ryerson

By the Family

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025

MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER

7:00 pm For the People of the Parish

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025

3:00 pm Reading of the Passion and

Holy Communion

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025

8:00 pm James Turk

by Mary Turk & Jennifer O'Connor

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

8:00 Vincenzo & Maria Barricella

By Frank Barricella & Family

10:00 Stella & Rudy Milisits

By Mary Ann Teklits

12:00 Giuseppina & Giovanni Gariffo

by Mr. & Mrs. Giuseppe Castrovinci

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