

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

“Then He said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.’” (John 20:27)

In my early 20s, I volunteered at a parish youth group. I witnessed teens encountering Jesus with a fresh, romantic wonder that reminded me of my own teenage conversion. But something had changed in me. I was quietly jaded and cynical. When teens shared stories of encountering Christ, I'd want to sarcastically murmur, “Well, good for you.” I had grown suspicious of the zeal I once knew. Then we brought the group on a pilgrimage. I was standing in an old church in France, ignoring a long-winded tour guide. I found myself before a crucifix. In that moment, I heard something, not audibly, but unmistakably in my heart: “I came to be your friend... and you wish to be my enemy? Why do you stand far from me? I suffer gladly for you. I was pierced for you. Why do you run from me?” My heart opened. I saw how cold and cynical I had become. But Jesus had not given up on me. He had returned, and His mercy broke through. So I can relate to the scoffing — and transformation — of Thomas when the Risen Jesus presents His wounds for inspection. Thomas is not simply doubting; he is guarded, suspicious, even cynical. But Jesus comes to him. No lecture. Just understanding and mercy. He invites Thomas to touch His wounds. This burns away his cynicism like the morning mist.

Divine Mercy Challenge: This week, rejoice with someone who is newly alive in faith. If your own heart has grown skeptical or tired, ask Jesus to help you. He will. — *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, Joseph Marrone, Anthony, Michael, Joseph, Jessica Esopo, 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, Stephen West, Bryan Westfall, Cathy Bruno.

Collection Report

Palm Sunday collection was \$2,147.

Easter Altar Flowers was \$457.

Easter Sunday collection was \$4,938.

E-Giving was \$843.

Budgeted Amount needed Weekly is \$3,480.

Your generosity is most needed and greatly appreciated.

Thank You

We would like to thank Jing Villanueva for painting our outdoor church sign posts and planting the beautiful flowers beneath it.

2026 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

We have \$10,665 pledged toward our Archdiocesan directed goal this year of \$13,746. Thank you so much to those who have pledged already. We made our goal last year and if we do not reach our goal this year, then we, out of parish funds, have to make up the difference. 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 do decide to mail it in directly, we are asking that you 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.



Reminder - Every Saturday morning after the 8:30 am mass we have a Novena to Mary.

SCRIPTURAL REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

“Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’”

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In honor of Divine Mercy Sunday I am printing the promises made by our Lord:

The Divine Mercy Chaplet was presented by Jesus to St Faustina in 1935 during a private revelation. Here are the 14 promises Our Lord has made to those who recite this prayer and are devoted to His Divine Mercy:

- 1) "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image (of Divine Mercy) will not perish. I also promise victory over (its) enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory." (Diary of St. Faustina, 48)
- 2) "The two rays denote Blood and Water...These two rays issued from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father...I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy...whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment. Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy." (Diary of St. Faustina, 299-300)
- 3) "I desire that the Feast of Mercy...be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter...The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion (in a state of grace on this day) shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary of St. Faustina, 699)
- 4) "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death." (Diary of St. Faustina, 687)
- 5) "Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy...I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy." (Diary of St. Faustina, 687)
- 6) "The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death." (Diary of St. Faustina, 754)
- 7) "Souls who spread the honor of My mercy...at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Savior." (Diary of St. Faustina, 1075)
- 8) "The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion for sinners. Know, my daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered." (Diary of St. Faustina, 1397)
- 9) "My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world." (Diary of St. Faustina, 1485)
- 10) "To priests who proclaim and extol My mercy, I will give wondrous power; I will anoint their words and touch the hearts of those to whom they will speak." (Diary of St. Faustina, 1521)
- 11) "Through this chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will." (Diary of St. Faustina, 1731)
- 12) "When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one." (Diary of St. Faustina, 1541)
- 13) "When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as a just Judge but as a merciful Savior." (Diary of St. Faustina, 1541)
- 14) "At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony...I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion." (Diary of St. Faustina, 1320)

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

Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 19th

FAITH FORMATION CLASS Gr. 7& 8
10:45 am– 12 Noon – Church Basement

Saturday, April 25th

Confirmation Retreat – All Candidates
MUST attend in order to receive
Confirmation

Weekend of April 25th/26th

Second Collection for Archdiocesan
Catholic Home Missions

Sunday, May 3rd

Rosary Society to recite the Rosary after
10 am Mass – All are Welcome!

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.

Readings of the Week

Week of April 12, 2026

- Mon: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8
- Tues: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
- Wed: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
- Thurs: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
- Fri: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
- Sat: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
- Sun: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

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MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026

8:30 Deceased Members of the
McShera Family
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TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026

8:30 Ferruccio Belci
By Maria Belci

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026

8:30 Annv. Josephine & Michael Perone
By the Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026

8:30 Joanne Lisa
By Mr. & Mrs. Ron Reiprich & Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026

8:30 Antonio Fiorino
By Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Sari

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

8:30 Joseph Macchione Jr.
By Linda J. Sylvestri

5:00 pm Brett Kelly

By Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chinchar & Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

8:00 Vincenzo & Maria Barricella
By Frank Barricella & Family

10:00 Stella & Rudy Milisits
By Mary Ann Teklits

12:00 Joanne Lisa
By Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Caporrino & Family





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