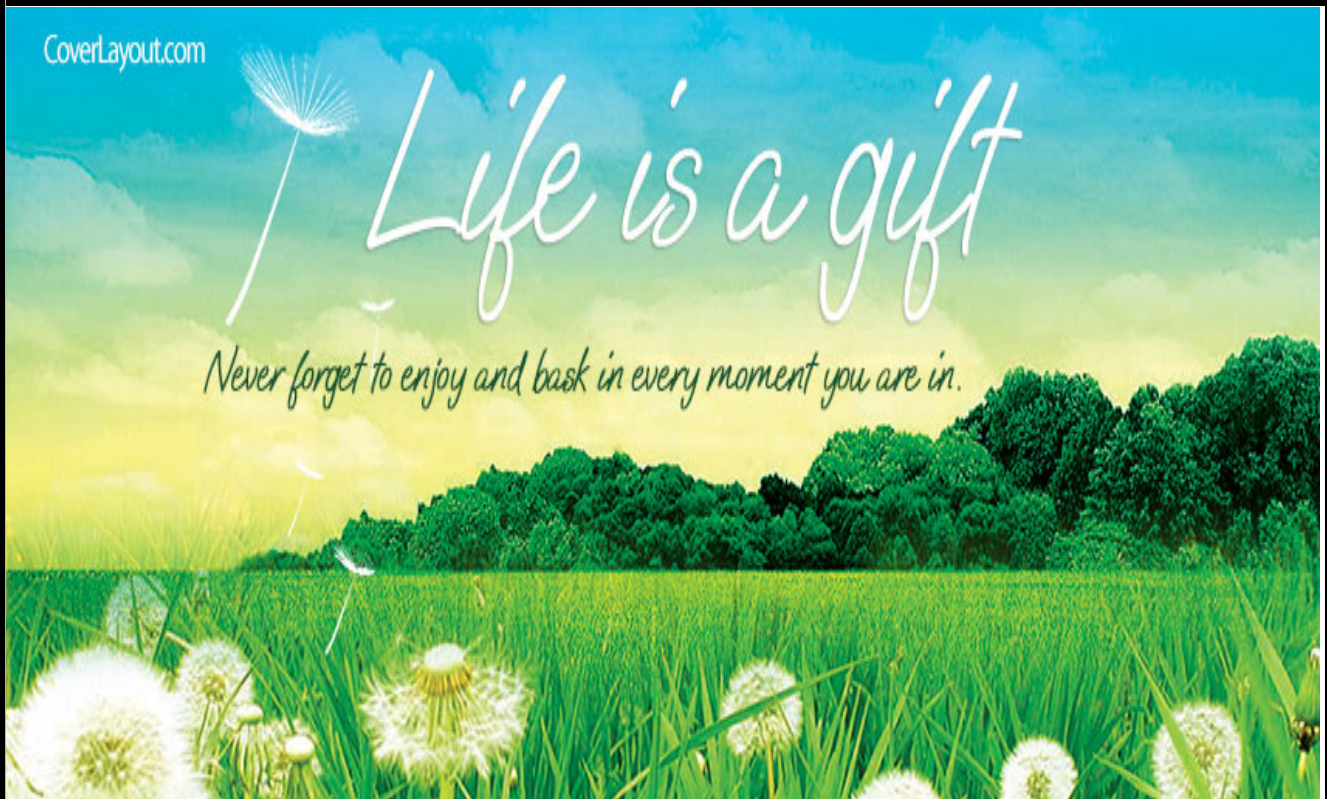


Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 20, 2017

Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed. — *Isaiah 56:1*

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Mission Statement of our Parish Family

*We, the Roman Catholic Community of Immaculate Conception Church,
under the guidance and protection of Mary, our Blessed Mother,
recognize ourselves as disciples of Jesus Christ.*

*We strive to be a prayerful, Eucharistic Family open to the power of the Holy Spirit
and conscious of our mission to use our time, talent and treasure in service to others.*

Masses For July 2—Sept. 3, 2017

Saturdays at 5:00pm
Sunday Morning— 8:00am, 11:00am

Weekdays:

Monday thru Friday at 7:30am
Rosary recited every Monday after 7:30am Mass

Holy Days:

Masses will be announced in the bulletin as they are scheduled

Served by

Fr. Leo J. Butler, Pastor

Fr. Timothy Graff, Weekend Assistant

Deacon James Puliatte

Sr. Elizabeth Holler, S.C., Pastoral Associate

Charles LaLima, Director of Music Ministry

Louise Lucivero, Parish Secretary;

Coordinator, Grades 1-5 Faith Formation

Christina Benaquista, Coordinator, Jr. High Faith Formation

Michael Rooney, Coordinator, Confirmation

Sarah Lucero, Coordinator, Youth Ministry

Canice Cristofolletti, Business Manager

BAPTISM:

Parents wishing to have their child baptized must attend a Baptismal Prep Class. Please contact the Rectory at 201-768-1600.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

First Saturday of the Month, 3 - 4 pm. Also by appointment

MARRIAGES:

Arrangements should be made one year in advance. Please phone the Rectory at 201-768-1600 to begin preparation.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK:

Anointing upon request. **Communion** at home upon request.

Visitation kindly notify the parish office when a family member is hospitalized or confined.

Rosary Recited Every Monday After 7:30am Mass

**Novena Mass to St. Peregrine
Suspended During June, July and August**



**Eucharistic Holy Hour
Suspended During June, July and August**

Parish Office

Phone: 201-768-1600 Fax: 201-768-7776

Summer Office Hours

9 A.M.-3 P.M. Monday - Thursday
Closed Friday

Faith Formation Office

201-768-1771

Email: icc_ccd@yahoo.com

Parish Website: iccnorwood.org

Parish Email:

immaculateconception@iccnorwood.org

Facility Rental: For Parish Hall, Center and Gym, contact Fr. Leo, (201) 768-1600

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	August 19, 2017	The Parish Family
5:00pm		
Sunday	August 20, 2017	Robert Neumann – Mary & Bill McGurn
8:00am		
11:00am		Anthony Buoniconti – Fr. Leo
Monday	August 21, 2017	John & Roxanne Fanelli – The Fanelli Family
7:30am		
Tuesday	August 22, 2017	Louis H. Benaquista – Louise Lucivero
7:30am		
Wednesday	August 23, 2017	Richard Schiaffo (1st Anniversary)- Loving Family
7:30am		
Thursday	August 24, 2017	Communion Service
7:30am		
Friday	August 25, 2017	Christina Knanishu – Mom & Dad
7:30am		
Saturday	August 19, 2017	Benedetto Ribaudò – Loving Wife
5:00pm		
Sunday	August 26, 2017	The Parish Family
8:00am		
11:00am		Living Members of the Lucivero Family – Sr. Elizabeth



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Thus says the LORD: "Stand firm in justice; do what is right" (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

Gospel — Jesus told the Canaanite woman of great faith, "It shall be done as you wish" (Matthew 15:21-28).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday:	Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Pius X
Tuesday:	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday:	St. Rose of Lima
Thursday:	St. Bartholomew
Friday:	St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary



*Kindly Notify the Rectory At 201-768-1600
If A Name Can Be Removed From the Prayer List*

Please pray for all those who are ill and their caretakers.

Lorraine Lupardi, Thomas Wendelken Jr., Stephanie DenBoer, Maria Ramirez, Ryan MacNaughton, Dick Musacchio, Louis Frola, Meghan Dolan, Otto & Amy Kraus, Patrick Danaher, Joseph Mosca, MaryLou Frosco, Barbara Bryant, Zack Spadaccini, Rachel Knanishu Grossman, 7-year old Joey Bulger, Douglas Landy, Jessie Griffin, Jean-Marie Bongiovanni, Bruce Fernstrom, Patrice Tiffany, Vivienne Knopp, Kevin Mullane, Jacqueline Martignetti, Baby James Steven Connelly, Evelyn Dambra, Arlene LiBassi, Hernan Sierra

Please make your prayer requests by emailing immaculateconception@iccnorwood.org or calling (201) 768-1600.

*For Communion to the sick in hospitals and nursing homes
please also call the Rectory.*

PARISH CALENDAR ~ AUGUST 2017

Aug. 20– Parish Council Meeting, 9am, church hall
Sundays– AA in Church Hall, 7:30pm
Tuesdays– **Eucharistic Holy Hour Suspended for the Summer**
Fridays– ICC Prayer Group, Church Hall, 7:30pm



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LOOKING TO SUNDAY® Sunday. This email, entitled Looking to Sunday®, focuses on the Gospel Reading for Sunday. It prepares readers to hear God's Word at Mass and it offers a point of reflection to consider. Looking to Sunday is written by Father Tom Iwanowski.

WHAT A PARENT DOES

Most people would not put themselves into a situation where they were ignored, scorned, and humiliated. Yet that is exactly what a woman does in this Sunday's Gospel. A woman, a Gentile, comes to Jesus seeking help for her demon-possessed daughter. "Have pity on me Lord," she cries out. In response, Jesus says nothing. He is silent.

Imagine how that woman must have felt as she was publically ignored. Even more, she had shamed herself by breaking a taboo of her day. She had interacted with a man who was not her husband or relative. Not only that, she had been shouting out in the street for that man's help. As the disciples told Jesus, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us."

Despite being ignored, the woman approaches Jesus again. "Lord, help me." This time Jesus speaks to her, saying it is not fitting for him to be concerned with the plea of a Gentile, of a "dog" like her. His concern is only for his own people. The response she received was humiliating to say the least.

Yet she tries for a third time to win Jesus over, pointing out that "even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." With that, Jesus praises her faith, grants her request, and extends his ministry to Jew and Gentile.

What was it that drove that woman to keep coming to Jesus despite scorn and rejection? Certainly it was her faith. Jesus himself said as much, "O woman, great is your faith." Yet it was also something else. It was her love and concern for her suf-

fering daughter. *Loving mothers and fathers willingly make any sacrifice, willingly suffer any humiliation, scorn, or embarrassment if that might save the life of their child.*

And that is what God does for the sake of his children! In Jesus Christ, God comes to free his people from being possessed by sin and death, and brings them into a life-giving relationship with him. God comes even though he is ignored, scorned, and humiliated by his creatures. He even endures the humiliation of the cross. As we read in the Letter to the Philippians, "He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross." (Philippians 2:6-8)

Most people would not put themselves into a situation where they were ignored, scorned, belittled, and humiliated. But as we see in Sunday's Gospel, that is what a parent does for the sake of her child, and that is what God does for his children! That is what God has done for us.

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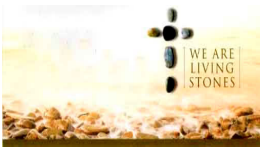
*** NEWS FROM IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ***

Faith Formation Hall Monitors Needed!

Our Faith Formation program is seeking a hall monitor beginning in September. If we get several volunteers for hall monitor, your commitment would be less than once a week during the school year. If you have a desire to help our wonderful Faith Formation Program please contact Louise Lucivero at icc_ccd@yahoo.com or call 201-768-1600.

AS A REMINDER -

Registration for 2017-2018 Faith Formation is open. Find registration forms at <http://www.iccnorwood.org/faith-formation> and click on appropriate grade level.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Dear Sisters & Brothers:

Praise the Lord for the **kindness & sacrificial generosity** of all who have made their pledge in this most vital campaign—our Parish Family has **pledged over \$131,966!!!** Our parish **goal is \$282,483** and we **collected \$72,547.21**. At this time our parish is receiving a **rebate of \$23,273.61** and our parish family has received 75 pledges.

The smallest sacrifices, over time, equal a significant contribution to our campaign.

Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Leo



A collection box for **donated eye-glasses** is available in the main entrance of the church. Our Knights will periodically pick up the donations and forward them to the New Eyes recycling center.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

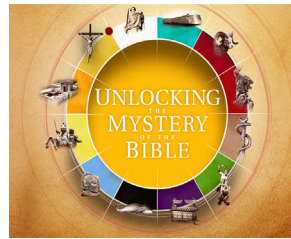
For July and August, Eucharistic Holy Hour and Novena Mass To St. Peregrine are Suspended

From July 2nd through Sept. 3rd, 2017, the Summer Sunday Masses will be at 8:00 and 11:00 AM.

The normal Sunday Mass Schedule of 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon will resume on September 10th, 2017, and Holy Hour/St. Peregrine will resume in Sept.

SUMMER RECTORY HOURS

July 11th - Sept. 1st, office hours will be Monday through Thursday, 9am-3pm. The office will be closed Fridays.



Join us for **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible**, an eight-part study providing the easiest way to understand the Bible. Participants will uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you can get the **"big**

picture" of the Bible and understand what it is all about. The Bible is a story about the Father's unending love for you - a love that you are now called to share with others.

Participants will: * Make sense of the Bible and see how it relates to your everyday life* Discover the remarkable connections between the Old and New Testaments* See how the sacraments, the Church and our entire Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture... and much more!

If you would like to develop a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then join us for **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible**. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we grow closer to Christ. Sessions held **Mondays, Sept. 18 - Nov. 13, 7:30pm - 9:00pm**. For more information or to sign up, contact Fr. Leo at 201-768-1600 or frleo523@aol.com. \$15.00 registration fee covers supplies and handbook. Registrations are due Sept. 11, 2017.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Reach out
And
Touch Someone



Life Source Hospice is seeking volunteers to serve as friendly bedside visitors to patients throughout Bergen County. Volunteers determine their own schedules and can visit on evenings and weekends. Most volunteers donate 2 hours a week of their time for a minimum of one year. Volunteers receive ongoing hospice training and support by experienced hospice professionals. For more information, please contact Life Source Hospice at #201-967-4313 or kiplifsourcehospice@yahoo.com

Share your talents! Do you play an instrument, sing, dance, like to visit people, read to others, transport to activities, play games, organize a party, run an activity? Then Volunteer with **The Dominican Sisters of Sparkill**, 175 Route 340 in Sparkill, NY. They are **looking for volunteers, ages 13-adult**. Contact Life Enrichment & Volunteer Coordinator Denise Rieser, ADC, 845-359-2112.

Our Lady of Visitation, Paramus, will once again welcome the **Rainbows** Program, a weekly support group for children 1st–8th grades who are living in single-parent homes or have families going through painful transitions. The program is **free**. **Sessions begin in October at 7pm Registrations are need ASAP**. Contact Patricia Pattermann at 201-265-3812 or CCD@olvcommunity.org For more info and registration form.

Catholic Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock and Footsteps of St. Patrick in Ireland over St. Patrick's Day. March 14 - 22, 2018. \$2499.00 per person including air from Newark. Breakfast & Dinner Daily. Mass Everyday.

For a Flyer or more detailed information please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

For the past seven years, Lumina has been offering "Entering Canaan" retreats for siblings of aborted babies. Siblings are able to express their feelings in regard to their parents by understanding why the abortion may have happened without condoning the act itself. Forgiveness is then able to begin freeing them to love and trust in their parents' love for them. **If you know anyone who is suffering as a sibling of an aborted baby, please tell them about our upcoming retreat, Sept. 22-24**. Fr. Fidelas Moscinski, CFR, Spiritual Director. For info or to register, call Theresa at 866-586-4621 or email lumina@postabortionhelp.org. Scholarships are available.

STAR-FEST VIII

On Sunday, September 17 at 3:30, Hook Mountain will be alive with the sound of music, echoing from the lawn of Marydell Faith and Life Center, 640 North Midland Avenue in Upper Nyack. This concert will benefit **One to One Learning**, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, that provides free instruction in English. Tickets: \$30 pre-paid; \$35 at the door. A mini taste from Rockland restaurants will follow the performance. For information: 845-512-8176; clpangel59@gmail.com; Register Pay-Pal on www.one2one-learning.org

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Office of Evangelization of the Archdiocese of Newark announces ENDOW Group for All Women Small Group Days About the Dignity of Women. *"To be the Catholic voice and home for all women, helping them to become the best version of themselves — living vessels of Christ to the world around them."*

Come out and join us for Faith-based Learning, Discussion, & Fellowship with your women neighbors! All women are welcomed! Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 19th. 8 meetings, each beginning promptly at 8pm at St. Joseph the Carpenter convent, Roselle, NJ (on East 4th Avenue, between Chestnut and Walnut Street). Price: \$29.95 for small group guide-book. *There is no homework!!!* For more information contact Lynn Marie Knapke at HOHiNTL@gmail.com. Register online at www.EndowGroups.org; Click "Find a Group" & search for "Roselle." Also see videos at

<https://www.YouTube.com/watch?v=Cx5baiX8qg8> and <https://www.YouTube.com/watch?v=5BI-ka1JYR4>

"... for my house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples."



YOUR KIDS WILL THANK YOU FOR GOING ON A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND! On a **Marriage Encounter** weekend married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones for 44 hours—and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can make! For more information contact Janet and Mike Turco 973 427-7016 or 609 335 - 6880 (njwwme@peoplepc.com) or go to njwwme.org.

Military families, are you getting ready to deploy? Is your family trying to reconnect after deployment? Marriage Encounter offers tools of communication that have kept many military marriages strong and happy throughout the ups and downs of military service. Contact your local chaplain or contact Janet and Mike Turco 973 427-7016 or 609 335 - 6880 (njwwme@peoplepc.com) or go to njwwme.org for more information.

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