

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 27, 2017

"Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." — Matthew 16:19



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

Saturday at 5:00pm
Sunday Morning- 8:00am, 10am and 12 noon

Weekdays:

Monday thru Friday at 7:30am, Saturday at 9:00am
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



Eucharistic Holy Hour
For Life, Marriage and Liberty
Every Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Resumes Sept. 12th

Parish Office

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

Office Hours

9 A.M.-3 P.M. Mon., Wed., Thurs.
9 A.M.-11 A.M. Tues., 9 A.M.-12 Noon Fri.

Faith Formation Office

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	August 26, 2017
5:00pm	Benedetto Ribaudo — Loving Wife
Sunday	August 27, 2017
8:00am	The Parish Family
11:00am	Living Members of the Lucivero Family — Sr. Elizabeth
Monday	August 28, 2017
7:30am	Louis H. BenaquistaB — Elaine & Paul Danno
Tuesday	August 29, 2017
7:30am	Louis H. Benaquista — Canice Cristofolletti
Wednesday	August 30, 2017
7:30am	Leo J. Butler, Jr.
Thursday	August 31, 2017
7:30am	Communion Service
Friday	Septemer 1, 2017
7:30am	Louis H. Benaquista — Castrignano Family
Saturday	September 2, 2017
5:00pm	Dominick Ascolese — Tine & Ascolese Family
Sunday	September 3, 2017
8:00am	Robert Neumann — Laura & James Petrocelli
11:00am	The Parish Family



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

Psalm — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

Gospel — Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:13-20).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Augustine
Tuesday:	The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Friday:	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation; First Friday
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

PARISH CALENDAR ~ SEPTEMBER 2017

Sept. 11–	Gr. 1-5 Parent Welcome Mtg., 7pm, church
Sept. 13–	Gr. 6-8 Parent Welcome Mtg., 7pm, church
Sept. 17	Catechetical Sunday , all Faith Formation Families to attend 10am Mass, social to follow
Sept. 19–	Gr. 1-5 Faith Formation begins
Sept. 24–	Gr. 6-8 Faith Formtion begins
Sept. 17–	JHYG Meeting, 7pm, gym
Sept. 30–	Jr. High Retreat at Archdiocesan Youth Ctr., Kearney
<u>Mondays</u> –	<i>Mysteries of the Bible</i> , 7:30pm, church hall
<u>Sundays</u> –	AA in Church Hall, 7:30pm
<u>Tuesdays</u> –	Eucharistic Holy Hour Resumes Sept. 12
<u>Fridays</u> –	ICC Prayer Group, Church Hall, 7:30pm

HAPPY PEOPLE

The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.
—Anonymous



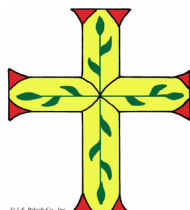
*Kindly Notify the Rectory At 201-768-1600
If A Name Can Be Removed From the Prayer List*

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, Emma Benvenuto

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.



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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.

THE QUESTION

Good teachers ask questions of their students. Those questions are designed not only to determine how much students know, but also to spur discussion and to encourage students to think.

Jesus, the greatest of teachers, asked questions of his disciples. They included the following:

"Can any of you by worrying add a moment to your lifespan?" (Luke 12:25)

"Why are you terrified, O you of little faith?" (Matthew 8:26)

"What were you arguing about on the way?" (Mark 9:33)

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" (Matthew 16:26)

"If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them goes astray, will he not leave the ninety-nine in the hills and go in search of the stray?" (Matthew 18:12)

"Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?" (John 6:61-62)

"For who is greater: the one seated at table or the one who serves?" (Luke 22:27)

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus asks a question of his disciples, perhaps the most important of all his questions, a question also found in the Gospel of Mark (8: 29) and Luke (9:20). After asking what people are saying about him, he poses this question

to his disciples, "But who do you say that I am?"

Peter responds, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." By his answer Peter declares his belief that not only is Jesus the long-awaited Messiah, even more astounding, he is divine.

Peter professes that the God who created the universe, the God who is beyond space and time, the God who breathed the breath of life into humanity, the God who chose the children of Abraham to be his special people, the God who parted the Red Sea and etched his commandments on tablets of stone, stands before him in Jesus.

As this Sunday's Gospel is read, Jesus asks us that key question he asked his disciples, "But who do you say that I am?" In posing that question, Jesus

is really asking us; Who am I for you? How do I fit into your life? How do I shape your choices? How do I influence your use of time and money? What impact do I have on your moral decisions?

If we see Jesus as Peter did, as "the Christ, the Son of the living God," then we will live differently from those who think of Jesus in some lesser way.

Good teachers ask questions to make their students think. This Sunday's question should leave us considering what we personally believe about Jesus Christ.

If we cannot answer that question without repeating another person's words or using theological terms we heard in a religion class, then we really do not know who Jesus is.

"But who do YOU say that I am?"

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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 \$73,434.40**. At this time our parish is receiving a **rebate of \$23,712.20** and our parish family has received 75 pledges.

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

Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Leo



Please join us on **Friday, September 1st**, for a **First Friday Healing Mass at Immaculate Conception Church** concelebrated with Fr. Obumneme Sylvester Obinna. Fr. Sylvester is originally from Nigeria and is visiting New Jersey over the summer. He is currently a student of Biblical Theology in Facoltà di Teologia, in Lugano Switzerland.

Rosary begins at 7:30p with Mass with prayers for Healing at 8:00p followed by Eucharist Adoration.

Our **Knights of Columbus Council** is holding a **'Halfway to St. Patrick's Day'** Dinner Dance on September 23, at St. Anthony in Northvale. Dinner will include plenty of Irish food and beverages including corn beef and cabbage, ham, potatoes, Irish Soda Bread, beer, wine, and an Irish Coffee station. Dinner will be accompanied by live Irish Music and starts at 7PM. Please contact Past Grand Knight Denis McPartland at dintymc@verizon.net or 201-767-2633 for reservations. The cost per person is \$45. Reservations must be received by September 17.



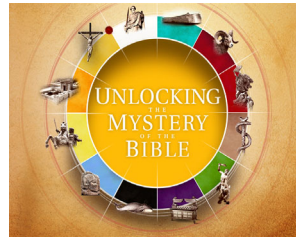
The Knights annual 'Best of the Wurst' Oktoberfest dinner will be held on October 6 at Immaculate Conception.

REGULAR SCHEDULE RESUMES

Beginning Sept. 9, the regular Mass schedule of 9am & 5pm on Saturday, and 8am, 10am & 12 noon on Sunday will resume.

Eucharistic Holy Hour resumes Sept. 12th.

Normal rectory hours of 9am-3pm Monday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9am-11am on Tuesday, and 9am-12noon on Friday will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 5. The office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4, for labor Day.



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

The Dominican Sisters of Sparkill 2017-2018 Speaker Series presents: **Dr. Elizabeth A. Dreyer, A Deeper Look at Incarnation -A Foundation of the Christian Story, Thursday, September 28, 2017 ~ 7:00pm, Dominican Convent, 175 Route 340, Sparkill, New York. Free and open to the public.**

Dominican Convent, 175 Route 340, Sparkill, New York. Lecture is free and open to the public. Registration required: online at sparkill.org/events or call 845-359-4136. Free will donations accepted. Dr. Dreyer will sign her books at the event.

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>

Separated/Divorced Support Groups will be starting their Fall Sessions!

"It's true . . . there's no such thing as "Catholic Divorce" ...but millions of Catholics DO get civilly divorced. And it affects and hurts us all. Maybe you or someone you know has suffered the breakdown of the marriage and family, or maybe they are going through it right now. No matter how long it's been, the Church IS HERE to help. The Archdiocese of Newark currently has 12 parishes who offer a support group for the separated/divorced and they will be starting this Fall. Contact Lauren Egan 973-497-4327 or Lauren.Egan@rcan.org to find a group near you. Also, check out www.rcan.org/familylife and www.catholicsdivorce.com for more information about the support groups.

COVER SHEET

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