

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH

OCTOBER 20, 2024 | 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



DEAR GOD, WE GIVE
YOU *thanks* FOR THIS
BEAUTIFUL *fall* SEASON.

During these cooler days and chillier nights, we are reminded of Your amazing blessings in our life. We pray that each one who is struggling may receive comfort from all around them, as the changing leaves signify your transforming faithfulness, steady yet ever-changing.

Help us to further appreciate every moment of beauty you have created through the wonders before us.

Amen

Parish Info



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MASS SCHEDULE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

30 North Fullerton Avenue
Montclair NJ 07042

Indicates the Mass is livestreamed.

CONFESSION: Saturday 4:30 pm (or by appointment)

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am | 10:30 am | 6:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday - Friday at 8:00 am

THANKSGIVING FOOD DONATIONS

This year we will be hosting a Thanksgiving food distribution. The parish will be collecting pre-made bags of non-perishables to be distributed through Mary's Pantry. Please consider purchasing a Thanksgiving dinner for a family of four. Instructions for purchasing are attached to the bags.

PLEASE DROP OFF PRE-PACKED BAGS CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Stuffing
- Gravy
- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Canned sweet potatoes
- Cornbread mix
- Cranberry sauce
- 2 canned vegetables
- Box of cookies
- Coffee



If you are not able to shop, we will be accepting gift cards to Shop Rite and CVS and we will shop for you.
Please leave bags inside the vestibule of the church on the weekends or drop them off at the ramp door to the parish center Monday through Thursday.

The drop off deadline is Thursday, November 14.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

5:00 pm † Helen Fleming

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:00am People of the Parish

10:30am † Roberto Fernandez
† Grazia Ruggiero Di Feo

6:00 pm † Al Sgroi

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:00am † The Gangone & Chiulli Families

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:00am † Rosemarie Wong

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:00am † Charles E. Nesbitt Sr.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

8:00am † Gregorio A. Prado

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:00am † Conchita Rivera

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

5:00 pm † All Souls in Purgatory
† Patrick & Dorothy Clarke

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:00am † Lucy Connors

10:30am † Elizabeth Fleming

6:00 pm People of the Parish

"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." - Ecclesiastes 3:11

"... A TIME TO BE HEALED..."

Michael Bruder III, Anthony Pacifico Jr, Joel Rivera, Carmen Kessler, Ieda Giles, Doreen Carson, Lauren Ojido, Connie Romano, Maria Metzel, Eileen Burriss, Sylvia Magliaro, Kevin Haber, Karen Potucek, Frank Gallo, Barbara Regan, Jose Fidalgo Sr, Bridget Connell, Jaxson Rivera, Carole DeCepoli, Oneida Fernandez, Michelina Giuliano, Chester Karnas Jr., Laura McGannon, Joseph Carrier, Fabiola Fong, Kenneth Busku, Rose Bruner, Edward T. Crowe, William Crowe, Terry Henson, Robert Henson, John Rahilly, Kent Riggs, Harriet Riggs, Jim Norris, Gary Davila, Melba Espinoza, Kevin Cole, Carlos Mario Moreno, Anne Granja, Shannon Finnegan, Jacob Rivera, Clara Rojas, Cliff Schaffer, Lindsay Trembulak, Don Peters, Stefano Rum, Ayan Kapoor, John Nicastro, Paolo Rum, Massimo Macarelli

Please contact the Parish office if you would like to add someone to the sick list.

"... A TIME TO DIE..."

Recently Deceased
MAY ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE

MESSAGE FROM *Fr Benny*

Dear Parishioners:

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS ARE IMPORTANT because in the Christian community, the diversity of charisms and ministries that derive from incorporation into Christ and from the gift of the Holy Spirit underlines that every member of the faithful is created for the building up of the whole Body and, at the same time, the whole People of God, having reciprocal co-responsibility for all its members, to participate in the mission of the Church, by discerning in history the signs of the presence of God and becoming witnesses of His Kingdom here and now.

Far from being simply a bureaucratic organ, the Pastoral Council highlights and realizes the centrality of the People of God as the subject and active protagonist of the evangelizing mission, in virtue of the fact that every member of the faithful has received the gifts of the Spirit through Baptism and Confirmation.

In light of this fundamental vision, the words of St Paul VI come to mind, "It is the function of the pastoral council to investigate everything pertaining to pastoral activities, to weigh them carefully and to set forth practical conclusions concerning them so as to promote conformity of the life and actions of the People of God with the Gospel", in the awareness that, as Pope Francis recalled, the purpose of such a Council "should not be ecclesiastical organization but rather the missionary aspiration of reaching everyone".

The Pastoral Council is a consultative body, governed by the norms established by our Archbishop. The norms in the Archdiocese are:

1. Spiritual Formation

- Enhance the vibrancy of parish life throughout the Archdiocese of Newark
- Deepen our understanding of our responsibility for the mission of Christ today

2. Parish Planning

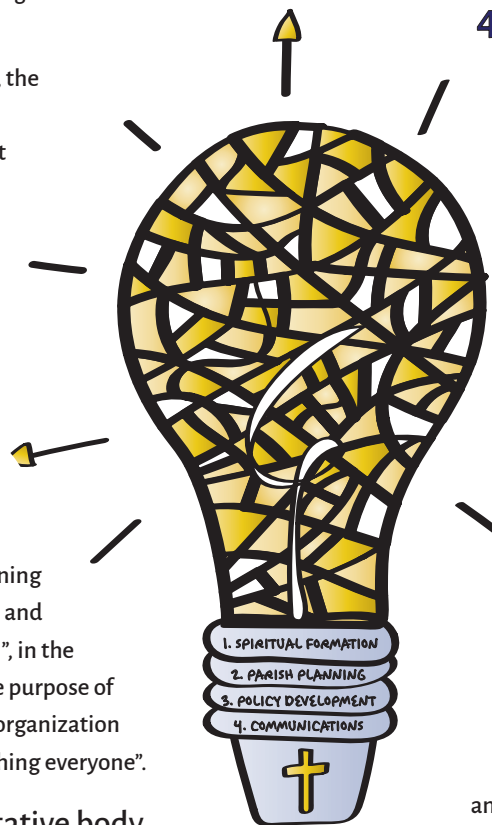
- Promote our role as Missionary Disciples of Christ, called by God to use our time, talent, and treasure for the Gospel

3. Policy Development

- Assure that we are reaching the greatest number of people and inviting them to a closer relationship with Jesus through our Eucharistic liturgy, prayer opportunities, life-long faith formation, and community support
- Create a loving, welcoming community in service to all
- Foster an environment of synodality, collaboration, and sharing of ministries among parishes

4. Communications

- Be efficient in using the resources we have



TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL that our Pastoral Council effectively represent the community of which it is an expression in its membership, I have invited several people to serve.

Although the Parish Pastoral Council possesses a consultative vote only, that is, its proposals must be accepted by me, the pastor, to become operative, I am committed to active listening and open to new and challenging ideas that are well grounded and realistic. In this manner we will be efficacious and fruitful, avoiding two extremes: on one hand, my presenting to the Pastoral Council decisions already made, or without the required information beforehand, or convoking it seldom only pro forma; and on the other hand, that of the Council in which I am only one of the members, deprived de facto of my role as Pastor and Leader of the community.

I look forward to seeing this new development here becoming a helpful tool for our mission and ministry at Immaculate.

Let's pray for our newly invited pastoral council members and our parish family.

Blessings!
Fr Benny





LEGACY Dinner

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH BIENNIAL FUNDRAISER

Wednesday, October 23

NANINA'S IN THE PARK
Belleville, New Jersey

COCKTAILS | DINNER | WINE PULL | 50/50 RAFFLE

Cocktail Reception 6:30 pm ♦ Dinner to follow

2024 LEGACY HONOREES



ROSE BAKER



JAN & ELIZABETH ZIOBRO



DEANA CAMPION

Deana having spent her entire life in the vibrant heart of New York City—where she was born, educated, married, and raised four incredible children—making the move across the Hudson River to Montclair was a significant and challenging change for her. Yet, upon her arrival in 1987, when she stepped into Immaculate Conception Church that very first weekend, Deana was enveloped by a warmth and sense of belonging that immediately made this new place feel like home.

Just two years later, Deana felt called to engage more deeply with her community and became involved in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). This ministry quickly became a treasured part of her life, allowing her to guide and support individuals on their spiritual journeys as they sought to join the Catholic Church or complete their Sacraments. The joy she

experienced in witnessing their growth and commitment was truly profound, and she cherished every moment spent together in faith.

In addition to Deana's work with RCIA, she embraced opportunities to serve in other meaningful ways, participating in Cornerstone, the Refugee Program as a founding member, and the Parish Council. Each of these roles provided a unique perspective on the shared mission of compassion and community support, enriching her life and deepening her commitment to service.

As Deana reflects on this incredible journey, she wishes to express her heartfelt gratitude to all the wonderful people she has had the privilege to work with over the years. Their unwavering support, kindness, and shared dedication have made this chapter of her life deeply fulfilling and profoundly meaningful. Deana wishes to thank Immaculate Conception Church for being such an integral part of her story and for creating a community that truly feels like family.

50/50 RAFFLE

Chances may be purchased for \$50 each. First prize will be 25% of proceeds, second prize 15%, and third prize 10%. Please indicate the number of chances requested. Winner need not be present. 50/50 tickets are also on sale after Mass, or stop by the Parish Office!



All Souls Day

MASS:

**Saturday, November 2
10:30 am**

CANDLE MEMORIAL:

November is the month that the Church traditionally dedicates to the memory of our beloved dead, beginning with the Memorial Feast of All Souls Day, November 2.

This year, the Parish will have the opportunity of memorializing your loved ones by dedicating a real Candle in their name during the month of November. It remains a wonderful and fitting way to show tribute in prayer to our beloved deceased.

The Candles will be displayed at Mother Mary's Altar. The names that you memorialize will be inscribed on the Candles, in order that all can see and join in prayer for them.

**The donation is \$20
for each Candle**

Look for the order form in the vestibule!



THE HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: A 2,000 YEAR JOURNEY

**7 PM
MADONNA
HALL**

This illustrated presentation by divided into three parts, will give general audiences an overview of the most significant developments in the history of the Catholic Church from its ancient roots in Judaism through the challenges of today.

Wednesday, October 30

ANCIENT ROOTS:

HOW CHRISTIANITY BEGAN AND DEVELOPED

- Jewish Underpinnings
- Jesus and His Time on Earth
- Followers of Jesus Lay Institutional Foundations Despite Roman Persecution
- How practices, prayers, traditions began and developed to about 750 A.D.

Wednesday, November 6

THE MIDDLE AGES 500-1500:

THE CHRISTIAN CENTURIES

- The Church was Never More Powerful than in the Middle Ages
- How and Why This Happened
- The Catholic Church as the Shaper of Medieval Life
- The Unfortunate Results of All This

Wednesday, November 13

THE CHURCH CONFRONTS MODERNITY:

1500 TO TODAY

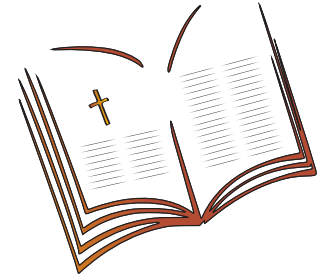
- Protestantism breaks the unity of Christianity
- Growth of trade, industry, commerce make people more materialistic
- Powerful Rulers resented Church Power and Influence
- New Ways of Thinking Attack Tradition
- Science Begins to Provide the Foundation of Truth
- New Political Ideologies Openly Attack Religion and Embrace Atheism

DR. MARIE MARMO MULLANEY has been teaching history at Caldwell University since 1980. She holds a B.A. in history and political science from Seton Hall University and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in history from Rutgers University. She teaches a wide range of courses in European history, American history, African-American history, the history of New Jersey, the history of Hispanics in America, and women's history. In recent years, Dr. Mullaney has expanded her research interests to include the history of Catholicism. For three years, she worked with Caldwell students as campus coordinator for the Sister Story oral history project, a national project which created an online archive of the experiences of American Catholic religious sisters. From 2018-2020 she was part of a Caldwell University team that brought the St. John's Bible to the campus community. Dr. Mullaney has been a National Merit Scholar, holder of a Danforth Foundation Fellowship, and winner of a Sears-Roebuck Foundation Excellence in Teaching Award. She received the Excellence in Teaching Award from Caldwell University in 2024.

LECTOR TRAINING

in our parish...

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3



The role of the Lector is to proclaim the Word of God in the Sacred Scriptures during the Liturgy of the Word at Mass.

Effective proclamation involves the delivery of the message with clarity, conviction, and appropriate pace.

Proclamation is a special ministry which presupposes faith and also rouses faith in those who hear the Word of God proclaimed. In the act of communal listening, the worshipers experience not only unity among themselves but also the presence of Christ speaking to them through the Word.

This is a great stewardship of your time and talent for the parish, if you are looking for an easy way to get involved.

Simple training takes place on Sunday, November 3 at 9:30 am in Church. You will be scheduled based on your availability.

THE *Legacy* FUND

This fund is specific to our parish needs and also helps support our ministries and community outreach and programs.

Your online contributions can also be directed toward The Legacy Fund. Thank you for your generous giving.

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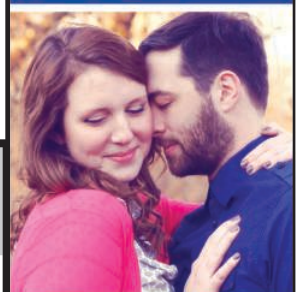
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