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Immaculate Conception CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

To know, love and serve God and one another as a true community of faith.

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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES:

Holy Days: 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

DAILY MASS:

8:00 a.m. - Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. - Saturday

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:25 p.m.

BAPTISMS:

Call the office for appointment.

MARRIAGES:

Call the Office at least four months in advance.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Welcome to the Parish.
Please register after Mass or at the Office.

WEB SITE:

www.icparishmb.org

Please remember Immaculate Conception in your will.

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Saturday, September 30

9:00 a.m. Anita Fadden by the Bonenberger Family
4:30 p.m. Cindi Bridge by Aunt Jean & Family

Sunday, October 1

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. Diane Spinosa by Maria Elliott
11:00 a.m. James Lowry, Jr. by his Family

Monday, October 2

8:00 a.m. Joan & Richard Hamilton by the Hamilton Family

Tuesday, October 3

8:00 a.m. The DeMarlo Family by Toni Polster

Wednesday, October 4

8:00 a.m. Ralph Baum by Ceil Baum

Thursday, October 5

8:00 a.m. Mary Karcz by Bonnie & Larry Payne

Friday, October 6

8:00 a.m. Members & Families of the Immaculate Conception Women's Guild

Saturday, October 7

9:00 a.m. Dom Prudente by Genni Greco
4:30 p.m. Melida Garcia by the Johnston Family

Sunday, October 8

7:30 a.m. Anne Mayer by the Immaculate Conception Women's Guild
9:00 a.m. Malida Garcia by Marie & Cory Ramundo
11:00 a.m. The People of the Parish



Offertory Collection \$7,505.00



If you would like to purchase fresh flowers for the altar for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one contact Joy Dimon at 956-1834.

Altar Flowers: October 1, 2017 – In loving memory of Dorman Gates by his Wife & Family

VISITS FOR THE SICK

If you know someone who is homebound, in a nursing home or rehabilitation center, and would like a visit from the Ministers to the Sick or a priest, please notify Susan Misner at 514-9548.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

A Miraculous Medal Novena will be held every Monday immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Booklets for the Novena are in the center aisle.

DAILY ROSARY AND BOOK OF PETITIONS

There is a prayer petition book to Our Lady of the Rosary located on the shelf at the back of the church. List your petitions - they will be included with the recitation of the rosary prayed before and after daily Mass. All are welcome to join us.

RCIA*, A JOURNEY OF FAITH

What is God's plan for you? The RCIA program meets every Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Tom Cato Parish Office Building. For more information contact Bob Hildebrand at (321)779-8444. (* Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults)

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Saturday, October 7

4:30 p.m. Frances Crowley, Maria Elliott, Mary Pat Maguire, Marlene Marando, Judi Mendes, Toni Polster, Dan Savage, Ann Youngblood

Sunday, October 8

7:30 a.m. Jackie Baduini, Bill Devaney, Bonita Payne, Joan Sochacki, Amy Sullivan
9:00 a.m. Gary Easton, Judy & Wendy Ellis, Bill & Linda Fadden, Lois Keefe, Camille Stimpson, Barbara Van Dam, Sonja Villaire
11:00 a.m. Mike Benner, Ava & Terry Cronin Jr., Agnes Crowley, Jenna Maffei, Blake Ostrosser, Julie & Terry Pierce, Judith Rohan

READERS

Saturday, October 7

4:30 p.m. Dan Savage, Samuel Blackwell

Sunday, October 8

7:30 a.m. Eric Smith, Amy Sullivan
9:00 a.m. Lois Keefe, Mary Paternoster
11:00 a.m. Dan Mestayer, Sarah Malesic

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, October 7

4:30 p.m. Adam & Evan Blackwell

Sunday, October 8

7:30 a.m. None Assigned
9:00 a.m. Mylee Rainbow
11:00 a.m. Sophia Anderson, Bella Zervigon

BIRTHRIGHT/GENESIS HOUSE

This weekend is Birthright Weekend, for our parish. Collections are taken for the Birthright Center and the three Genesis Houses. Envelopes are available near the baskets in the back of the Church and checks should be made out to "Birthright" or "Genesis House". In conjunction with this collection we will also have the **Penny Sunday Collection**. Please consider giving your pennies to Birthright to help pregnant, needy mothers. Bring your bag of pennies and drop them in the special bucket marked "Birthright" by the entrance of the church. Last month's collection was \$337.50!

**STAND FOR ONE HOUR IN SUPPORT OF UNBORN CHILDREN
At the 2017 Pro-Life Chain - Sunday, Oct. 1. at 2:p.m.**



Join hundreds of defenders of the unborn along our 6-mile chain and thousands more across the nation as we promote the value of all human life. Pro-Life signs will be provided. Stand 20 feet apart reaching thousands with our life-affirming messages! Peaceful ... Silent ... Prayerful ... Non-Political ... Non-Confrontational.

For more information: Call 321-773-9639.

E-mail: lifechainsouthbrevard@yahoo.com

Web page: www.lifechainbrevard.org

Immaculate Conception Church will gather along New Haven Ave., from 3-5 blocks west of the Mall. Pick up signs in front of Pentecostal Lighthouse Church next to Salvation Army.

PRAYER LINE

Please call in prayer requests for the Telephone Prayer Line to Marian Kulik at 728-1302 or Rosemarie Meerbott at 725-7053.

WOMEN'S GUILD

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for 2017

- Nov. 6 at 9:30 a.m. Board Meeting
- Nov. 11 Dinner/Dance
- December 4 at noon Christmas Luncheon

A Tour of Europe Dinner/Dance

- ◆ Saturday, Nov 11th - Parish Center
- ◆ Music - Remember When
- ◆ Caterers - Euro Deli & Chef Tom
- ◆ \$25 pp - Tickets after all Masses starting Oct 14th
- ◆ BYOB - NO WALK-INS
- ◆ More info: Joan 956-7918

Annual Gourmet Liquor Basket Raffle

Accepting donations for the annual ICCWG gourmet/liquor basket - Box available in Church foyer beginning Oct 7th.

Adoration Chapel News

Is the Lord asking you to spend an hour with Him?

The Blessed Sacrament is now exposed on:

Mondays from 12 midnight – 8 a.m. & 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Tuesdays from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

The chapel is open 24 hours, 7 days a week for prayer.

Permanent adorers needed Mondays 2-3 p.m. & 4 p.m. – 5 p.m. every other week. Substitute adorers needed for Mondays & Tuesdays.

Call (321)514-9548 to volunteer, or fill out a card and leave it in the basket in the chapel.

SISTER DIOCESE SECOND COLLECTION This Weekend, Sept. 30/Oct. 1

We are aware that the aftermath of hurricane Irma has left the parish and many of your parishioners in a vulnerable situation. Nonetheless, we are confident that you understand the daily reality of our friends in the Dominican Republic. We are grateful for your generosity in encouraging your parishioners to support our Annual Collection as they have done in the past.

BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY STARTS OCTOBER 4TH!

If you want a better understanding of our faith, and a deeper relationship with God, then you should join us for The Bible Timeline Study, beginning Wednesday, October 4th at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Office. The Bible Timeline is a Catholic Bible study that can help anyone to make sense of the Bible and experience the life-changing power of God's Word. For more information or to register for the study contact Jean Roye at 954-873-0746 or jcroye122@yahoo.com

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation has begun and is held on Wednesdays, at 3:30 p.m. There is still time to register! For questions contact Debbie Weir-Khan at dweirkhan@icparishmb.org

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Bring your dogs, your cats, and all your pets to a special Blessing of the Animals in front of the church on **Wednesday, October 4**, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

The blessing will take place at 4:30 pm on the church lawn. For more information call Gretchen at 725-0552.



FR. BEN'S "PAPER CLIPS"

I was teasing my parents last week during their first visit here to Melbourne Beach that when the first day of Autumn arrived a week ago Friday, the temps were plummeting-a whole 3 degrees from the over-90s we have been enduring since last May!

The only signs that remotely smacked of one's normal experience of Fall were the brown leaves-but those arrived (no) thanks to Hurricane Irma and not the passing of the autumnal equinox. One need be keenly perceptive to take note of our passages into and out of new seasons here in Florida.

A long-time friend of mine and wonderful spiritual writer, Rev. Jan Richardson, once wrote that the changing of seasons here in Florida is a very subtle, almost imperceptible thing, and that those who want to enter them must have a keen eye and supple heart. After all, many a Christmas Eve here has been spent with the air-conditioner running full-tilt!

How true this is, and perhaps truer about the many experiences and events that happen daily around and within us. We become so accustomed to ours and others' patterns of behavior, outlooks on life, decision-making styles, moods and methods of coping, and ways of seeing and being in the world, that it is often difficult to notice changes that are occurring beneath the surface.

And sometimes this is the way God arrives at the doorstep of our lives. Sure, there are those big moments when we sit up and take notice, when some major event or potentially life-altering occurrence knocks us up-side the head and we are immediately asked to find a new way to know and be in relationship with God amidst the changes called for.

But most of the time, God appears in the midst of our life with subtlety, approaching with quiet footsteps, with almost imperceptible touches of grace and favor-that we miss, or ignore, or simply brush off the whole encounter. The Presbyterian preacher and writer M. Craig Barnes once wrote: "God is always present-but not always apparent." How true!

One spiritual blogger put it this way: "God's subtle voice can get lost in the craziness of our daily life. We ask for God's BIG voice, but God's big voice is rare. God speaks to us steadily and quietly. We just forget to still ourselves so that we can hear and follow God. If we get caught up in the loud, chaotic world, we can easily miss what God wants us to know. Even if God shouted, we wouldn't hear unless we intentionally focus. And so, to hear God, slow down, be still, listen."

Autumn has arrived in subtle and imperceptible ways ... and perhaps God has too, in some little corner of our life. Ask the Lord for eyes and ears and a heart that are filled with patience, so we can meet the Lord wherever God may be lurking on tip-toes!

Have a blessed week!
Fr. Ben

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