

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.

Reverend Ben Berinti, C.P.P.S., Pastor

Reverend Peter A. Sagorski, Pastor Emeritus

Dr. Howard W. Pettengill, Jr., Deacon

Rev. Mr. Michael J. Biennas, Deacon

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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Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 11

9:00 a.m. Veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States

4:30 p.m. Marian Donohue by her Children

Sunday, November 12

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

9:00 a.m. Diane Spinosa by Dave & Lisa Farrall

11:00 a.m. Carl Sorgenfrei by the Benvin & Dessanti Families

Monday, November 13

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

Tuesday, November 14

8:00 a.m. Steven Berstler by Glenn Marsh

Wednesday, November 15

8:00 a.m. Dr. Ralph Vicari by Dave & Lisa Farrall

Thursday, November 16

8:00 a.m. Charles Joos, Jr. by wife, Karen

Friday, November 17

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

Saturday, November 18

9:00 a.m. Anne Mayer by Diane Gabrielli

4:30 p.m. Diane Spinosa by Tom & Joanne Fiorillo

Sunday, November 19

7:30 a.m. Red Elliott by Joy Dimon

9:00 a.m. Anita Fadden by Dr. Tom & Lois Keefe

11:00 a.m. The People of the Parish



Offertory Collection \$14,358.00
All Saints Day \$2,504.00



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: November 12, 2017 – In Honor of all U.S. Armed Forces Veterans by an anonymous parishioner

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.

PRAYER LINE

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

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.

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Saturday, November 18

4:30 p.m. Vicezina Bates, Ted Cooper, Maria Elliott, Mary Pat Maguire, Marlene Marando, Judi Mendes, George Rybicki, Dan Savage, Ann Youngblood

Sunday, November 19

7:30 a.m. Jackie Baduini, Bill Devaney, Bonita Payne, Joan Sochacki, Amy Sullivan

9:00 a.m. Carol Colombo, Gary Easton, Bob Hildebrand, Lois Keefe, Mary Kay O'Toole, Angela Phillips, Camille Stimpson, Barbara Van Dam, Sonja Villaire

11:00 a.m. Mike Benner, Agnes Crowley, Barbara Lizardi, Barbara Loftus, Julie & Terry Pierce, Judith Rohan, Julie Scott

READERS

Saturday, November 18

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

Sunday, November 19

7:30 a.m. Eric Smith, Amy Sullivan

9:00 a.m. Angela Phillips, Christopher Kehm

11:00 a.m. Children's Mass, Jacob & Lucas Butler

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, November 18

4:30 p.m. Olivia & Evan Blackwell

Sunday, November 19

7:30 a.m. None Assigned

9:00 a.m. Coral Kehm, Mylee Rainbow

11:00 a.m. Ellie & Grady Bonenberger

SECOND COLLECTION –This Weekend, Nov. 11/12

Priest Retirement & Priest Care

The Annual Priest Retirement and Care Collection, (*separate from the Retired Religious collection in December*), covers the extraordinary needs that priests have as they age. We are committed to providing for the spiritual, pastoral, and physical needs of our senior priests. We currently assist with growing medical needs and housing and offer fellowship retreats and enrichment workshops. Your support will help cover the rapidly growing costs of medical claims, prescription drugs, nursing home care, retirement residence subsidy and pension benefits. Thank you for your sacrifice and generosity.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Now through November 19th, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the needy in our community. Food may be dropped off in the Hall (boxes in kitchen) or during the week in the Parish Office. Needed items include all types of canned veggies, boxed stuffing, corn bread and potatoes, dessert mixes, and gift cards to buy turkeys. The food will be distributed through the South Brevard Sharing Center. Any donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!



Please pray for the eternal repose of the soul of Gwen McCarthy, and Michael Poggi, parishioners who died recently. On behalf of Immaculate Conception, we extend our prayerful sympathy to their family. May they rest in peace.

WOMEN'S GUILD

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for 2017

Dec. 4, Mon. at noon Christmas Lunch at Dove III
 December 10, Sunday Coffee Sunday
 January 26 & 27 Rummage Sale

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON at Dove III

Tickets on sale after all weekend Masses starting Sat., Nov 11 thru Nov. 26 - Limited seating - \$25 per person
 Contact: Frances 984-9405/Joan 956-7918

Basket of Liquor/Gourmet Raffle

Tickets available after all weekend Masses starting Nov. 12
 \$1 per ticket; 7 for \$5 & 15 for \$10

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 12 noon to 1 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.

MINISTERS TO THE SICK

Ministers to the Sick will have a quarterly meeting on Tuesday, November 14, at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Father Ben and Sister Immaculata Knox will speak on ministering to the homebound, sick and dying. Anyone interested in this topic or the ministry is welcome! Please RSVP to Susan Misner (321)514-9548 if you plan to attend.

PANTRY SUNDAY

Next weekend, **November 18th & 19th** is Pantry Sunday. The goods and money collected are given to Daily Bread and the South Brevard Sharing Center. If writing checks, please make them out to either Daily Bread or the Sharing Center.

JOIN US FOR THE CHRISTMAS BIBLE PARADE!

Please come out and join us on Saturday, Dec. 2nd (from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.) for the Bible on Parade. We need about 15 volunteers to walk a short 2-mile route with us. Free food and drinks waiting for us after the parade. Call Amy Sullivan at (321) 795-0740 or Eric Smith (321) 795-0476 to sign up.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Each November, Bishop Verot Council #5845 honors its deceased brothers in a Memorial Mass. This year's Mass is on Thursday, Nov 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Holy Name of Jesus Chapel with a reception to follow in the Community Room. Widows and family of deceased members of the Council are invited to attend and are requested to RSVP by Nov 12 to Bob Weidert, 321-777-0413.

"WHAT SWEETER MUSIC"

Start your Advent season with a FREE concert on **Sunday, December 3, at 3:00 p.m.** in our church, presented by the combined choirs of Immaculate Conception and Advent Grace Lutheran churches. Plan to stay after the concert to enjoy refreshments and a living Nativity scene.

ALTAR CARE

Would you be interested in helping to wash and iron our small Altar linens? If so, we need you! For more information on our ministry contact Linda Williams at 676-1476 or Edith Dinnan at 984-7128.



FR. BEN'S "PAPER CLIPS"

New Year's Eve is nearly seven weeks away, and my thoughts are already turning toward the "end of the year"! Not because I always have big plans for a great night out on the town, spending it with revelers celebrating with fireworks, over-priced drinks and dinners, and glittery balls dropping from tall buildings. No, I've been prompted to think of the "end" because our scripture selections for the past few Sundays, and those to come, are smacking me in the face with the fact that things are coming to an end!

The Church year always winds its way to an end ahead of our calendar year. The Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe marks the end of our year (November 26), while the First Sunday of Advent marks the start of a new year in the life of the Church. And in order to prepare us for the "end times"—both now and in the future—the Sunday scripture becomes more ominous and heavy as the weeks plow on. If you have been a little more than uncomfortable with the Word of God the past few Sundays—let me tell you—we're not over it yet! Before the sweet tunes of Christmas and a baby in the manger, we'll have to endure several more calls to action that are, to say the least, unsettling.

(And by the way, if you haven't been dis-comforted by the Word of God these past few weeks—you must be taking a little snooze during the proclamation of the Word!)

When I was a young (and foolish) seminarian, I remember planning a retreat with one of my classmates, which were to offer to a group of pre-teenagers. We were preparing the retreat under the direction of one of our priests from college, whom we had great respect for. That is...until he told us we needed to end the retreat with a mediation for these pre-teens on death—and not just "death" in general—but their own deaths! What? Ending the weekend getting 11-13-year-old kids to think about their own deaths seemed to be an idea hatched somewhere out near Jupiter! What was he thinking?

In the end, we did, in fact, offer the meditation, but at least we got to package it in a way that didn't send them off screaming to their parents—or for that matter, running away to another Christian church! My partner and I eventually came to see the value in the exercise.

And it's a value that the Church continues to offer us—no matter our age—as we hear the Word of God challenge us to realize that all our time is limited, and that no matter where we are on the age-spectrum, we are invited to *action* on behalf of the Gospel—and it needs to happen NOW!

Over the centuries, perhaps we have lost the deep sense of *urgency* that underlines the whole proclamation of the Kingdom by Jesus. "Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation." Thinking about the "end times" is not meant to be an extension of Halloween Fright Night, but rather a reminder to always be ready and vigilant and energized for the coming of the Lord and working on behalf of the Father's coming Kingdom.

The End! Fr. Ben

INTERESTED IN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?

Don McCredie is our parish coordinator for the Knights of Columbus Bishop Verot Council 5845. He can be reached at (321)622-5913.

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