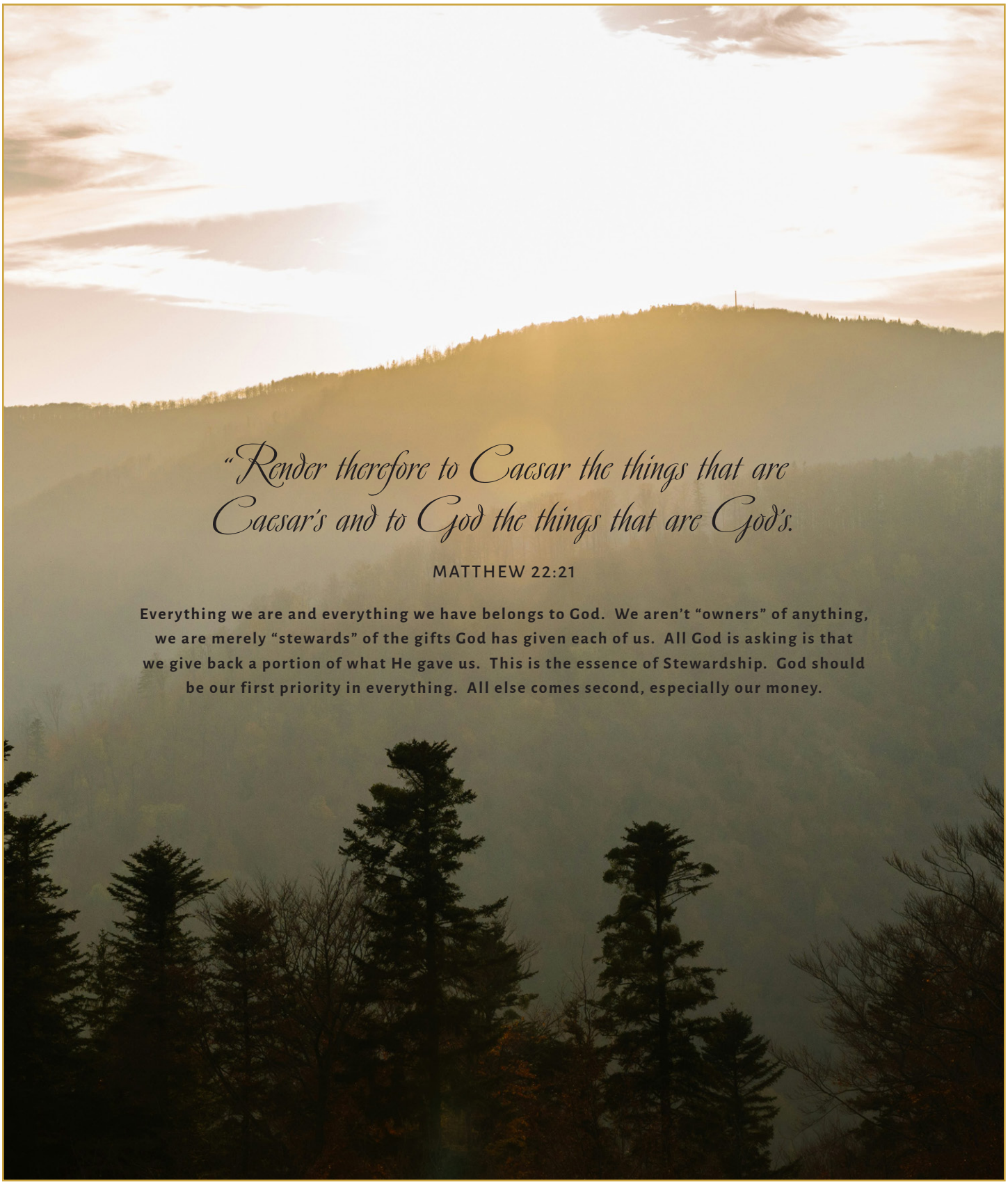
Immaculate Conception Church

St Teresa of Calcutta Parish

October 18, 2026 | Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Fall Mass Schedule is in Effect!

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 12:00 pm in Pope Francis Hall

September 2026 Stewardship of Treasury Report

Number of registered parishioners at month end: ***1,007***

Description	Total	YTD	Average Monthly	Average Weekly
Budgeted	34,721	104,162	34,721	8,680
Actual	36,415	115,274	38,425	9,606
Favorable (Unfavorable)	1,694	11,112	3,704	926
Envelopes	152	512	171	43
Loose Checks	40	131	44	11
Online Gifts	410	1,231	410	85
Other	9	30	10	3

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
5:00 pm † Grazia Ruggiero De Feo

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
8:00am People of the Parish
10:30am †Al Sgroi
6:00pm † Frances Watson

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19
12:00pm † Don Del Virginia

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20
12:00pm † Roberto Fernandez
† Helen Fleming

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21
12:00pm † The Gangone & Chiulli Families

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22
12:00pm † Rosemarie Wong

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
12:00pm †Barbara Shannon

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
5:00 pm † Lorenzo Salgado Araujo & Don Del Virginia

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
8:00am † Philip Deno
10:30am †Elizabeth Fleming
6:00pm † 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, Kevin Haber, Karen Potucek, Frank Gallo, Jose Fidalgo Sr, 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, Lindsay Trembulak, Don Peters, Stefano Rum, Ayan Kapoor, John Nicastro, Paolo Rum, Michael Munoz, Janice Rusnak, Kathie Cocca, Edwin Olsen, Brittany S., Alex P., Robert Hildebrandt

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.

Immaculate Conception Church Fundraiser

LEGACY Dinner

October 28

Nanina's In The Park

Belleville, New Jersey

Cocktail Reception | Dinner & Dancing | Raffle & Wine Pull

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Honoree Spotlight:

Neal & Ceil Zimmermann

FOR NEARLY 40 YEARS, NEAL AND CEIL ZIMMERMANN CALLED IMMACULATE CONCEPTION THEIR PARISH HOME, generously sharing their time, talents, and faith with our community.

Both served as Eucharistic Ministers, longtime members of the Pre-Cana Team, and members of the Pastoral Council. Ceil also served as a parish Trustee and led the effort to bring Women's Cornerstone, now the Women's Ministry, to Immaculate. Neal served on and chaired the Parish Finance Council and provided pro bono legal assistance to the parish.

In 2024, they moved to Upper Saddle River to be closer to two of their children and all five grandchildren. Though their address has changed, Immaculate remains close to their hearts.

We are grateful to honor Neal and Ceil at this year's Legacy Dinner, celebrating their years of faithful service and the lasting mark they have left on our parish family.

All Souls Day

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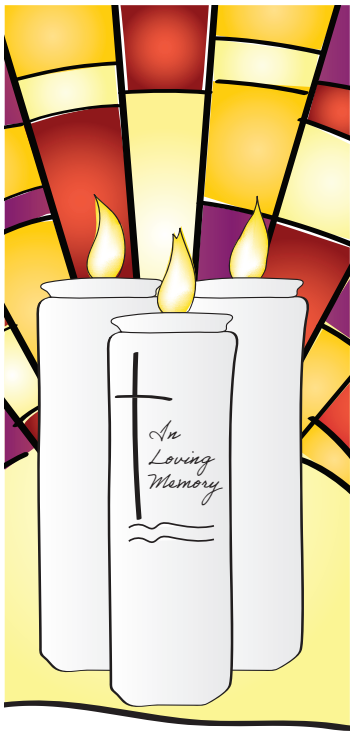
Mass for All Souls:
Monday, November 2
12:00 pm in the Church



During the month of November, we remember and pray for our beloved deceased.

Honor a loved one with a Memorial Candle, inscribed with their name and displayed at Mother Mary's Altar throughout the month, inviting our parish family to join in prayer.

The donation is $20 for each Candle

Look for the order form in the vestibule, or scan the QR code!

God Bless the Newly Baptized!

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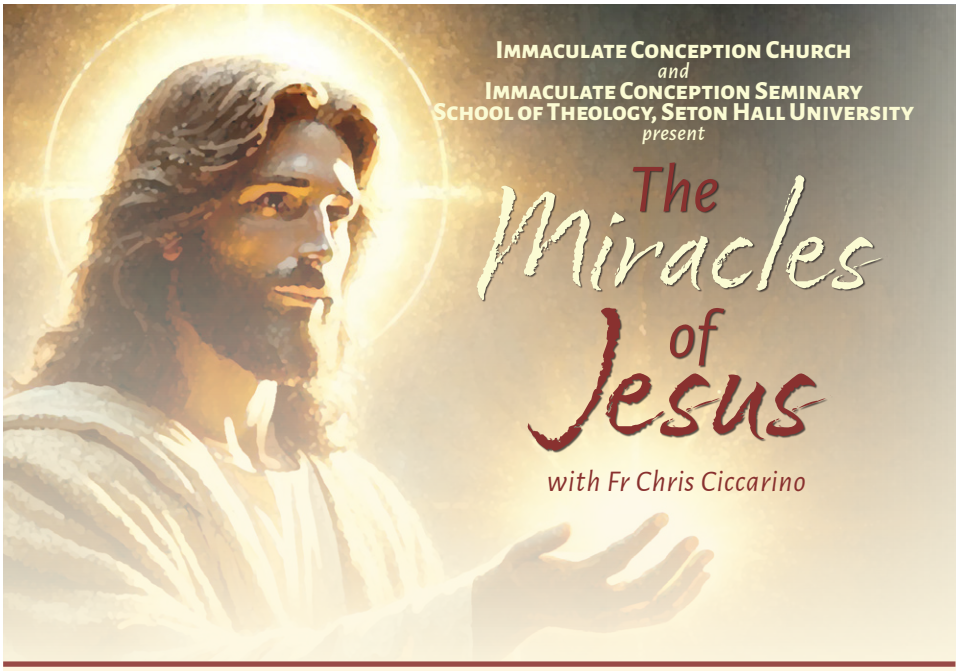
CONGRATULATIONS
MARY MAEVE!

CONGRATULATIONS
TEMPEST BUSTAMANTE!

CONGRATULATIONS
SEBASTIAN MATTHEW!



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The Miracles of Jesus

with Fr Chris Ciccarino

THURSDAYS

12:30 PM

Madonna Hall

Week 4	**OCT 29**	**Jesus the Exorcist** "If it is by the finger of God that I drive out demons..."
Week 5	**NOV 5**	**The Lord of Nature** "Taking the five loaves and two fish..."
Week 6	**NOV 12**	**Risen from the Dead** "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

Women's Ministry

Next Meeting:

It's Harvest Time ... We sow; we reap!

Wednesday
October 21
6:30 pm

Pope Francis Hall
1 Munn Street Montclair

Congratulations, Newlyweds!

Nadia & Hunter

Community Announcements

Pope Leo's Encyclical on Artificial Intelligence

Interested in learning about Pope Leo's Encyclical on AI- *"Magnificent Humanity"*? Join us here at St. Thomas the Apostle for a reading & discussion series on this timely document. Our goal is to understand the issues and concerns expressed by Pope Leo as we come to grips with AI's increasing presence in our lives. Sponsored by the Social Concerns Ministry and the Holy Name Society, we will meet for 6 consecutive Tuesday evenings in the parish center, from 7 to 9 pm starting October 13 and ending November 17. ***Registration is free but requested: call the Parish Center (973-338-9190) or register online: https://tinyurl.com/274nrdtb. Please indicate if you need a copy of the Encyclical; copies will be available for $2 each at the 1st Session.***

A day in the life of Leo XIV

by Anna Kurian | Via Aleteia.org

As head of state and head of the Catholic Church, Leo XIV occupies one of the most unique positions of power in the world. A modern, connected pope, he moves from prayer to pressing issues, from the intimacy of silence to the fervor of crowds, faithful to a spirituality that makes every activity an encounter with God. Here we have a look into a typical day in the life of a sovereign unlike any other.

A busy morning

Beginning the day with Mass. In his private apartments, the pontiff has a chapel where he celebrates Mass. John Paul II made this morning liturgy an opportunity to meet with countless guests who came to attend the Mass he celebrated and share his breakfast. Pope Francis, who celebrated Mass daily in the chapel of the Santa Marta residence, left a lasting impression with his powerful homilies, which were broadcast publicly for years, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. He, too, opened his door to guests, who could greet him as they left. At least for now, the American pontiff has not made this practice a regular part of his schedule. "He doesn't necessarily celebrate Mass in his own chapel; he also joins other communities in the Vatican," notes an official from the Holy Office, suggesting that Pope Leo XIV's schedule is flexible and that the pope moves around.

A marathon morning. After Mass, the pope's morning is devoted to official audiences, the list of which the Holy See publishes every day at noon—except on Tuesdays, the pope's day of rest. Apostolic nuncios, heads of state, benefactors, bishops, charitable organizations, prefects of dicasteries, religious communities, ambassadors… the pope goes from one appointment to the next, often as many as ten. The meetings are held behind closed doors, but the Vatican's head of state also delivers public speeches before important delegations, averaging about ten per week. The 267th pope receives his visitors in his office on the third floor of the Apostolic Palace for small delegations, and in various Vatican halls for larger groups (the Clementine Hall, the Royal Hall, or the Hall of Blessings).

A perennial ritual of Wednesdays and Sundays. The papal schedule also incorporates certain fixed events that have remained virtually unchanged for nearly a century. On Wednesday mornings, Pope Leo XIV conducts a general audience, during which he delivers a catechesis to thousands of faithful in St. Peter's Square or in the Paul VI Hall, depending on the weather. At the end of this nearly two-hour gathering, he greets lines of people who have obtained a coveted ticket for the bacciamano (hand-kissing) audiencesession, briefly exchanging a few words with each person, posing—rarely—for selfies, and receiving gifts from around the world. On Sundays at noon, the pope recites the Angelus from the window of the Apostolic Palace overlooking St. Peter's Square. His catechesis on this occasion is accompanied by various appeals regarding the global crises afflicting the world (conflicts, natural disasters…).

At the pope's table. Remaining an Augustinian at heart, Leo XIV enjoys community life. In fact, he likes to regularly join his Augustinian confrères—members of the "papal sacristy" responsible for preparing the sacred vessels for the pontiff's liturgies—for lunch in the dining room of the small community of three friars located near the Sistine Chapel. These gatherings were a daily occurrence at the start of his pontificate, but they have become less frequent over time, since the pope is sometimes prevented from attending due to the intensity of his duties, reports Fr. Alejandro Moral Antón, who succeeded Robert Prevost as prior general of the Augustinians from 2013 to 2025. Leo XIV also occasionally takes advantage of lunchtime to leave the Vatican: he has, for instance, invited himself to lunch with the Peruvian bishops visiting for their ad limina visit, or to the Augustinians' headquarters on several occasions.

A quieter (but still busy) afternoon

The second half of Leo's day. The pope's day continues, largely in his office, occupied by files and select visitors. Stacks of reports to review, emails to read, piles of letters to sign, fogli to approve (as are called the memos prepared by dicastery officials on all matters requiring a papal decision)… The list is long. The afternoon is also the time when Pope Leo can call his family across the Atlantic. His brother John says he speaks with him every day. As the day draws to a close, the pope also receives guests in a more informal setting. German writer Andreas Englisch recounts spending an hour in private with the successor of Peter in a "relaxed" atmosphere in the late afternoon, from 5:23 p.m. to 6:31 p.m.—as he reports with clockwork precision.

A quick dinner. The pope shares his dinner with his Peruvian secretary, Fr. Edgard Rimaycuna. No cook is required for the leader of the Vatican microstate, according to his brother John: "They prepare their own meals […]. It depends on the schedule: if there isn't time to cook because he came home late, he might settle for a peanut butter sandwich or a bowl of cereal."

In the evening, work and online games. Everyone agrees: Leo XIV works late. Some prefects receive his messages far into the night. "Sometimes you get a WhatsApp notification at 11:30 p.m.," says an official who had these exchanges with the pontiff. "He's more tired than before—you can see it on his face. He's just trying to stay calm and go to bed at a reasonable hour," reports his brother John. As for the pope's brief moments of respite, he "still watches a lot of soccer" and plays online word games, says the second of the Prevost brothers. When he can't sleep, the first tech-savvy pontiff in history plays Words with Friends, and has even been spotted learning German on Duolingo at 3 a.m. A pope, yes, but a man too.

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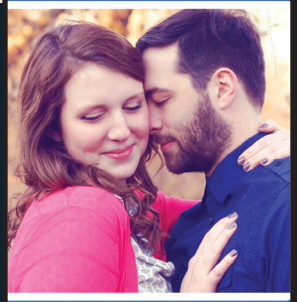
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