Immaculate Conception Church

St Teresa of Calcutta Parish

October 25, 2026 | Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Fall Mass Schedule is in Effect!

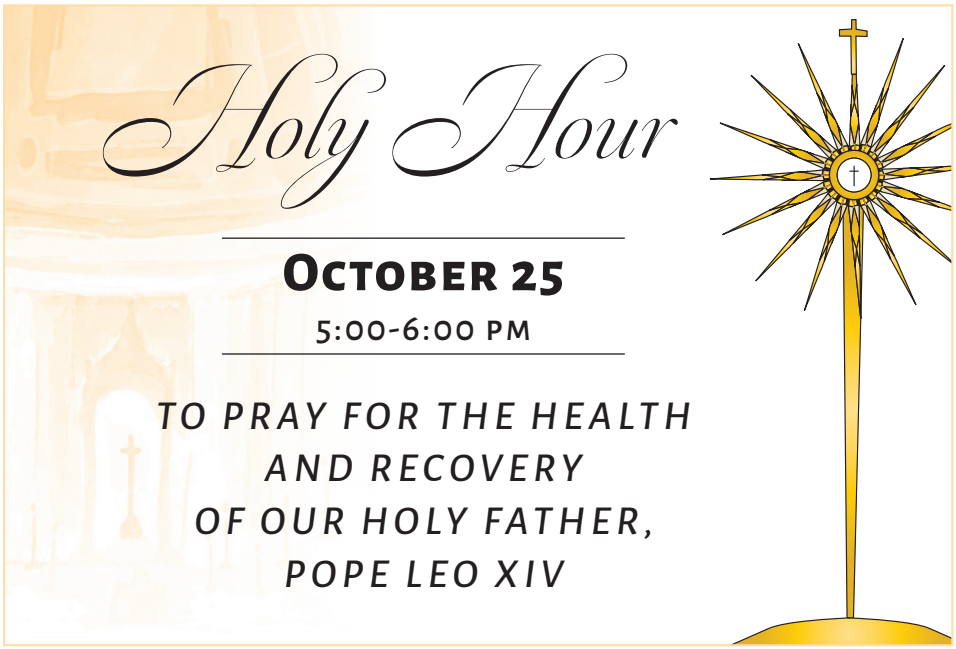
Immaculate Conception Church
30 North Fullerton Avenue
Montclair NJ 07042

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



Mass Intentions

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 Dan S. Smith

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26
12:00pm † Marietta Deengw

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27
12:00pm † John Griffin

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28
12:00pm † Ella Rodriguez

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29
12:00pm † Therese Maddy-Pierre

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30
12:00pm † Rosebel Monteiro

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
5:00 pm † Augutine Gaisie

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
8:00am People of the Parish
10:30am † Bobby Lamb † Eileen Connolly
6:00pm Teresa Gernitis † Valerie Gernitis Haberman

"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:

Pat & Carol DeCelie

CAROL AND PAT HAVE BEEN DEVOTED MEMBERS OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH SINCE 1999, sharing their faith, time, and talents with the community they call their spiritual home.

Together, they serve as Eucharistic ministers and lectors, ministries they embraced in 2020. Through proclaiming Scripture and distributing the Eucharist, Carol and Pat contribute to the parish's worship and spiritual life.

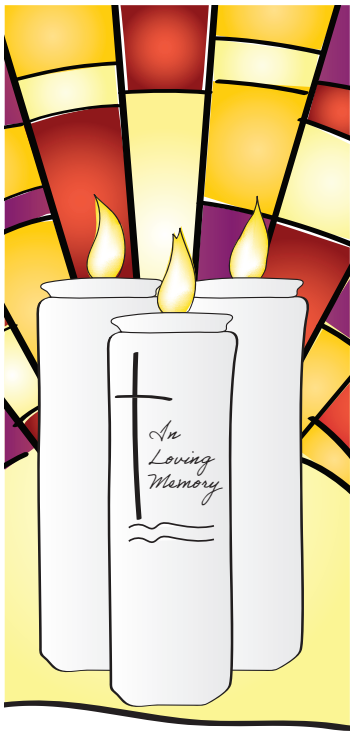
Pat's service also includes the Men's Ministry, which he joined at its first meeting in 2000, and the Montclair Knights of Columbus, where he has served since 2006, supporting charitable efforts such as the annual Thanksgiving turkey drive. Since 2013, he has also contributed his time and perspective to the Parish Finance Council.

Through their faithful presence and willingness to serve, Carol and Pat reflect the spirit of faith, fellowship, and generosity that strengthens Immaculate Conception. We are grateful to honor their many years of dedication to our parish family.

All Souls Day

CANDLE MEMORIAL

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!

In Lourdes, Pope Leo speaks of doing penance

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Drawing from the readings of this Sunday's Mass, but also the message of Mary to Saint Bernadette, Pope Leo XIV considered repentance and penance in his homily at Lourdes this September 27.

Both Mary and Scripture make a "call to conversion, both tender and urgent," the Pope said.

"In an age and society that seek progress and material wellbeing, but can sometimes forget the horizon of eternity, Mary comes to remind us of the greatness and richness of our calling to life, to eternal life."

Here is the full translation of his homily:

BROTHERS AND SISTERS, PILGRIMS FROM FRANCE AND FROM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, in seeing you gathered here this morning in our Mother's home, I see the universal face of the Church. Some of you have crossed continents, traveled far, and brought your joys and burdens to this sacred grotto. What a joy it is to be together, as one heart and one family.

I would especially like to greet the pilgrims who have come from every province and diocese of France. Today you stand on this blessed ground that has received so many graces. May this pilgrimage rekindle the flame of faith in your homes and parishes. Take the consolation of Lourdes back to your neighbors, your loved ones and the whole French people.

This Sunday's readings touch on a central part of the message that the Virgin Mary entrusted to Saint Bernadette: the call to conversion, both tender and urgent. In the Gospel, Jesus looks with truth and deep sorrow upon hearts that have remained closed, "you did not repent" (Mt 21:32). Why does this wound the heart of Christ? Because God does not want his children to be lost. The prophet Ezekiel reminds us, "When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, he shall die for it." However, since "he considered and turned away from all the transgressions which he had committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die" (Ez 18:26, 28). This is why the call to repentance runs through Sacred Scripture and the preaching of the Gospel down the centuries. Its gravity reminds us of the urgency and necessity of conversion. It is today, not tomorrow, that we must repent. Indeed, now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation (cf. 2 Cor 6:2). God wants us to live, to open our eyes and return to him. To repent is to leave the paths on which we lost our way, and to follow the way of life, opening our hearts to the sole joy that never passes away.

Jesus himself is quite direct in calling us to repentance. As Saint Luke tells us, "Unless you repent, you will all perish" (Lk13:5). But he also extends our horizon beyond this earthly life to the horizon of eternal life. For while happiness in this world is fleeting and relative, and sadly sometimes out of reach for some, true happiness is promised to everyone in hope, and this is what we should seek above all else, in all our efforts and choices. Did not the Virgin Mary say to Saint Bernadette, "I do not promise to make you happy in this world but in the next"?

This promise, made right here, has a particular force in this land of France, and it challenges the way we think today. In an age and society that seek progress and material wellbeing, but can sometimes forget the horizon of eternity, Mary comes to remind us of the greatness and richness of our calling to life, to eternal life. In the face of current trends that seek to redefine the value of human life in illness, suffering and old age, the grotto of Massabielle stands as a place of Christian hope. Here, no one is turned away due to their frailty. Your crutches, your wheelchairs and your hidden tears are not obstacles; instead, they are the very place where you are fully respected and welcomed, and where you can experience a transforming encounter with the infinite love of God. Lourdes is blessed as a place for professing the beauty and sanctity of life, for life is welcomed here as a precious gift from God, and is called to flourish for ever in the love of the Father.

"I promise you!" Indeed, eternal life is a firm and certain promise that the Lord makes to us. He has already won it for us by his death on the cross

and his resurrection, and through the grace of baptism he is bringing it to fulfilment in us each day. It is within our reach, but we must freely welcome it, take hold of it and not stand in its way. For the obstacle to grace and eternal life — the only obstacle to this love — is sin, whereby we turn in upon ourselves, refusing God and shutting ourselves up in our own darkness. Our personal responsibility therefore comes into play, and a great responsibility it is. God has made us free, since freedom is necessary for love; no one can be forced to love. We must therefore use our freedom to say yes to Christ, relying on his grace, like Mary. This is a yes that we renew until our final breath — "now and at the hour of our death" — as we say in the Hail Mary.

We hear the same urgent call to conversion in the words which Mary spoke right here, "Penance! Penance! Penance!" She repeats the word three times. And she asks Bernadette to perform certain acts of penance. Why? Are we slow to understand? Do we too easily think of ourselves without sin? Do we not practice penance enough? The Virgin asks us to do penance not only for ourselves, because we too need it, but also "for sinners," for a world that is going astray. How can our hearts not be moved by the conflicts that are spreading and destroying so many innocent lives? Yet the evil of our time comes from the human heart. God is not responsible for it. As he says to the Israelites, "Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?" (Ez 18:25). It is therefore human hearts that must change, beginning with our own.

Penance is an act of love, carried out in solidarity with the human family. It is an act of love for God, because we want to make amends for the wounds our sins have dealt to his heart. It is also an act of love for those brothers and sisters of ours who do not heed this call to conversion, and whose sins lead them towards death. This call to conversion also concerns the Church herself as she makes her earthly journey. She must have the courage to begin with herself. In order to heal the deep wounds, infidelities and painful errors that have occurred within her, we must humbly place ourselves under the Lord's purifying gaze. Recognizing our own faults is essential to our spiritual growth. As Saint Augustine wrote, "Do not be content with what you are, if you want to become what you are not yet" (Disc. 169, 15, 18).

Our Mother's reminder of our duty to pray and repent fills us with great hope, because she shows us that the way to change the course of things is by uniting ourselves to the passion of Christ. Dear friends who are sick, so many of you here in Lourdes are familiar with suffering. You can live your trials and pains in this spirit of offering, and so take part in the redemptive work that the world so greatly needs. In this way, you are truly at the heart of the Church, and your role is irreplaceable.

Pilgrims, brothers and sisters, you will not leave Lourdes as you arrived. You will leave as missionaries of hope. Indeed, the miracle of Lourdes is that it can awaken the joy of hope in the very midst of suffering and hardship. The Virgin Mary heals our outlook and changes our hearts, giving them peace. In your countries, dioceses and families, become living witnesses to this divine strength and tenderness, which help us to persevere towards our goal. Sustained by the prayers of the sick and the love of our Mother, walk with confidence into the future. Do not be afraid of the storms of the world, for the holy Mother of God watches over your journey, she shelters the Church beneath her mantle of tenderness and, as the radiant Morning Star, guides your steps, so that with joy she may bring you to new birth in the very life of her Son Jesus. Amen.

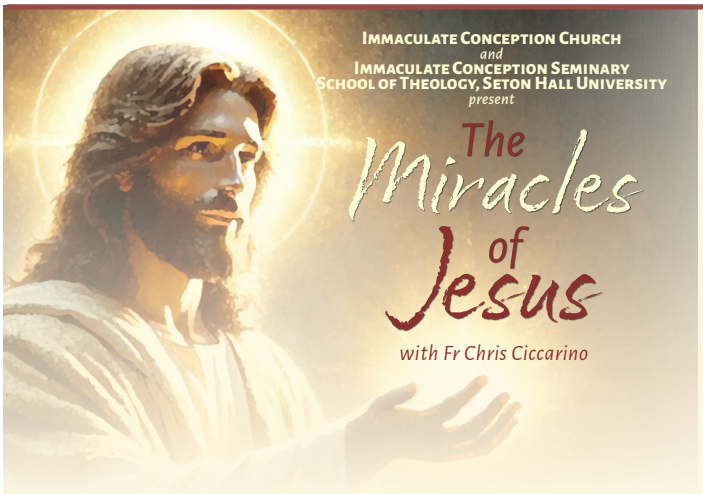
https://aleteia.org/2026/09/27/in-lourdes-pope-leo-speaks-of-doing-penance/

LITURGICAL *Ministries...*

We encourage our parishioners to join the important ministries of Lector and Eucharistic Minister.

These roles are vitally important to our celebrations at every mass and we do not have enough volunteers to fulfill each ministry. Take the time to invest of yourself in this important and fulfilling role.

Please contact our volunteer Ministry Leader, Jim Feeney at jfeeney165@gmail.com or contact Parish Office (973) - 744-5650.



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?"

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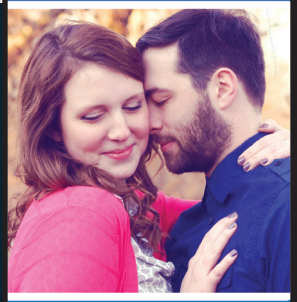
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