

# Immaculate Conception Parish



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**SUNDAY MASSES**  
**SATURDAY VIGIL:** 4:00 PM  
**SUNDAY:** 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM

## RECTORY ADDRESS

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**C. HENRY MASON, MUSIC DIRECTOR**

**BRIDGET KLOFFT, CANTOR**

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**MATTHEW FOSTER, PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN**

**LYNDA MONAHAN, SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR**

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
**MONDAY - THURSDAY:** 9:00 AM

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 2:45 - 3:30 PM  
(or by appointment)

## NEW PARISHIONERS

Anyone is welcome to join the Parish Community.  
Please contact the Rectory and introduce yourself.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents and godparents of infants to be baptized are expected to participate in a preparation session. Call the Rectory to register for this process and set a date for the actual Baptism. For Baptism of adults please contact the Rectory.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the rectory one year prior to your desired wedding date

## SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The priest can be called whenever someone can benefit from this sacrament of healing.

## PROTECTING OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you want to share feelings of hurt or betrayal, call Cathaleen Peloquin, Victim Services Coordinator, Office of Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363 (direct, confidential line).

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat.	July 31	4:00 PM	( <i>St. Ignatius of Loyola</i> )
Sun.	Aug 1	7:30 AM	Joan M. Kennedy, 1st Anniversary
		10:00 AM	Frank Kokernack, from Family
Mon.	Aug 2	9:00 AM	( <i>St. Eusebius of Vercelli, St. Peter Julian Eymard</i> )
Tues.	Aug 3	9:00 AM	Parishioners of Immaculate Conception
Wed.	Aug 4	9:00 AM	( <i>St. John Vianney</i> )
Thurs.	Aug 5	9:00 AM	Cecelia Provost, from Family
Sat.	Aug 7	4:00 PM	Francis Mahoney, Sr., From Family
Sun.	Aug 8	7:30 AM	
		10:00 AM	Rochelle Charlton, Month Mind, from Family

**MASS INTENTIONS**

One of the greatest works of charity is to pray for the living and the dead. The greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass, since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption. For that reason, all are encouraged to have Mass offered for a deceased loved one; for health and healing of a person who is sick or suffering; for a living person who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special moment in their life; in thanksgiving to God, our Blessed Mother or a saint; or simply for a special intention. A \$10 stipend, as determined by diocesan policy, is to accompany each Mass request. Persons/families who have a Mass intention on weekends are invited to bring up the gifts of bread and wine during the offertory. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a Mass for your loved one.

**ADORATION IN GARDNER**

Annunciation Parish is adding a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday evenings at Holy Spirit Church, 50 Lovewell St. Everyone is welcome - including anyone who is regularly attending Adoration in another parish or looking for an additional weekly opportunity to spend with the Lord. Begins on **Monday, August 2 from 6 - 8 pm** and will continue weekly.

**OUTDOOR ROSARY ON THURSDAYS**

Parishioner Mike Mitchell invites all to a weekly outdoor Rosary on Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in Our Lady's Garden on the Church grounds on the rectory side. Weather permitting.

**HOPE FOR HOUSING FOOD CARDS**

Please consider supporting through our Parish the purchase of food cards for Hope for Housing, whose primary mission is to assist families from becoming homeless in our community. Available are cards for Shaw's, Stop & Shop, Big Y, CVS, Panera Bread, and Dunkin Donuts. This past week card sales amounted to \$240.00. Last week the corrected amount was \$270.00

**PARTNERS IN CHARITY**

The Partners in Charity Campaign continues in our Parish. Our Parish goal remains the same as in past years; **\$88,500**. *Thus far our Parish has raised \$86,135 dollars from 144 donors representing 97% of our Parish goal.* I pray that each parishioner/family will consider donating to the Partners in Charity this year on behalf of our Parish. Thank you.

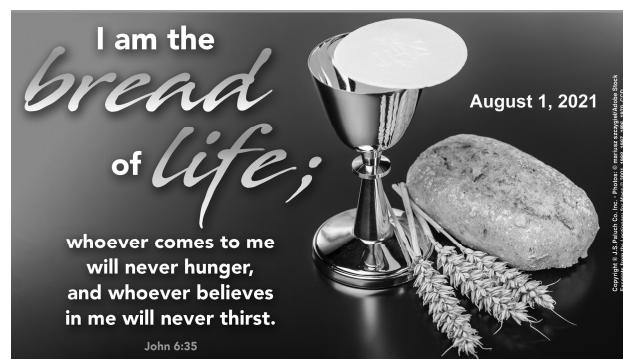
**THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL EXERCISES IN DAILY LIFE**

A 30-week directed prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola is being offered by a team of Jesuits and lay people experienced in Ignatian prayer. The program will begin on September 28, 2021. Each weekly session will be approximately ninety minutes long and will include reflection, direction, and a presentation. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at St. Peter's Church in Worcester at 6:30pm, in the lower church hall, adjacent to Clark University.

Information nights will be held on Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at St. Peter's upper church, 929 Main St., Worcester, and Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at St. Richard's Church, 4 Bridge St., Sterling, MA. To read about The Spiritual Exercises, information about the retreat and application forms are available at: <https://www.IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com>. You can also contact the team by e-mail at [worcspx19@gmail.com](mailto:worcspx19@gmail.com) or call Dick Kirk at 508-885-4462.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT 7/25/2021**

Sunday Ordinary (includes Online) \$ 2,596.00



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2021-2022**

Registration is ongoing for the 2021-2022 Religious Education year. Classes for children in K through 6th grade take place at 8:45am-9:45am. Classes for students in 7th-10th grade take place at 11:15am-12:15pm. All Children in second grade will begin preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in September. All Students in 11th grade will begin preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation in September. All children are welcome to attend Religious Education Classes and will not be denied participation due to financial hardship. If you are new to the parish, and have a child entering Pre K-11th grade, and would like to know more about our Religious Education Program please contact Mary Sycks at 508-868-8119.

**BE A PART OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY!**

Volunteers are essential to our Religious Education Program. Help spread the word of God with the children of Immaculate Conception. We have training and a wonderful support group to help you with this mission. If you are interested in sharing your faith please contact Mary Sycks.

**FROM THE PASTOR**

Dear Parishioners,

My first month in the parish has been quite an adventure! I am still settling into the rectory, learning the ins & outs of this parish. Even with the normal challenges of being a new pastor, the reward has been far greater! I continue to be grateful and humbled by the outpouring of generosity, welcome, and love from the people here, you are certainly living up to your reputation. I ask for your continued patience as I transition into life here at this awesome parish and as I learn from all of you what your needs are and in what ways I can be of help to you, as we walk the journey of faith together. May Our Lady be our protection and guide as we move into a closer and deeper relationship with her Son, Jesus Christ.

In the second reading this Sunday, the Apostle Paul is telling the Church in Ephesus that they “*should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self*”.

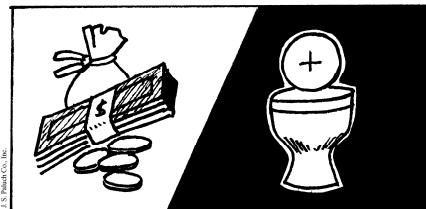
No matter how old we are or how much experience/knowledge we think we may have, we need to be mindful of the way we act, think and speak. We all know how hard it can be to change, and it starts with our minds. In order to have control over our flesh, we need to change the way we think. We need to reflect a marked and authentic change when we commit our lives to Jesus Christ.

The Good News is that we are a new creation and we have the Holy Spirit! The bad news: Once we become a new creation, our old selves just don’t disappear – conversion has to happen daily. Our old selves harbor resentment, our new selves forgive. Our old selves are impatient and judgmental; our new selves are patience and loving.

The Apostle Paul instructs us to put off our old selves – don’t get comfortable with the old way! The danger is that we get comfortable with the old ways and do not want to give things up. The enemy tells us we cannot change, that we have failed before and we will fail again. Leave those thoughts behind! We need to know what we are up against otherwise we will continue to be corrupted by our sins. The only way we can overcome our sinful nature is by the renewing of our mind – choose God to be first in our life.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Edwin



Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life.  
— John 6:27a

**GOVERNING OUR PASSIONS**

Whoever governs their passions is master of the world. We must either command them, or be commanded by them. It is better to be the hammer than the anvil.

—St. Dominic

# Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## August 1, 2021

### HYMNAL READINGS: 1000

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54;  
Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35  
Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21  
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13;  
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14  
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;  
Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28  
Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23  
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;  
2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10  
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20  
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2;  
Jn 6:41-51

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The people of Israel receive bread from heaven in response to their grumbling (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).

**Psalm** — The Lord gave them bread from heaven (Psalm 78).

**Second Reading** — Put on the new self that has been created in God's way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).

**Gospel** — I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger (John 6:24-35).

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### FEAST OF FAITH

#### The Preface: Thanksgiving

The preface of the Mass has been called “a poem, the cry of joy and recognition, the song of the world discovering its salvation . . . the certitude of faith making hope spring forth” (Philippe Béguerie, quoted in *The Mass*, Lucien Deiss, The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN, 1992, p. 70). The preface takes up the last words of the dialogue, and expresses briefly and simply why we are grateful, why it is right and just to give thanks and praise to God. On feast days, the preface sings of the specific mystery or saint we celebrate; in Ordinary Time, the Sunday and weekday prefices express our gratitude for God’s gift of the Son, Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption and newness of life. The prefices offer a succinct account of what God has done for us in Christ; they express the mystery of faith, always relating it to us, to our lives. “By his birth we are reborn,” we hear in Preface IV for Sundays in Ordinary Time. “By his suffering we are freed from sin. By his rising from the dead we rise to everlasting life.” Yes, we have cause to give God thanks and praise.

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## **THIS WEEK AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Sat. July 31 2:45 PM Confession  
4:00 PM Mass

Sun. Aug 1 7:30 AM Mass  
10:00 AM Mass

Mon. Aug 2 8:30 AM Rosary  
9:00 AM Mass

Tues. Aug 3 8:30 AM Rosary  
9:00 AM Mass

Wed. Aug 4 8:30 AM Rosary  
9:00 AM Mass

Thur. Aug 5 8:30 AM Rosary  
9:00 AM Mass

Sat. Aug 7 2:45 PM Confession  
4:00 PM Mass

Sun. Aug 8 7:30 AM Mass  
10:00 AM Mass

### **Prayer of St. John Vianney**

I love You, O my God,  
and my only desire is to love You  
until the last breath of my life.  
I love You, O my infinitely lovable God,  
and I would rather die loving You,  
than live without loving You.  
I love You, Lord & the only grace  
I ask is to love You eternally...  
My God, if my tongue  
cannot say in every moment  
that I love You, I want my  
heart to repeat it to You  
as often as I draw breath.



### **YES, WE WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION!!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Envelopes yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Number of People in Household \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE, TEAR THIS OFF AND PLACE IN THE  
COLLECTION BASKET! THANK YOU!**