

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

353 GROVE STREET, WORCESTER, MA 01605

MAY 08, 2022 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## WELCOME!

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday | 9:30am - 2:30pm

## MASS SCHEDULE

### LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm  
Sunday | 7:30am, 10:00am

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Thursday | 9:00am

### CONFESSION

Saturday | 2:45pm - 3:30pm  
Other | By Appointment

### ADORATION

Holy Hour for Priests  
Second Friday | 7:00pm



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." - Jn 10:27-28b

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## PARISH STAFF

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, MAY 7

#### Vigil of 4th Sunday of Easter

4:00pm | +Francis X. Mahoney Jr., 7th Anniversary, from Family

### SUNDAY, MAY 8

#### 4th Sunday of Easter

7:30am | +Juniva Glavickas, 8th Anniversary, from Family  
10:00am | All Mothers Living and Deceased

### MONDAY, MAY 9

9:00am | For the Souls in Purgatory

### TUESDAY, MAY 10

9:00am | For the Souls in Purgatory

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

9:00am | For the Souls in Purgatory

### THURSDAY, MAY 12

9:00am | For the Souls in Purgatory

### SATURDAY, MAY 14

#### Vigil of 5th Sunday of Easter

4:00pm | +Margaret and Daniel O'Brien, from their daughters Joanne Kennedy and Kathleen Kingston

### SUNDAY, MAY 15

#### 5th Sunday of Easter

7:30am | For the Souls in Purgatory  
10:00am | +Richard Kennedy, 1st Anniversary, from Family and Friends

## CATHOLIC SACRAMENTS

### INFANT BAPTISM

Celebrated on Saturdays at 2:00pm or Sundays at 11:30am. Please contact the church office.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

From grades Pre-K to 11. Contact our Religious Education Administrator, Mary Sycks at 508-868-8119.

### RCIA

For adults seeking full admission into the church through baptism, confirmation & eucharist. Please call the church office for registration which takes place during the month of September.

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

For Catholics who received first communion but have not yet been confirmed a diocesan-wide adult (18+) Confirmation celebration is offered every year in February at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Worcester. If interested, please contact the church office.

### HOLY ORDERS

To learn more about the Permanent Diaconate, contact Deacon William Bilow at 508-929-4335. To learn more about entering the Priesthood, contact Rev. Donate Infante at 508-630-4473.

### HOLY MATRIMONY

Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance.

### ANointing OF THE SICK & COMMUNION CALLS

Please call the office when a parishioner is confined at home, in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home. If there is an urgent need, dial the emergency extension.



## LET US PRAY...

On this "Good Shepherd Sunday" and also "Mother's Day", let's take a moment and pray...

### FOR PRIESTS

*Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.*

### FOR VOCATIONS

*Father, in your loving plan for the salvation of your people, you call some to follow your Son's life of service as priests, deacons, and religious. In your goodness, inspire many men and women in the Diocese of Worcester to answer your call by laying down their lives for the sake of the Kingdom. Grant to them the grace to follow you in all things wherever you lead. May Mary our Mother intercede for us that we may have many holy vocations coming from our families and parishes.*

*Saint Paul, pray for us. Amen*

### FOR MOTHERS

*Where would we be without our mother's love? Lord, bless our mothers with wisdom to teach and guide their children in a way that will help them to follow You and to become men and women who will be pleasing in Your sight. Give all mothers the patience to deal with the difficulties of their mission and, most of all, give them a special blessing as they care so lovingly for the gifts that You have allowed them the honor of raising. Amen.*

## 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).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2022-2023

Registration is ongoing for the 2022-2023 Religious Education year. Classes for children in K through 10th grade take place at 8:45am-9:45am. Classes for students in 11th grade (Confirmation) take place at 11:00am-12:00pm. 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 K-11th grades, 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.

## VACATION BIBLE CAMP

We are very excited to offer Vacation Bible Camp at Immaculate Conception! VBC will be the week of June 20th - 24th from 9:30am-12:30pm and is FREE! Children 5-10 years old are welcome to join us for a fun week of many activities including Bible Stories, Games, Music, Crafts, Snacks and more! Contact Mary Sycks at [mks723@msn.com](mailto:mks723@msn.com) for registration forms and more information.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

On Sunday, May 1st, ten girls and boys received their First Holy Communion. It was a glorious day filled with love. May the Lord continue to bless them as they grow in their faith. A special thank you to their teachers, Nicole Hermance and Joanna Jalbert, who shared their time and faith to prepare the children for this very special day. **Congratulations to John Butler, Samantha Diggins, William Latham, Noah Legasey, Paisley Malarney, William Matson, Conrad McCann, Abigail Salter, Rocco Young and Evan Zaccaria!**

## BIBLE STUDY IN MAY

All are invited to participate in a presentation and discussion of "Jesus' Last Discourse" (John: 14-17); just hours before His Passion, Death and Resurrection. We will meet on Tuesday evenings, May 10, 17 and 24 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. This is a marvelous opportunity to hear and take to heart Jesus' final message of love and compassion for all of us. Frank McGuire will serve as presenter and moderator.

## HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS

On Friday, May 13th at 7:00pm a holy hour to pray for priests will take place in the church. This holy hour will consist of time for silent adoration, as well as a short refectio, the rosary, and benediction. Please join us to pray for our priests.

## WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Women of our parish aged 21 and older are invited to join our monthly prayer group! Our next gathering is Saturday, May 14th at 9am in the Coffee Shop. We will pray, reflect, share, and have coffee. Let's nourish our spirit! For more info, please email Bridget Klofft, at [bridgetbakes@yahoo.com](mailto:bridgetbakes@yahoo.com)

## HYMNAL READINGS: 929

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/  
Jn 10:27-30

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10  
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30  
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50  
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/  
Jn 13:16-20  
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6  
Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/  
Jn 15:9-17  
Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/  
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

## JULY BUS TRIP TO NEW HAMPSHIRE

Immaculate Conception Church is hosting a Fox Tours bus trip on Thursday, July 21, to NH's Hart Turkey Farm Restaurant & Lakes Region Summer Music Theatre's musical "The King and I". Cost is \$121 pp, includes all tips. All passengers must be Covid-vaccinated & masked on the bus. Contact Michelle Deignan at (508) 596-4778 or [mmdeignan@charter.net](mailto:mmdeignan@charter.net). Deadline to register: 6/21/22.

## PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2022 Partners in Charity Appeal. Our Parish's goal is **\$88,500**. To date **\$53,745** has been raised. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please consider making one and visit [partners-charity.net](http://partners-charity.net) to do it online. Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!

## FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE

In order for us to renew our expired food permit for the parish hall, we are seeking someone to be certified in "Choke Safe", or "First Aid with Heimlich Maneuver" for our food permit as the City of Worcester has now made this a requirement for the license. Please contact Fr. Edwin or the Parish Secretary.

## ASSISTED SUICIDE IN MA

The Massachusetts State Legislature is considering passing into law two deeply troubling bills this session which would legalize Physician Assisted Suicide. Call or email your legislators, let them know you are a Massachusetts voter, and say NO Physician Assisted Suicide! Log on to [www.macatholic.org](http://www.macatholic.org) and follow the links to find more information.

## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

At this time, the food pantry is in need of canned fruit, jelly, peanut butter, boxed pasta, spaghetti sauce, instant mashed potatoes, rice, rice pilaf, soups/stews/broths, canned meats, beans (dry or canned), canned vegetables, canned pasta (Spaghetti O's), hamburger helper, pasta sides, crackers, and cookies. Thank you.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT (Amounts Include Electronic Giving)

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