

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

353 GROVE STREET, WORCESTER, MA 01605

MAY 14, 2023 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## WELCOME!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., no matter what your own self-image, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here.

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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



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



"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a

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## PARISH STAFF

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**SATURDAY, MAY 13**

**Vigil of 6th Sunday of Easter**

4:00pm | +Barbara Callan, from Family

**SUNDAY, MAY 14**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

7:30am | +Juniva Glavickas (9th Anniversary), from Family

10:00am | +Richard Kennedy (2nd Anniversary), from Family

**MONDAY, MAY 15**

9:00am | +Patti Grant, from Rose and John Hanson

**TUESDAY, MAY 16**

9:00am | +John Gaudet, from Rose and John Hanson

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 17**

**Vigil of The Ascension of the Lord**

9:00am | +Martin Geheran, from Family

5:30pm (vigil) | +Mary Power, from Rose Hanson

**THURSDAY, MAY 18**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

9:00am | +Barry Levine, from Rose and John Hanson

**SATURDAY, MAY 20**

**Vigil of 7th Sunday of Easter**

4:00pm | +Mary Power, from John Hanson

**SUNDAY, MAY 21**

**7th Sunday of Easter**

7:30am | +Richard Kaley, from Mike Casey and Family

10:00am | +Barbara Freeman, from the Freeman Family



## 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

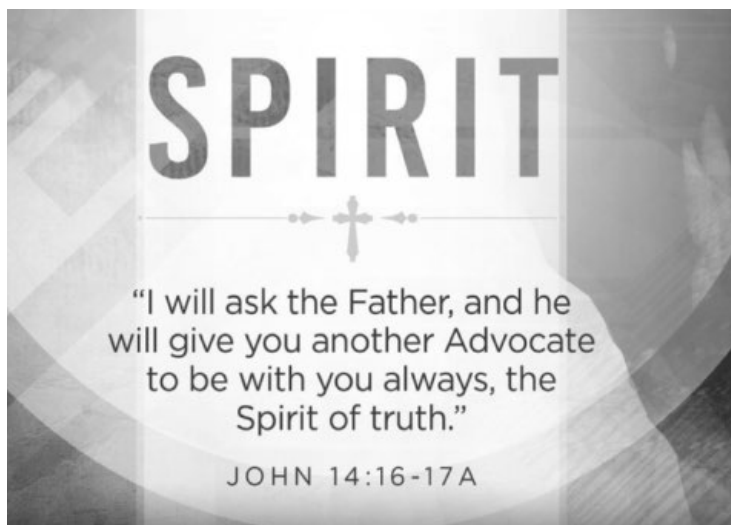
To learn more about the Permanent Diaconate, contact Deacon William Bilow at 508-929-4335. To learn more about entering the Priesthood, contact Rev. Donato Infante at 508-630-4473.

### 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.



## POURING OUR HEARTS OUT TO GOD

At the heart of every Mass is the Eucharistic Prayer, "the center and high point of the entire celebration," which consists of seven basic elements: thanksgiving, acclamation, epiclesis, institution narrative and consecration, anamnesis, offering, intercessions and final doxology.

Intercession is intimately connected to the most sacred actions of the Mass which consecrate the offerings and give to us the Body and Blood of Christ. For if the Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives, it is because we are closest to the mystery of God, who loves us as his own sons and daughters.

Thus, with our gifts of bread and wine, the priest places our prayers upon the altar. As we will pray at Mass today, our prayers rise up to God "together with the sacrificial offerings, so that...we may be conformed to the mysteries of [God's] mighty love."

While the Prayers of the Faithful or Universal Prayer are, perhaps, the most obvious example of intercession at the Mass, the sacrificial aspect of the Eucharist grows from Jesus' intercession for his disciples at the Last Supper: "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom you have given Me, for they are yours" Christ, our great High Priest, on the night before he was to offer the perfect Sacrifice of Praise upon the altar of the Cross prayed for his disciples and all who believed in him.

So too, we who offer the Holy and Living Sacrifice on the altar in our churches join the needs of our lives with the gifts we offer that God may "pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food."

(@Office for Divine Worship)

## PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2023 Partners in Charity Appeal. Our Parish's goal is **\$88,500**. To date **\$41,890** 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, or you can "text to give" by texting DONATE to 84576, or call the office at 508-929-4366. Partners in Charity is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, serving charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration is ongoing for the **2023-2024** Religious Education year. If you 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.

## First Communion Prayer Cards

A number of children in our parish will share in an event of great joy for them and the entire Catholic Community. On **Sunday, May 14th**, they will receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. They and their families have been preparing for this sacrament for some time now, learning what the gift of Eucharist is about and what it means to share that gift with others. Please visit our display of the First Communion Class located near the entrance of the church. Please take a prayer card from the display and keep all of the children in your prayers as they take the final steps in preparing for the sacrament of First Holy Communion.

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### A Holy Day of Obligation

A Vigil Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday, May 17 at 5:30 PM** and on **Thursday, May 18 at 9:00 AM**.

This Thursday we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension. This marks 40 days since the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. During the days after Easter until the Feast of the Ascension, Jesus made what we call Post- Resurrection appearances. He showed Himself in several different ways; sometimes in His Resurrected Body and other times as a gardener or a wayfarer. All of this was done to help the Apostles and Disciples come to realize that even though they witnessed his horrible death, He had been raised from the dead and truly lives!

Soon He would leave them again, this time to sit at His Father's Right Hand. He promised them that He would not abandon them, but that He would send them the Advocate – the Holy Spirit. The Solemnity of the Ascension is commonly referred to as the Miracle of Hope. The Holy Spirit would infuse their very souls, taking away their fear and transforming them into stronger, holier and more peaceful people; sending them forth to preach the Gospel of Christ with fidelity and constancy.

Easter and the Feast of the Ascension are reminding us that the Lord hasn't abandoned us. During this very sacred and grace-filled time, the Lord is asking us to place all of our Hope in His Promise – that He will send the Holy Spirit to be our consoler and healer, opening our hearts to become the very presence of the Risen Lord, showing everyone in our lives that with God all things are possible!

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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## Hymnal Readings: 913

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20/  
1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/  
Jn 15:26—16:4a  
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11  
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/  
Jn 16:12-15  
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/  
Mt 28:16-20  
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23  
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28  
Next Sunday: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

## A PRAYER FOR ALL MOTHERS

*Loving God, you called upon your servant Mary to bring your Son into the world. We give thanks for her, and for all mothers who bear witness to your love. Their generosity and strength have blessed generations. Bless our mothers. Ease their worry for the families you entrust to them, guide them in times of doubt, and hold them close when they are overwhelmed by both joy and sorrow. May they know our deep gratitude for giving us life and love. We also pray for those mothers who have passed from this life and now rest in eternal life with you. We offer gratitude for the gift of their lives and for the ways they blessed their children with life and love. Trusting in your deep love and providential care, we ask you to bring comfort and peace to all children, young or old, who mourn the loss of a mother. Amen.*

## REPAIRS FRONT OF THE CHURCH

The masonry repairs to the front patio of the Church that were started last year will finally be complete. In addition to this, a broken sewer pipe in the driveway in front of the church will be fixed. The completion of all this work will take over a month during which time we will be unable to use the front doors. Also, the downstairs bathrooms cannot be used until the pipe is repaired. If you need to use the restroom, you can use the one passing the exit sign by the candle room and taking a left. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause and thank you for your continued support towards our Church building maintenance.

## MAY SCRIPTURE STUDY

All are invited to participate in a presentation and discussion of Saint Paul's Second Letter to Timothy on **Tuesday evenings, May 16 and 23** in the church sacristy from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. A ramp to the sacristy will facilitate handicap access. This Letter, most likely written just before his martyrdom at the hands of the Romans, reflects what Paul wanted Timothy and all followers of Jesus Christ to reflect upon and put into practice. Frank McGuire will serve as presenter and discussion moderator.

## SPAGHETTI SUPPER

All are invited to come enjoy a **Spaghetti Supper** at the Father Connor's Center on **Saturday, June 10th, after the 4 p.m. Mass**. Pasta, meatballs, sausage, salad, bread, desserts, and beverages. Adults \$15.00 and Children \$8 (12 and under). Family maximum is \$45. BYOB. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses.

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