

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

353 GROVE STREET, WORCESTER, MA 01605

JUNE 4, 2023 | THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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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



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn 3:16

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SATURDAY, JUNE 3

Vigil of The Most Holy Trinity

4:00pm | +Steven Brown, from the Freeman Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

The Most Holy Trinity

7:30am | +Lillian T. Burns Zaremba (1st Anniversary), from Family

10:00am | +Shirley Killeen (Birthday remembrance), from Family

MONDAY, JUNE 5

St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

9:00am | +William Roach, from the Freeman Family

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

9:00am | +John Kris, from the Freeman Family

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

9:00am | +Michelle St. Armand, from the Freeman Family

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

9:00am | +Ronald Kanerva, from Mike Casey and Family

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

Vigil of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

4:00pm | +Mary Padgett, from her cousin Martha Greene

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

7:30am | +Brian B. Colonies, +Chuck Burns, and +Jeannette

Burns, from Family

10:00am | +Dr. Charles Vassallo (32nd Anniv.), +Vincent Vassallo

(7th month Anniv.), and +Michael Vassallo (8th Anniv.), from

Family

*For God did not send his Son into the world
to condemn the world, but that the world
might be saved through him. (Jn 3:17)*

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.



EUCCHARIST AND TRINITY

Among the indispensable elements of the Mass from the Church's earliest days is the calling down of the Holy Spirit upon the gifts of bread and wine, also known as the epiclesis. "Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray," the priest says, while imitating the descent of the Holy Spirit with his hands, "by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ." Thus, Saint John Damascene says simply, "By the power of the Holy Spirit, the transformation of the bread into the Body of Christ takes place."

In what is often called a second or "split" epiclesis, the Holy Spirit is also called down upon those who will receive the consecrated elements. "Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church," the priest prays later in the Eucharistic Prayer, and "grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ."

The coming down of the Holy Spirit, then, sanctifies the gifts of bread and wine, in the first place. Then, once they have been transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ, the Holy Spirit is called upon to sanctify those who will receive them. The effect of this sanctification is to make what was a gathering of disparate individuals into "one body, one spirit in Christ." In the words of Saint Augustine, the Eucharist thus becomes for us "a sign of unity, a bond of love."

Both transformations are the work of the Holy Spirit, the Second Person of the One God, the breath by which creation emerged from chaos, the flames which descended upon the Apostles at Pentecost and the force which holds the Church together in our day by "the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

In a Church which so often seems rife with divisions of all sorts, it is only through this Eucharistic action of the Holy Spirit that we can pray to the Father with that assurance that "nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, [we] may become one body, one spirit in Christ."

(@Office for Divine Worship)



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2022-2023

Registration is ongoing for the 2023-2024 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.

Altar Servers Needed

Altar Servers perform a very important and much needed role in liturgical services. This role includes assisting the presider so that the liturgy can be conducted with grace and reverence. It enables the presider to focus on leading all present through word, prayer and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Immaculate Conception is recruiting boys and girls for its Altar Server Ministry. The Altar Server Ministry is a special opportunity for children to participate in the life of the parish as they serve our Lord at the Altar. Altar Servers must be Baptized, have received their First Holy Communion, and be in the third grade or higher. Training is required. If you and your child(ren) are interested in pursuing this ministry, please contact Mary Sycks.

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 **\$48,305** has been raised. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please consider making one and visit 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!

REPAIRS FRONT OF THE CHURCH

The masonry repairs to the front patio of the Church that were started last year will finally be complete. The completion of this work will take over a month during which time we will be unable to use the front doors. The sewer pipe has been fixed and now the downstairs bathrooms can be used. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause and thank you for your continued support towards our Church building maintenance.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

(Amounts Include Electronic Giving)

Sunday Ordinary	\$ 2370.00
Ascension	\$ 15.00

Hymnal Readings: 922

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/
2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-4, 5-6/Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9/
Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/
Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/
Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8/Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS

On **Friday, June 9th 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. Repeats every second Friday of the month.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The next gathering of the Women's Prayer Group will be **Saturday, June 10th at 9am** in the Coffee Shop. We will pray, reflect, share, and have coffee. For more info, please email Bridget Klofft, at bridgetbakes@yahoo.com

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Immaculate Conception will be meeting **Thursday, June 15th at 6:00pm** in the Coffee Shop. Please contact Jennefer at icworc@live.com or 508-754-8419, ext. 2 for more information.

FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

All are invited **Thursday, June 29th at 6:00pm** to come watch a family friendly movie in the Coffee Shop (prior to the Worcester Fireworks). Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase to benefit The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Immaculate Conception.

WORD OF LIFE

"The Catholic Church has a long history of service to those who are most vulnerable and remains the largest private provider of social services in the United States. Through the sacrificial efforts of faithful Catholics, the Church serves millions through diocesan ministries and agencies, Catholic hospitals and healthcare systems, immigration clinics, shelters, and Catholic schools and parishes. The Church consistently bears witness in word and deed to the beauty and dignity of every human life - including both mother and child."

USCCB Committee Chairmen, "Standing with Moms in Need"

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