

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

353 GROVE STREET, WORCESTER, MA 01605

JUNE 11, 2023 | THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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

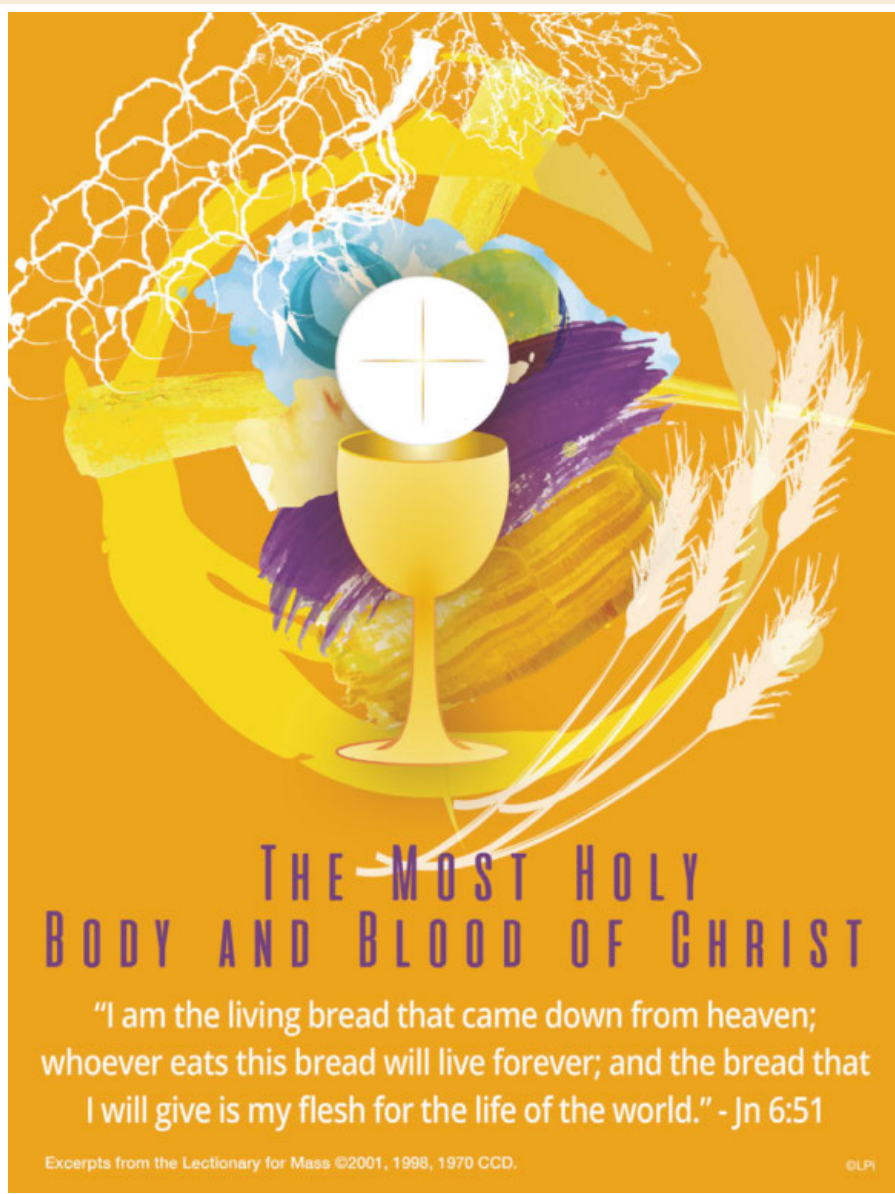
Saturday | 2:45pm - 3:30pm

Other | By Appointment

ADORATION

Holy Hour for Priests

Second Friday | 7:00pm



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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

MONDAY, JUNE 12

9:00am | +Michael Pavone, from the Freeman Family

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

9:00am | +Pamela Murphy, from the Freeman Family

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

9:00am | Tomas Co (birthday remembrance), from Alejandro & Ana Castro

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

9:00am | Ethan Co (birthday remembrance), from Alejandro & Ana Castro

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

Vigil of 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm | +Martin Geheran, from Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am | +Robert Bacon (birthday remembrance), from Family
10:00am | For All Fathers

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." (John 6:54)

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

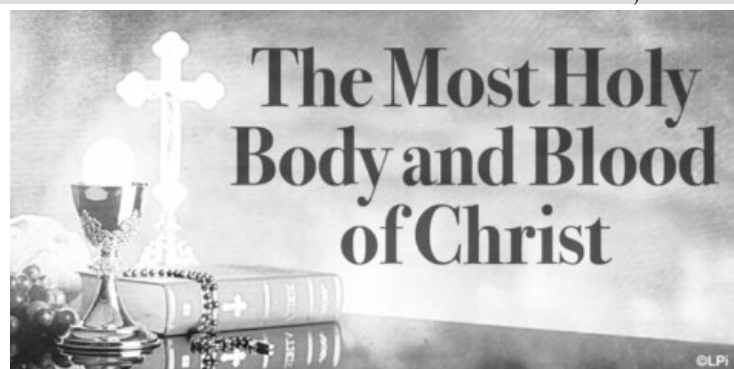
To learn more about the Permanent Diaconate, contact Deacon William Bilow at 508-929-4335. To learn more about entering the Priesthood, contact Rev. Donato Infante at 508-630-4473.

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.



MADE ONE IN HIM

The Feast of Corpus Christi provides the opportunity to reflect on the core meaning of the Eucharistic Mystery. Certainly, it is important to stress that we receive the Body and Blood, soul and divinity of Christ in Holy Communion; but equally important is that in receiving his Body and Blood, we participate in the Sacrifice which Christ offered for our salvation upon the altar of the Cross.

Indeed, the origin of Christ's presence in the Holy Eucharist is his lifegiving Sacrifice. As our beloved Pope Emeritus recalled, "...the changing of the substance of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is the fruit of the gift that Christ made of himself, the gift of a Love stronger than death, divine Love which raised him from the dead.

This is why the Eucharist is the Bread of Life. For, by partaking of the Body which was crucified for us and the Blood which was poured out for us, we "enter into communion with the very life of Jesus, into the dynamism of this life which is given to us and for us," the very definition of salvation.

When we eat regular food, it becomes part of us and nourishes our bodies. When we eat the Body and Blood of the Lord, we become one with him, a member of his Body. We are freed from selfishness and sin, inserted into the Person of Jesus and into the life of the Blessed Trinity.

This is what Jesus means when he says that "whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." By being made one with Christ, we are also made one with each other. This is why we pray in the Second Eucharistic Prayer that "partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit," and why can ask God to "gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world."

(Office for Divine Worship)

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

June 11, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, marks the entrance into the second year of the National Eucharistic Revival - the Year of Parish Revival. The second phase will foster Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit.

Learn more and find resources at www.eucharisticrevival.org.

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 **\$48,955** 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	\$ 3,453.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 279.00

6/04/2023

Hymnal Readings: 925

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135/
Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/
Mt 5:20-26
Friday: Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10/1 Jn 4:7-16/
Mt 11:25-30
Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 2:41-51
Next Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36-10:8

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.

FORUM ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE

Christ the King Parish, located at 1052 Pleasant Street in Worcester, will host a forum on the key issue of Physician Assisted Suicide on **Monday, June 19 at 7:00 pm**. The event is being sponsored by the parish Pro-Life Committee and the Catholic Free Press. The major presenters will be Bishop McManus and Senator Ryan C. Fattman, whose district includes part of Worcester and Hampden counties. The thrust of the presentation will be on what Massachusetts would look like if PAS were adopted here. Thus far, attempts to introduce it into law here in Massachusetts have gone down to defeat for more than a decade. But the nature of the Legislature continues to change. Please plan on coming and inviting as many people as you like to the program.

ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL

All are welcome to come to the St. Paul Cathedral Festival on **Saturday, June 24 beginning at 11 am** with fun for the entire family: Music, Food, Bazaar, Games for kids, Clowns, Raffles, Contests and Dances. 38 High Street in Worcester.

WORD OF LIFE

"Christ's blood reveals to man that his greatness, and therefore his vocation, consists in the sincere gift of self. ...It is from the blood of Christ that all draw the strength to commit themselves to promoting life. It is precisely this blood that is the most powerful source of hope, indeed it is the foundation of the absolute certitude that in God's plan life will be victorious."

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