

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

353 GROVE STREET, WORCESTER, MA 01605

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 | THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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, Tuesday, 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



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Vigil of 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm |

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am | +Fr. Dan Foley SJ, +Regina Mawhinney, and +Casey

Kendal, from Mike Casey and Family

10:00am | +Shawn Finnegan (13th Anniversary), from the

Finnegan Family

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:00am |

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

9:00am |

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

9:00am |

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

9:00am |

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Vigil of 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm |

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am |

10:00am |

*The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger,
and rich in compassion.*

(Ps 103)

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.

THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They "are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs" They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life.

The first and second Corporal Works of Mercy are listed below. After each work of mercy there are also suggestions and words of advice for living them out in our daily lives.

Feed the hungry

There are many people in this world who go without food. When so much of our food goes to waste, consider how good stewardship practices of your own food habits can benefit others who do not have those same resources.

- Donate to a Thanksgiving or Christmas food drive so everyone can have something to eat.
- Research, identify and contribute financially to organizations that serve the hungry.
- The next time you make a recipe that can be easily frozen, make a double batch and donate one to your local food pantry or soup kitchen.
- Try not to purchase more food than you are able to eat. If you notice that you end up throwing groceries away each week, purchasing less groceries would eliminate waste and allow you to donate the savings to those in need.

Give Drink to the thirsty

Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ do not have access to clean water and suffer from the lack of this basic necessity. We should support the efforts of those working towards greater accessibility of this essential resource. We take it for granted that we have access to clean water.

- Donate to help build wells for water for those in need
- Collect bottled water to distribute at a shelter for families.
- Make an effort not to waste water. Remembering to turn off the water faucet when you are brushing your teeth or washing dishes can help, especially in regions suffering from drought.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **David E. Pottle**, and keep his family in your prayers during this time of loss. May God grant them hope and strength in the days ahead.

BAPTISM

Our Parish welcomes **Amalia Gomez Hernandez** into the Catholic Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We pray that by the example of her parents and godparents, the gift of faith may grow in her day by day. Congratulations!

HOLY MATRIMONY

Congratulations to **Anthony and Kristine Begins** on their recent wedding. Our Parish community shares in your joy of being joined together by God in Holy matrimony. We wish you both all God's blessing on your marriage.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes take place **Sunday, September 17th at 8:45AM-9:45AM** for children in grades K-10. If you have not registered your child for classes, it is not too late! Please contact Mary Sycks at 508-868-8119 for more information.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUNDAE SOCIAL!

What's the perfect post-mass activity? An ice cream sundae social! Please join us **THIS Sunday 9/17 after the 10am Mass** for this parish ice cream event, held in the coffee shop (basement of the church) sponsored by the Women's Prayer Group. Enjoy the complimentary ice cream, chat with other families, and relish all the sundae smiles!

HELPING HANDS GROUP

Come join us **Saturday, September 16th after the 4pm Mass** in the church basement. We will be making hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves that can help homeless individuals. For more information contact Alejandro and Ana at 909-519-7663

FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK

St Vincent de Paul of Immaculate Conception will be hosting the second annual **Friends of the Poor Walk next Saturday, September 23rd, 2023 in front of the Fr. Connor's Center. Registration starts at 9:00am.** Together, we will help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul raise funds—and awareness—to help our local Friends in Need who are struggling with homelessness, hunger, overdue bills, rents, and more during difficult times. Please join us for a family friendly fundraising event that helps people in our community. There are two options for the walk 2.5 miles or 5 miles. **Register for the walk or donate at: www.fopwalk.org/event/2846**, and share the link with friends and family! Contact Jennefer at the Rectory office at 508-754-8419, ext 2 for more information.

PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER

Immaculate Conception parishioners and friends are invited to help "Problem Pregnancy," a Worcester Pro-Life non-profit which provides support to pregnant moms before and after the birth of their child. You may donate from the list below, **bring the unwrapped items to the Church side door, near the ramp on 9/30 & 10/1.** Thank you!

- Diapers: size newborn, sizes 4 and 5.
- Baby towels, Crib sheets, Pacifiers, Baby toiletries
- Winter baby clothes size 0 to 12 months
- Any else (new) baby-related.
- Monetary donations welcome also.

OCTOBER 2023 BIBLE STUDY

All are invited to participate in a presentation and discussion of Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans (chapters 1-8) on **Tuesday evenings, October 3, 10, 17 and 24 in the church sacristy from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.** A ramp to the sacristy will facilitate handicap access. This Letter is universally acclaimed to be Paul's most complete and important work. Frank McGuire will serve as presenter and discussion moderator.

Hymnal Readings: 997

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/
Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/
Mt 20:1-16a

CONCERT AT MECHANICS HALL

"Love & Transformation," a special concert by Jane Shivick, soprano & Olga Rogach, pianist at Mechanics Hall on **9/24/23 at 4pm.** Tix are \$35, \$25 with special pricing for students and young people available at www.mechanicshall.org. This concert is given in memory of Todd A. Dickie.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

This year's Women's Conference will be on **October 7.** All women are invited to the Worcester Catholic Women's Conference, "Male & Female He Created Them", to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster. Hear dynamic talks from Catholic leaders, Dr. Deborah Savage, Dr. Christopher Klofft, Fr. Derek Mobilio, Fr. Colin Blatchford, and Patricia Sandoval. Diocesan priests will hear confessions and there will be many interesting exhibitors. Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass. For more information and to register, visit our website at www.wcwconference.com. Our Parish will donate 10 tickets to attend this conference; tickets are on first come, first served basis. Each ticket includes a lunch. If you have any interest in attending, please email Bridget Klofft at bridgetbakes@yahoo.com, **no later than September 17.**

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 22, 2023** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. This liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian marriage honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, etc.) this year. A light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle. Family and friends are welcome! Couples wishing to attend should **pre-register no later than October 13th** so that commemorative certificates may be issued. To register, please complete the registration form at www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass, or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 or email aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.

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9/10/2023

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