

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

353 GROVE STREET, WORCESTER, MA 01605

JUNE 15, 2025 | THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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

Mon - Wed
9:00am - 2:00pm

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
Or By Appointment

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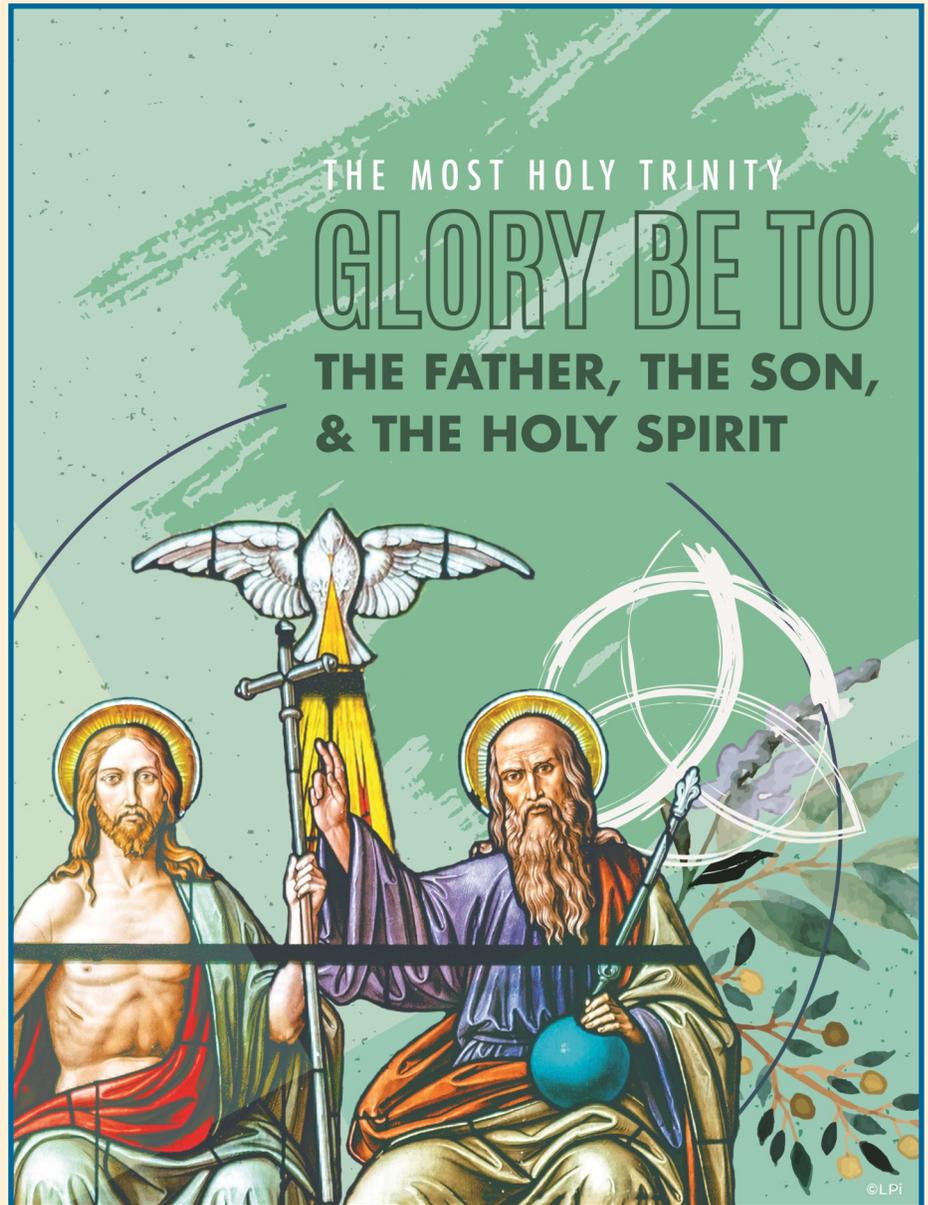
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SATURDAY, JUNE 14

Vigil of The Most Holy Trinity

4:00pm † Robert Erickson, by the Freeman family

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

The Most Holy Trinity

7:30am † President John F. Kennedy, by a parishioner

10:00am † George J. Williams, by the Freeman family

MONDAY, JUNE 16

9:00am † Jeanne Duggan, by her husband Joe

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

9:00am † Antonine Cènècale, Daphne Fleury and the Fleury family, by the family

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

9:00 am Birthday of Claire Boligan, by her husband Alex

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

9:00 am † Sheryl Bennett, by Joe Duggan

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

Vigil of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

4:00pm † J Paul Deignan, by family

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

7:30am † Gertrude McDermott, by family

10:00am † Dr. Charles, Michael, and Vincent Vassallo, by 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.

OCIA

For adults seeking full admission into the church through baptism, confirmation & eucharist. Please call the church office for registration which takes place during 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 Diaconate Director Deacon Donald Pegg (617) 794-7702. To learn more about 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.

POPE'S FAKE NEWS

It all started with a text chain. The head of my men's Rosary group forwarded on a speech, supposedly by Pope Leo, which included the line, "I, too, was angry with God...there were days when I prayed and only felt an echo..."

Something about it seemed a bit off. It didn't read like something a Catholic cleric would say. It seemed a little too slick, edgy, and canned. So I started digging. The factchecking site Pressone was already on it, in addition to Snopes. Here are some other statements those sites have already debunked as fake:

- Pope Leo stated, "You cannot follow both Christ and the cruelty of kings."
- Pope Leo told Vice President Vance, "You've turned religion into a factory for manufacturing votes."
- Pope Leo played jazz trombone under an assumed name.

These fake statements aren't the end of it, however. Earlier this month, a new YouTube channel popped up, @leoxivsermons, which was full of deepfaked statements, often with accompanying video generated by AI tools. The channel gained more than 17,500 followers and one million views before YouTube took it down. But the damage had been done, as copies of those fake sermons and speeches proliferated across the Internet. The BBC and Vatican News have already reported on the problem.

So, what does this mean for parish communicators? No matter who is behind these faked statements, the path forward is clear. Here are five things you can do to make sure that the clear voice of our Holy Father is heard:

- Stick with trusted sources: Whether you're reading Pope Leo's speeches on the Vatican website, skimming reports from Catholic News Agency, or using material from your diocesan outlets, you're relying on trusted outlets for news on the Holy Father. That's incredible!
- Avoid meme-sharing groups for now: Generally, these groups have always been full of questionable content, but even more so now. Take a break and put those groups on mute until the dust settles a bit.
- Wait a minute: You may see something GREAT online, attributed to the pope, and immediately want to put it in a parish newsletter or click the "share" button. Do yourself a favor – walk away for a moment and think about it. Then do a little research, and, if you can't find the origin point of the quote or video, move on with your day.

· Gently correct errors: You're likely getting all kind of things forwarded to you by parishioners or well-meaning Catholics. If you receive something that's clearly fake, point it out in charity.

· Stay the course: As Jesus said in Matthew 24, "Many will come in my name...and they will deceive many." That's not a cause for despair, but for rejoicing – because we also know that "...the one who perseveres to the end will be saved." Moments like this may lead us to doubt ourselves, but we can trust that the Lord has truly called us all to "preach the Gospel to all creation" (Mk 16:15). We can be sure that the Way, the Truth, and the Life will win out in the end!

In some ways, this should be an encouraging moment for all of us who use the Internet to proclaim the love of Jesus for the world. When the bad content is so obvious, it really lights a fire in the belly to be "...wise as serpents and innocent as doves" ourselves (Mt 10:16).

Sincerely,

Deacon John, Nic, Mitch, Angie, Rob, and the Catholic Social Media team



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2025-2026

Registration is ongoing for the 2025-2026 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 2025 Partners in Charity Appeal. Our Parish's goal is **\$88,500**. To date **\$69,865** 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. Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!

WORD OF LIFE

"Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the irreplaceable role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God's gift of new life!"

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux

HYMNAL READINGS: 924

Sunday:	Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (2a)/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15
Monday:	2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23

*O Lord, our God, how wonderful
your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8)*

SAVE THE DATES

September 20 : Pasta Night

October 25: Trunk or Treat

November 22 : Church Fair

More information to come

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Alejandro 909-519-7663

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Jelly/Jam, Canned Carrots, Canned mixed vegetables, Pancake mix, Gelatin, Canned fruit mix in juice

RELICS OF PADRE PIO COMING TO OUR DIOCESE

St Anne's Shrine in Sturbridge is blessed to be the ONLY host of Padre Pio's Relics in the Worcester Diocese. All events and Masses are open to the public. **Monday June 16, 7:00 pm** Mass followed by 8:00 pm Conference by Mr. Joseph Santoro of the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto, PA. **Tuesday, June 17: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm** Viewing of the Relics ending with **4:00 pm Mass** with Bishop McManus. You can learn more about Padre Pio's life at www.padrepio.org. St. Anne Shrine is located at 16 Church Street, Sturbridge.

THANK YOU!

Together, we changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl. Our parish collected a total of **\$243.55** from alms during this past Lent. Twenty-five percent of every donation stays in your community to fight hunger and poverty, while 75% supports Catholic Relief Services programming around the world. THANK YOU for being a part of this effort!

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the eternal repose of **Pauline Flynn** as we all ask for the consolation of her family during this time of loss. May God grant them hope and strength in the days ahead.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

(AMOUNTS INCLUDE ELECTRONIC GIVING)

Weekend of June 7 & 8, 2025

Sunday Ordinary	\$	3,656.00
Ascension	\$	4.00
Catholic Communications	\$	14.00