

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

353 GROVE STREET, WORCESTER, MA 01605

AUGUST 10, 2025 | 19TH 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

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

PARISH STAFF

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BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Mark Cutler



SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

Vigil of the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Richard Parretti, by family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am † Joanne Deignan, by family

10:00am † Kevin Needham, by family

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

St. Clare, Virgin

9:00am The Souls in Purgatory, by a devotee

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

9:00am † Warner & Janet Adams, by family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00am † Neil Sturtevant, by The Freeman Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

9:00 am † George Provost, by family

Vigil of the the Assumption

5:30pm All Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

The Assumption of Mary

9:00 am All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

Vigil of the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Simone Twombly (50th anniversary), by family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am † Deceased of The Gallagher Family, by family

10:00am

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.

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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.

THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY, A HOLY DAY

On **August 15**, the Church celebrates the fact that “The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body, the Church” (CCC 974).

Masses will be celebrated on **Thursday, August 14th at 5:30 PM** and on **Friday, August 15th at 9:00 AM**.

PARISH SECRETARY ON MATERNITY LEAVE

Claire will be on maternity leave as she and her husband welcome their beautiful daughter into this world. Please keep her and her growing family in your prayers!

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Activities Committee will meet on **Sunday, August 10 at 8:30 a.m.** in the Church Basement. We welcome adults, young and old, to bring new ideas for events that they would like to see happening at Immaculate Conception. Hope to see you all.

FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK

The Society of St Vincent de Paul of Immaculate Conception will be hosting the fourth annual **Friends of the Poor Walk** on **Saturday, September 20th**. Join us for a family friendly fundraising event. Help support our Society of St. Vincent de Paul raise funds -and awareness- for those struggling with homelessness, hunger, and financial hardship in our local community. Together, we can make a difference- one step at a time. Bring the family. Bring a friend. Walk with heart. The walk starts at 10:00am in front of the Fr. Connor's Center. To register email: svdp.icworc@gmail.com This event is sponsored by Quincy Mutual Insurance.

WORD OF LIFE

“Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

TABERNACLE RESORATION

Our silver tabernacle and sanctuary lamp have been sent for a much-needed re-plating. This tabernacle has been a part of our sanctuary since the foundation of the church in 1956 and it was notoriously worn out. The cost of this restoration will be around **\$14,000**. If you would like to assist us in paying for this, feel free to put your donation in an envelope with the memo: “tabernacle restoration” and place it in the collection basket. To date we have received **\$3,920** in donations. Thank you for your generosity.

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 **\$73,985** 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!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Opening Class and Family Kick-Off for Religious Education classes take place on **Sunday, September 7th**, 8:45AM-9:45AM for children in K through 10th grade. Parents, please plan on staying for the opening prayer, to meet your child's teacher and for a short presentation. Registration forms and the RE class calendar are on the Immaculate Conception website. 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-10th grade, and would like to know more about our Religious Education Program please contact Mary Sycks at 508-868-8119.

Children in second grade will begin preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion on Sunday, September 7th. Students in 11th grade will begin preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday, September 14th** at 11:00AM.

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 our 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.

*Blessed the people the Lord has
chosen to be his own. (Ps 33)*

SAVE THE DATES

September 20 : Friends of the Poor Walk
September 20: Pasta Night
October 25: Trunk or Treat
November 1: End-of-Life Presentation
November 22 : Church Fair
More information to come

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

ITALIAN FESTIVAL 2025

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish invites you to our Italian Festival at 37 Massasoit Rd., Worcester. Hours of operation are: **Thursday, Aug. 14 (5-10 pm), Friday, Aug. 15 (5-10 pm), Saturday, Aug. 16 (Noon-10 pm), and Sunday, Aug. 17 (Noon-6pm)**. Come and enjoy Fried Dough, Sausage Sandwiches, Hamburgers & Hot Dogs, Beer & Wine, and, of course, italian cookies!! There will also be participation by Boulevard Diner, a Cannoli Truck, an Ice Cream Truck, and other great vendors. For entertainment we will have Boom Box, XS Band, Decades by Dezyne for the adults, Bouncy Houses for the kids, and Italian Novelties, as well as a Money Raffle. We will also honor Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto at our shrine. Mark your calendars now. Check our website, mtcarmelfestival.org for more information.

HYMNAL READINGS: 984

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22/
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 12:32-48

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/
Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5
-6/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11,
12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/
Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/
Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

DINNER-SHOW IN SEPT. IN WORCESTER

St. John's Social Committee is Sponsoring a Dinner and Show on **Saturday, Sept. 13 after the 4:15 pm Mass** at the St. Francis Xavier Center, 44 Temple Street. Worcester. The Dinner includes a Buffet of Fresh Garden Salad, Rolls & Butter, Pot Roast, Seasonal Vegetables, Roasted Potatoes, Stuffed Chicken Breast & Vegetable Lasagna, Coffee, Tea and Ice Cream for Dessert. The Show is a Neil Diamond Tribute featuring Charlie Lask. Charlie doesn't consider himself an impersonator, but a tribute artist who adds a twist of Charlie Lask to every song. Great Dinner and Show all for \$35.00 per person. Also, there will be Raffle Baskets and a 50/50 Raffle. All proceeds will benefit St. John's Food for The Poor. Tickets will be sold at some Masses or by calling Judy Burke (508) 478-9813. Get your tickets early; there is limited seating.

FALL MINI-RETREAT FOR WOMEN

The Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester will be having a Mini-Retreat for Women with Kitty Cleveland on **Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at St. Anne Parish, Shrewsbury. Kitty is a singer/songwriter, inspirational speaker, and artist from New Orleans. Kitty leads hundreds of people in praying the rosary each weekday morning at 5:45 a.m. Visit www.kittycleveland.com. For more information, please email: worcestercommissionforwomen@gmail.com.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Pancake mix, Jelly, Syrup, Pasta Sauce, Apple Sauce, Peanut Butter, Cereal, Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Mixed Vegetables, Baby Carrots (fresh), Canned fruits, Cake mix

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

(AMOUNTS INCLUDE ELECTRONIC GIVING)

Weekend of July 26 & 27, 2025

Sunday Ordinary	\$ 2,599.00
Diocesan Collections	\$ 50.00

Weekend of August 2 & 3, 2025

Sunday Ordinary	\$ 3,167.00
Diocesan Collections	\$ 31.00