

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

353 GROVE STREET, WORCESTER, MA 01605

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 | THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Vigil of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

4:00pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:30am † Michael Noone, by his brother Bob

10:00am The Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

9:00am The parishioners of IC

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

9:00am † President John F. Kennedy

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:00am † Archbishop John O'Connor

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:00 am † Bishop John Foley

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Vigil of The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am † Pope Benedict XIV

10:00am Special Intentions for Aidan & Abigail Freeman

Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Ps 78)

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.

TABERNACLE RESTORATION

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 **\$6,020** in donations. Thank you for your generosity.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY – THANK YOU

Thanks to all our parishioners who made their gift to the 2025 Partners in Charity Appeal. Our goal was \$88,500 and we were able to raise a total of **\$77,360**. We couldn't do it without you. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE

September 20 : Friends of the Poor Walk (10am)

September 20: Pasta Night (5-7pm)

October 11: Public Rosary (12 Noon)

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

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 in front of the Fr. Connor's Center**. 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. **Registration starts at 9:00am, the 3-mile Walk starts at 10:00am**. If weather is inclement, the walk will be held inside the Fr. Connor's Center. This event is sponsored by Quincy Mutual Insurance.

Can't walk but want to donate? Any amount helps! Any contribution, large or small, means we are able to help the needy in this community. Please make a tax-deductible contribution, and help us help people. Scan To Donate. Thank you



PASTA NIGHT

Saturday, September 20, 5 to 7 pm at the Coffee Shop/ basement. Come and enjoy different types of pasta and your choice of sauce (red, pesto or alfredo), meatballs, salad, drinks and tiramisu for \$10; Children under 12 are Free. Take Out will be available. Also, try your luck at the 50/50 raffle.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

All women are invited to this exciting Conference, "I Thirst for the Salvation of Souls", to be held at **St. Joseph School in Webster, MA on Saturday, September 27th**. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders, Noelle Mering, Dr. Madeline Colon-USowicz, Tim Francis, and Adam Janke. Diocesan and religious 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 or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited, register today!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes take place on **Sunday, September 14th** 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! 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 on **Sunday, September 14th**.

Students in 11th grade will begin preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday, September 14th** at 11:00AM.

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.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS – OCIA (Formerly known as RCIA)

This is a process intended for:

1. Adults who have never been baptized and wish to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist in the Catholic Church.
2. Adults who were baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church by receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.
3. Baptized Catholics who have not completed their initiation; by receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. This program starts in mid-October and culminates with the reception of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

Please contact Fr. Edwin for questions/registration.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

In honor of the patron saint of animals, Saint Francis of Assisi, whose feast day is October 4, you are invited to bring your pets for a special blessing on **Sunday, October 5 at 12 noon** in the parking lot. All animals large and small are welcome!

HEALING WEEKEND

Mass and Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at all weekend Masses on **October 18-19**.

PUBLIC ROSARY

We want to invite you to join in a Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, **October 11 at 12 noon** in the front patio of the church. Seating will be available. In case of rain, it will be held inside the church. This Public Square Rosary, sponsored by "America Needs Fatima" will be one of 22,500 rallies that will take place all across the country on that day. Please joins us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States.

HYMNAL READINGS: 1041

Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27
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: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50
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: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13

PRESENTATION ON ANNIVERSARY OF EVANGELIUM VITAE

All are invited to attend a special lecture presented by the Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Worcester, titled "Evangelium Vitae: Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Gospel of Life and Its Enduring Legacy in Roman Catholic Moral Theology." The event will take place on **Saturday, Oct. 11 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. For more information or to RSVP contact the Respect Life Office at aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org or 508-929-4311. Please join us for this very special and unique presentation!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 25, 2025, 5 to 7 p.m. Come in your favorite costume and stop by the picture corner! Pizza, nachos, drinks and chips will be available for sale. Bring a bag of candy to share.

CHURCH FAIR

Saturday, November 22, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fr. Connors' Center. The Activities Committee is looking for donations of gift cards/certificates and baskets to be raffled (themes: sports, children, health, beauty, cosmetics, kitchen, etc.). No used items, clothes or furniture. Everything needs to be donated by November 15.

VENDORS: Rectangular tables available at \$25/table + one item donation to IC table.

Questions call/message Alejandro at 909-519-7663 or email at el1ercoach@yahoo.com

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauces, pancake mix, syrup (24 oz.), chef boyardee (variety), boxes of rice pilaf and cereal.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

(AMOUNTS INCLUDE ELECTRONIC GIVING)

Weekend of August 30 & 31, 2025

Sunday Ordinary \$ 2,550.00

Weekend of September 6 & 7, 2025

Sunday Ordinary \$ 4,977.00

Holy Days \$ 90.00

Diocesan Collections \$ 40.00