

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

353 GROVE STREET, WORCESTER, MA 01605

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 | 26TH 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: 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
Or By Appointment

## PARISH STAFF

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## 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Abraham replied, ‘My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.’” - Lk 16:25

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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

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### MUSIC DIRECTOR

Robert G. Carson

### CANTOR

Bridget Klofft

### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Mark Cutler



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

**Vigil of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm † Patricia Antul, by her family

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am † Fr. Peter J. Scanlon

10:00am † Johnny Vicente, by his family

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

**Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels**

9:00am † Donald C. Rocheleau, by his family

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

**St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

9:00am † Ellen M. Rocheleau, by her family

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1**

**St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

9:00am † Barbara C. Freeman, by her family

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2**

**The Holy Guardian Angels**

9:00 am † Wayne L. Armstrong, by the Freeman family

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4**

**Vigil of The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm † Anne D. Wall, by the Freeman family

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5**

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am † Regina Barnicle, by Frank Burns

10:00am † Walter Evanowski Sr., by Walter Evanowski Jr.

## 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.

*Praise the Lord, my soul!*

(Ps 146)

### 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 **\$6,280** in donations. Thank you for your generosity.

### THANK YOU

The Activities Committee would like to thank everyone who volunteered and donated the pasta, sauce, bread, pastries and other items; as well as the parishioners who joined us and enjoyed the pasta meal.

### MASS INTENTIONS

One of the greatest works of charity is to pray for the living and the dead. The greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass, since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption. For that reason, all are encouraged to have Mass offered for a deceased loved one; for health and healing of a person who is sick or suffering; for a living person who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special moment in their life; in thanksgiving to God, our Blessed Mother or a saint; or simply for a special intention. A \$10 stipend, as determined by diocesan policy, is to accompany each Mass request. Persons/families who have a Mass intention on weekends are invited to bring up the gifts of bread and wine during the offertory.

### SAVE THE DATE

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

### 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!

### OPEN HOUSE & CAMPUS TOURS, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 12:00 pm – 2 pm

**NOTRE DAME ACADEMY**, 425 Salisbury St., Worcester, MA, is the only private all-girls, catholic, college-preparatory school in Central Massachusetts for grades 7-12. To Register please go to [www.nda-worc.org](http://www.nda-worc.org) or for questions please contact our director of Enrollment, Kevin Bisson at [kbisson@nda-worc.org](mailto:kbisson@nda-worc.org) or 508-757-6200 ext. 272.

### 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.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes take place on Sunday, September 28th at 8:45AM-9:45AM for children in grades K-10. Confirmation Class takes place at 11:15am-12:15pm at the Fr. Connors Center. 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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org) or 508-929-4311. Please join us for this very special and unique presentation!

## HEALING WEEKEND

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

## 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.

## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Cereal boxes, Spaghetti sauce, syrup, a variety of Chef Boyardee, boxed rice pilaf, canned mixed vegetables, canned fruit cocktail, jam, and peanuty butter

## HYMNAL READINGS: 1005

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-5

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458)/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

## 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.kittyclleveland.com](http://www.kittyclleveland.com). For more information, please email: [worcestercommissionforwomen@gmail.com](mailto:worcestercommissionforwomen@gmail.com).

## 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.

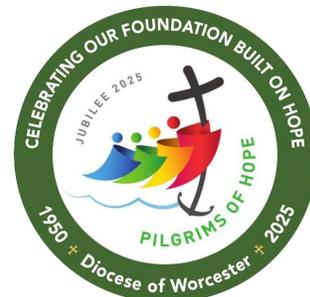
Questions call/message Alejandro at 909-519-7663 or email at [el1ercoach@yahoo.com](mailto:el1ercoach@yahoo.com)

## REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the eternal repose of **Thomas Hannigan**, as well as for the consolation of his family during this time of loss. May God grant them hope and strength in the days ahead.

## BAPTISM

Our Parish welcomes **Emilia Lay Lavin** 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!



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

(AMOUNTS INCLUDE ELECTRONIC GIVING)

**Weekend of September 20 & 21, 2025**

Sunday Ordinary

\$ 2,642.00