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# Immaculate Conception Parish



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## **SUNDAY MASSES**

**SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM**

**SUNDAY: 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM**

## **WEEKDAY MASSES**

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM**

**THURSDAY 8:00 AM**

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 PM

(or by appointment)

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Parents and godparents of infants to be baptized are expected to participate in a preparation session. Call the Rectory to register for this process and set a date for the actual Baptism. For Baptism of adults please contact the Rectory.

## **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Please contact the rectory one year prior to your desired wedding date

## **SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Father Walter can be called whenever someone can benefit from this sacrament of healing.

## **NEW PARISHIONERS**

Anyone is welcome to join the Parish Community.  
Please contact the Rectory and introduce yourself.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat.	June 8	4:00 PM	Parishioners of Immaculate Conception
Sun	June 9	7:30 AM	Brian B. Colonies & Jeannette T. Burns by family
		10:00 AM	Helen Murdock, 29th Anniversary by family
Mon.	June 10	9:00 AM	Dana Daczkowski by a friend
Tues.	June 11	9:00 AM	Mass for Life in Union with Our Blessed Mother (St. Barnabas)
Wed.	June 12	9:00 AM	Pamela Potenti by family
Thurs.	June 13	8:00 AM	(St. Anthony of Padua)
Sat.	June 15	4:00 PM	Dr. Charles Vassallo, 22nd anniversary by family
Sun.	June 16	7:30 AM	William O'Neil by family
		10:00 AM	Donald Letendre by his family

**THIS WEEK** the text for the Tenth Sunday in Ordinary time may be found at #977 in the *Journeysongs* hymnal.

**FRIDAY FASTING AND INTENTION**

Thank you to all in our parish who participate in our weekly Friday fast of abstaining from meat and fasting for one meal. This early Catholic tradition is a wonderful way of reminding ourselves of Jesus' ultimate sacrifice for all of us on Good Friday. The intention for the upcoming Friday is *for an end to all war, and for peace in our world, our nation, and our local communities.*

**CONSTRUCTION ON THE GROUNDS**

For anyone who noticed the grounds being dug up this past week, the reason for the mess is our converting the heat for the Church from oil to natural gas. A line needed to be dug from Grove Street up to the boiler room in the Church. The reason for the conversion is the saving of thousands of dollars to the parish each winter.

**NEW ALTAR CLOTH**

Our parish has a new green altar cloth for the weeks of Ordinary Time. Thank you to the few parishioners who assisted in the payment of it, and their loved ones for whom it has been dedicated.

**ALTAR SERVERS**...Anyone who has received their First Communion and would like to become an altar server, please speak with either Fr. Riley or deacons Kevin and Frank. With some servers graduating this year and moving on to college, we are in need of servers for the different Masses, especially the 4:00 p.m. vigil Mass on Saturdays. Thank you.

**VOCATION CORNER**

Listening is the key to responding to God's call. We do this whenever we take the time to pray. A great resource for discerning the movements of God in our lives can be found in the writings of St. Ignatius of Loyola, who gives very simple tips for growing in our spiritual life. Remember this acronym: A.R.R.R. (think like a pirate yelling ARRR...) - "A" stands for **Acknowledge**: Here, we acknowledge all the thoughts, feelings, and desires that are in our own interior life. The first "R" stands for **Relate**: One takes all that they have acknowledged and relates it to God in prayer, telling Him what is going on. The second "R" stands for **Receive**: This can be the hardest part as God responds on his own time (usually when we are ready to hear it) and often, we can miss or possibly reject what He is trying to give us in prayer for many reasons. Finally, the last "R" means **Respond**: Take action on what is from God, reject what is not from Him, and act accordingly. Next week, we will detail the first two of 14 rules for discernment in prayer that St. Ignatius gives us.

*God Bless you all,  
Deacon Jim Boland*

**NEW PARISH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE** ...has set up a Flea Market event at the Fr. Connor's Center on **June 22nd** from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Reserve Tables ASAP by calling Jim/Beverly Hester at 508-852-3473 or email bevhester13@gmail.com.

**THANK YOU** for your generosity in last week's Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Because of your support, millions of faithful can gain a deeper understanding of their faith through Catholic resources on the Internet, television, radio, and print media.

**PARTNERS IN CHARITY 2013**

Thus far, our parish has raised \$81,081 (87%) toward our goal of \$93,200 for the Partners in Charity Appeal. Thank you to the 193 donors who have made donations for the Appeal. Envelopes will remain in the pews and at each entrance to the Church for anyone else willing to make a donation on behalf of Immaculate Conception.

Every donation helps toward reaching our goal. To make payments easier, please consider spreading your donation over the course of 10 months. For those who wish to donate online, you can do so through the Diocese of Worcester website at [worcesterdiocese.org](http://worcesterdiocese.org).

**2013-2014 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION**

It's time again to register your child or children in our Religious Education Program for the 2013-2014 year. We are working on the curriculum for the upcoming year and will be ordering materials for each grade soon. Registrations were mailed to all families enrolled in the program last year. Registration forms are also available on our website-[www.icworc.com](http://www.icworc.com)-or you can contact Mary Sycks at 508-868-8119 or email [mks723@msn.com](mailto:mks723@msn.com). Please return the registration form to the Rectory no later than June 30th.

**CHILDRENS BULLETINS**

During the Children's Liturgy summer hiatus, Children's Bulletins will be available to all children at Immaculate Conception. They can be found at all three entrances in the church. The bulletins offer fun activities relating to the Gospel readings. They are a great tool for families to share their faith together.

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP**

We are very excited to offer Vacation Bible Camp at Immaculate Conception! VBC will be the week of July 15th-19th from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Children 5-12 years old are welcome to join us for a fun week of many activities including Bible Stories, Games, Music, Crafts, Snacks and more! Only \$50.00 for the week. There is limited space in the program and will be first come, first served basis. Contact Mary Sycks at [mks723@msn.com](mailto:mks723@msn.com) for more information. Registration Forms can be found on our website [www.icworc.com](http://www.icworc.com).

**RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

How have religious liberty questions affected other religious bodies? In Minneapolis, the city's Park and Recreation Board effectively exiled a group of Christians handing out Bibles during the Twin Cities Pride Festival to an isolated "no pride zone" - a remote and virtually untraveled corner of the city park where the festival was taking place.

**YEAR OF FAITH**

Intent on gathering the signs of the times in the present of history, faith commits every one of us to become a living sign of the presence of the Risen Lord in the world. What the world is in particular need of today is the credible witness of people enlightened in mind and heart by the word of the Lord, and capable of opening the hearts and minds of many to the desire for God and for true life, life without end." (Pope Benedict XVI)

From the Book *The Year of Faith*, Fr. Mitch Pacwa

**WORCESTER EMMANUEL RADIO 1230AM**

When at home or driving in your vehicle, be sure to check out and tune into the Catholic radio station Emmanuel Radio, 1230 on the AM dial. We are very blessed in this area to have Catholic radio, as Worcester joins over 200 other Catholic affiliates throughout the country in the sharing and learning of our faith.

**FOOD PANTRY** needs donations of Cereal, Canned Hams, peanut butter, jelly, baked beans, spam, canned fruit, rice pilaf, instant mashed potatoes, bisquick or jiffy mix and crackers. Thank you.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

Sunday Ordinary Income	\$3637.00
Catholic Communications Campaign	\$ 404.00
Online	\$ 340.00

**HOPE FOR HOUSING FOOD CARDS**

Thank you to those in our parish who continue to support this vital ministry toward those on the verge of homelessness. Your weekly/monthly purchases help to stem the tide of those struggling to remain in their homes. The purpose of Hope for Housing is to prevent homelessness. Each year this organization does so on behalf of numerous families through our common purchase of food cards, in union with many other parishes in Worcester County. For our parishioners who have not done so yet, please consider assisting in this ministry that costs us nothing, yet builds up our community. A \$50 food card is worth \$50. Last week's total purchases for our parish was \$585.00. Thank you for your support.

**SACRAMENTALIZING MARRIAGES**

I extend an offer to any and all Catholic couples, or anyone who knows or is related to a couple, who were married by either a Justice of the Peace, or by a Minister without the presence of a Catholic priest, to consider having your marriage become a Sacramental relationship blessed in the Catholic Church. I'm not sure where to begin on this topic; either the Church has done a poor job catechizing and teaching sacramental marriage as the fullness of the marital relationship, or a whole generation is simply missing the message on how a baptized Catholic is meant to be married in the church. This issue is much too important to ignore. I invite any couple to contact me at the church if either spouse, or both spouses, are baptized Catholic and your marriage is presently not a sacramental relationship. The process for making your marriage a sacrament is, and trust me when I say this, very easy. The purpose here is to bring marriages for Catholics to the point where they are meant to be in the eyes of God, that being the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Fr. Riley

**RELIGIOUS QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"Wars are always madness; all is lost in war, all is to be gained in peace."

*Pope Francis*

## **FROM THE PASTOR**

**I**t seems we are always searching for something in our lives that we deem to be necessary. For the past number of months, many high school seniors were performing an intense search for the college they wish to attend in the fall. Hopefully all those who were searching found what they were looking for. Adults are always searching for a sense of peace in our lives. In the hectic day to day grind of raising a family, or pastoring a parish, or changing jobs, or even in retirement, we know there are no guarantees that all will be perfect at the end of the day. This is why our Christian faith needs to be at the heart of all we do. Because in our Christian faith, what we are fundamentally searching for is the ultimate meaning of our lives.

In this search, St. Paul is the model. The reason being that his search for meaning began and ended with Jesus his Lord, finding Christ to be his all.

In the 2nd reading this weekend in Paul's letter to the people of Galatia, he instructs them that what he has preached to them is not his own material. That the Gospel is not of human origin, but of God. It is literally the mind and ways of God that Paul passes on. So as the Christians in Galatia search for a semblance of where their lives have come to in their acceptance of the faith, trying to understand in the depths of their hearts who they are before the one true God, Paul helps to ground them in the first necessary place to search; the Gospel. And when our lives search the Gospel, we find the presence of Christ.

In a recent conversation with someone, it was mentioned to me that many folks over the age of 50 today have a great battle going on in their lives with the teachings of Christianity. Coming out of a generation that challenged any and all authority to the point where even the Gospel, the teachings and revelations of Christ, are subject to personal interpretation, their "search" for meaning has led them to intense frustration and even anger at some of the sacred teachings. The roadblock to an authentic search for the Gospel here is the deadly sin of pride. Reflecting on this, I can't help but come to the conclusion that such a "search" cannot possibly lead to joy and peace. When the road we begin to travel from the start is a wayward path, then arriving at our location becomes nearly impossible. But it's never too late to discover and travel the road of humility.

If St. Paul received the Gospel from human origin, then we would have no obligation to attend to it in our lives. We could go our own way. However, the Gospel he received came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. Therefore, we *do*, as baptized Christians, have an obligation to search for the truth revealed through our Lord and his Church.

"they trust in you who cherish your name, for you forsake not those who seek you, O Lord."

*(Ps. 9:11)*

Peace  
Fr. Riley

**THIS WEEK AT**  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Sat.	June 8	3:00 PM 4:00 PM	Confessions Mass
Sun.	June 9	7:30 AM 10:00 AM	Mass Mass
Mon.	June 10	8:30 AM 9:00 AM	Rosary Mass
Tues.	June 11	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Rosary Mass Boy Scouts
Wed.	June 12	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 6:00 PM	Rosary Mass Girl Scouts
Thurs.	June 13	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Rosary Mass
Fri.	June 14		
Sat.	June 15	3:00 PM 4:00 PM	Confessions Mass
Sun.	June 16	7:30 AM 10:00 AM	Mass Mass

**YES, WE WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER  
AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION!!**

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City  
& Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE, TEAR THIS OFF AND PLACE IN THE  
COLLECTION BASKET!**