



TWENTY-EIGHTH  
SUNDAY  
~IN~  
ORDINARY TIME

“The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.’ The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests.”

– Mt 22:8b-10

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*OCTOBER 11, 2020*  
*IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH*

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### **Sacraments**

**Baptism** – On an individual basis by appointment.  
Please contact the Rectory Office.

**Reconciliation** – By appointment

**Matrimony** – Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

**Ministry to the Sick** – Please inform the Staff about anyone confined in your home or in a Nursing Home. Communion is brought regularly to the homebound.



**Bulletin Deadline: Friday at Noon**

### **Parish Meetings**

**St. Vincent de Paul:** 7:00 p.m. Monday in rectory

**Adult Choir:** 2:00 p.m. Tuesday in church

**Religious Education:** Sundays, bi-monthly from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

### **Mass Schedule**

**Weekends:**

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

### **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MISSION STATEMENT**

**We at Immaculate Conception Church  
are a welcoming community of faith  
that strives to carry out the mission of Jesus  
by journeying in faith, sharing in joy,  
and living in hope. Come join us.**

### **Adoration and Holy Hour**

**First Wednesday of each month 8:00 a.m.-6:00  
p.m.**

**Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 p.m.**

**Rosary 6:00 p.m. followed by Benediction and  
Mass**

### **Parish Membership**

**All new families are welcome to the parish and  
are encouraged to become actively involved.  
New parishioners should register at the Rectory  
as soon as possible.**



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## OCTOBER SCHEDULE

Monday – October 12, 2020

COLUMBUS DAY - NO SCHOOL

Thank God for our  
Dedicated Faculty and staff

- |                                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Principal                         | Catherine Fiorino  |
| PK 3 year old                     | Karen Mercuri      |
| PK4 year old                      | Cynthia Hanley     |
| Kindergarten 1                    | Pam Marquis        |
| Kindergarten 2                    | Amanda Chretien    |
| Grade 1                           | Amy Donovan        |
| Grade 2-1                         | Kathleen Lawton    |
| Grade 2-2                         | Patti Dalimonte    |
| Grade 3-1                         | Kelly Farias       |
| Grade 3-2                         | Katie Brownlie     |
| Grade 4-1                         | Sue Normandin      |
| Grade 4-2                         | Emily Caplice      |
| Grade 5                           | Laura Plona        |
| Grade 6                           | LeeAnn Plona       |
| Grade 7-1                         | Terri Buckley      |
| Grade 7-2                         | Jennifer Gray      |
| Grade 8-1                         | Heather Chiros     |
| Grade 8-2                         | Christie Mercuri   |
| Aide/Gr. 2                        | Elizabeth Dinsmore |
| Art                               | Christine Bouchea  |
| Music                             | Irene Lavallee     |
| Gym                               | Paige Crimmin      |
| Title I tutor and Reading Support | Vina Troianello    |
| Family Liaison and                | Melissa Shemchuk   |
| Admissions Coordinator            |                    |
| Recess monitors                   | Ann Marie Dalton   |
|                                   | Karli Kotfila      |
|                                   | Kristi Mietzner    |



## OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY

### TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

One of the pranks I pulled a few times with friends in college was to crash a wedding feast at a local banquet hall.

Three or four of us would dress up enough to not stand out in the crowd.

We would arrive just before dinner and mill around a bit enjoying a free beer and hoping that there would be enough empty seats at a table that we could sit together and not be noticed too much.

If the questions got too intense there was always the excuse that we were really there to scope out the band for the wedding of one of us.

As a last resort to close scrutiny, there was always the exit.

It took a larger event to get away with this kind of prank, something more difficult with today's smaller, more intimate celebrations.

In the Gospel, the king wanted a full banquet hall. But one man was unprepared, not appropriately attired.

Even as college kids pulling a prank, we knew that we had no chance of getting a good dinner (or even a free beer)

if we weren't at least half way decently dressed.

Jeans and a T-shirt were not going to cut it for a wedding reception in those days.

So on went the dress shirt and tie along with some nice pants to make a presentable outfit.

Of course, access to the kingdom of God is not a prank,

and just putting on some nice clothes will not ensure entrance to heaven.

What we have to do is put on Christ, and have an interior disposition that conforms to our outward expressions of love and charity.

Our inner faith must be strong, and our actions toward others must express what we believe.

The "wedding garment" that we put on is not a shirt and tie in hopes of a free meal, but a life of prayer, devotion, and care for others that will lead to the banquet of life.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

# Mass Intentions

SATURDAY– October 10, 2020

4 pm Mass

Paul F. Stanton

Joseph A. Quinlan  
Patrick T. Quinlan

SUNDAY-October 11, 2020

10 am Mass – Janet Sweeney  
William F. Bullock, 12<sup>th</sup> Ann.

Guerrino/Elizabeth Dragoli

2021 CORI FORM  
to be completed by all volunteers

MA State law mandates that any person 17 years of age and older, who serves as a volunteer in any parish ministry, must complete a CORI form

(Criminal Offense Record Info.). This form requires verification of identity with a photo document (e.g. MA Driver’s License or passport)

There are no exceptions to this requirement.

The CORI form will be available every Tues. Wed., Thurs., Fri. between 8:00 AM and 2 PM beginning August 31.

Know that we are truly grateful that you are willing to serve our parish community as a volunteer.

This is our way of showing you that we are committed to protect all our parishioners and all who visit with us...especially the children and the elderly.

GOD BLESS YOU!

Please wear masks when you come to the rectory to fill out your forms. We may not be needing your assistance yet, but the Diocese still wants us to have you complete these during the month of September. Thank you.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PLEASE BRING WHATEVER RELIGIOUS ITEMS, NO CARDS/PRAYER CARDS YOU MIGHT WANT TO GIVE.

The Mission from St. Mary’s in Lancaster, PA

Due to Covid they will come week of Oct. 16 to pick up. Someone has died and you need to part with their devotions, share them with others.

**MASSES**

**Every Saturday at 4 pm**  
**and Sunday at 10 am**  
**until further notice**

As we slowly continue to re-open the church the following steps must be strictly observed.

1. We are offering a 4 PM **MASS on Sat. and a 10:00 AM MASS on Sunday**
2. **Social Distancing** must be observed at all times within the church
3. **Hand Sanitizer** will be available at all doors and must be used. If you prefer to use your own, bring it with you.
4. **MASKS ARE MANDATORY AND MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN.**
5. The floor is marked with the appropriate distancing. **PLEASE OBSERVE.**
6. All Holy Water Fonts and Missalettes have been removed.
7. There will be No Singing, No Processions and No Baskets passed at the Offertory.
8. **Baskets for the Offertory Collection will be placed at the Entrances of our Church.**
9. We appreciate all of your continued cooperation and we will only be able to provide Mass if all of you comply.
10. We are under strict restrictions from the Archdiocese of Boston in this re-opening of churches during this Pandemic
11. This is truly a fluid situation and we will update you before each Mass if necessary,



**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL**  
**OUR ARMED FORCES**

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**NATIONAL GUARD**

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**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**  
**Results will be in next week's bulletin**  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR**  
**CONTINUED SUPPORT**

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**ATTENTION**

**If you scheduled announced Masses**  
**from March 15 to November 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**please feel free to call the**  
**Rectory between 8 and 2 Mon./Fri.**  
**so that we can reschedule**  
**your paid Masses.**  
**Know that we will allow more**  
**than one intention at the Masses**  
**if necessary.**

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If you have received an e-mail from Father Sannella please know that it is a SCAM. If Father has anything to say he will either put it in the bulletin or write a letter to you.

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**How to Pray the Rosary**

Using beads to count prayers is an ancient tradition, and not unique to the Catholic faith.

The rosary as we know it today has evolved over time from its original loop of fifty beads marked out three times (to account for 150 prayers representing all the psalms) to its present configuration of five decades with some additional prayers.

The rosary is begun by reciting the Apostles' Creed while holding the cross that hangs from the loop.

The Lord's Prayer is prayed on the first bead on the way up from the cross to the loop joiner. Then three Hail Mary's are prayed on the next three beads (often interpreted as prayers for an increase of faith, hope, and charity), followed by a Glory Be.

Another Lord's Prayer opens the first decade, which continues with ten Hail Mary's, and concludes with a Glory Be, prayed while holding the chain between the final Hail Mary of the decade and the next bead for the Lord's Prayer. The prayer and meditation of the five decades is directed to one of the mysteries of which there are four sets

(Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous). There are booklets that offer scriptural meditations for each of the beads as well, providing an opportunity to enrich this traditional prayer with excerpts from the Word of God.



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 **Puzzle**

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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|----------|---------|----------|
| wedding  | banquet | king     |
| servants | field   | ready    |
| guests   | invited | business |

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