



*OCTOBER 18, 2020*  
*IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH*

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Office Hours: 8:00 to 3:00, Mon.-Thurs. 8 to 12 Noon-Fri.**

### **Pastoral Staff**

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Rev. Kenneth Healey, SM, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Raju Muringayil, O. Praem, Assisting Priest

Deacon Stephen M. Papik

Deacon Carlos Desousa

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Catherine Fiorino, School Principal

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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

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### Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."  
 Jesus had a brilliant way of navigating tricky situations.  
 In today's Gospel, the Pharisees  
 "plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech."  
 But he outwitted them, as usual.  
 They wanted to catch him being a political rebel;  
 they expected him to suggest that paying taxes to Caesar  
 was unnecessary or even unjust.  
 But instead, he shifted the focus.  
 He emphasized the importance of fulfilling  
 our civic responsibilities but also  
 the necessity of giving to God what we owe him.  
 So, how do we know what we should "repay" to God?  
 Well, Jesus' response to the Pharisees  
 gives us our answer.  
 He looked at the Roman coin that bore  
 the image of Caesar on it.  
 Then he concluded that the coin belonged to Caesar  
 because it was made in his likeness  
 . Now, what bears the image of God?  
 What is made in his likeness? We are!  
 "God created man in his image;  
 in the divine image he created him;  
 male and female he created them" (Gn 1:27).  
 If the coin belonged to Caesar,  
 we belong to God.  
 We repay God by giving him ourselves!  
 This self-giving is what the Second Vatican Council  
 called "the obedience of faith."  
 "Through this spiritual obedience,  
 we freely commit ourselves to God, "  
 offering the full submission of intellect and will to God"  
 (Dei Verbum #5).  
 Jesus is calling us today to use our will  
 to choose to follow God.  
 Indeed, the one thing we can give God  
 in return for the gift of life is our will.  
 He gave us the freedom to love him or not.  
 And while the choice is always ours,  
 today Jesus encourages us to make the right decision  
 by giving God what is really his: ourselves.

# Mass Intentions

SATURDAY– October 17, 2020

4 pm Mass John, Esther, Kathleen Crowley  
Dr. & Mrs. George Duggan/Cathill Family

SUNDAY-October 18, 2020

10 am Mass –Edward Holak

Ruth Ellen Ciccarelli, 5<sup>th</sup> Ann.

Eileen Stowell

Hilary/Dorothea Stevens and  
Barbara Smith

**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 7:30 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**

Lance CPL James Bakanosky U.S. Marines AFGHANISTAN  
 Sgt. James R. Boudreau U.S. Army Newport, RI  
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**NATIONAL GUARD**  
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**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**  
**September 20-21, 2020**  
**Weekly Collection: \$3,990.00**  
**Clergy Trust: \$1,000.00**  
**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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