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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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A high school classmate of mine decided after college that he wanted to become a lawyer.

He loves the law.

For him, it offers the best of both worlds.

It is, first of all, an exacting science with great precision and specificity.

That aspect of the law appeals to his orderly nature, his desire to categorize things and keep them in little boxes.

But secondly, what my classmate also appreciates about the law is

that it is open to interpretation.

It has a breadth and depth

that allow for variation in individual circumstances.

This aspect appeals to my friend's

more free-spirit nature,

a characteristic of his life that left many of us wondering years ago

how he would ever succeed in his chosen profession.

As they are presented in the Gospel of Matthew, the Pharisees certainly are the ones

who can execute the specificity of the law.

They are criticized for their intense scrutiny of the minutiae of life,

designating whether something is permitted or forbidden.

Jesus was not going to allow himself to be trapped in that mechanical application of law.

Not that the law is bad.

Indeed, for the pious Jew of Jesus' day, the law was the path to life.

But the Pharisees were looking for an argument, and Jesus was not going to enter into one.

His response might give some guidance today for discussions with those who get incensed about displaying the Ten Commandments.

When Jesus was asked about the law he does not reference the Decalogue.

Instead, he cites the Shema,

the prayer of a pious Jew in Deuteronomy 6:

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

" And for good measure

he adds a quote from Leviticus 19:

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

My classmate would be happy.

Law with specificity-love God and neighbor -but with enough flexibility

to accommodate a variety of circumstances.

OCTOBER SCHEDULE

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
Aide/Gr. 1	Sister Charlene Favreau, CSJ
Art	Christine Bouchea
Music	Irene Lavallee
Gym	Paige Crimmin
Math Support	Linda Gallotto
Title I tutor and Reading Support	Vina Troianello
Family Liaison and	Melissa Shemchuk
Admissions Coordinator	
Recess monitors	Ann Marie Dalton
	Karli Kotfila
	Kristi Mietzner

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY– October 24, 2020

4 pm Mass Robert Fox, 3rd Anniversary
Kathleen Fox, 32nd Anniversary

Peter P. Rogers, 13th Anniversary

SUNDAY-October 25, 2020

10 am Mass –Reginald Oakes

Jacklyn Cuesta, 5th Anniversary

James Gillette, 50th Anniversary

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 **Nov. 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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 Capt. Christopher Buck, U.S. Army Clarksville, TN
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 AST 3 Michael Linehan U.S. Coast Guard
 SN Nicholas Ludwig U.S. Navy
 A1C Emily McPhillips Air Force
 Master Sgt. Nicholas Owens USAF MacDill AFB

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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS
September 27, 2020
Weekly Collection: \$4,055.00
School Support: \$2,320.00
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ATTENTION
If you scheduled announced Masses
from March 15 to November 1st
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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