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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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NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 11 NO SCHOOL



The students at Immaculate Conception School collected over 2000 pounds of Food for the Merrimack Valley Food Bank.



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection on
THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS
Excerpts of
Awake and Watching
by Father Simeon, a Cistercian monk

As long as we are...
pilgrimaging together toward the Kingdom
along all the highways and byways of life,
a continual exchange of goods and mutual
support were not only legitimate but
absolutely essential.

However, when we have reached the goal
and suddenly find ourselves at the
culminating instant of our lives...
at the very moment of encountering the
Bridegroom face to face—
each of us has to show himself to Him for
what we have become....

Because God does not love us generically,
he does not look for the same quality of love
in each one.

Sobering as the conclusion of the parable
may be, we should find much comfort in the
very final verse:

*Watch therefore,
for you know neither the day nor the hour.*

 *Mass Intentions*

SATURDAY– November 7, 2020

4 pm Mass The O’Heir Family

Charles E. Morin

Lee and Ellen Bouttimer
Everett Schrader

SUNDAY–November 8, 2020

10 am Mass Francis/Ruth Missett

Dennis Devlin, Jr., 24th Ann
Dennis Devlin, Sr., 7th Ann.

Frederick A. Hickey, DMD, 8th Ann.

Albert Santamaria, 18th Ann.

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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
They are coming

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15

to pick up.

If someone has died and you need to part
with their devotions,
share them with others.

2021 CORI FORM
to be completed by all
volunteers

MORE THAN
HALF OF OUR
VOLUNTEERS
HAVE NOT
BEEN TO THE
RECTORY TO
SIGN THEIR
CORI.

PLEASE
COME
BEFORE 11/15.

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.

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
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 Capt. Christopher Buck, U.S. Army Clarksville, TN
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 SN Nicholas Ludwig U.S. Navy
 AIC Emily McPhillips Air Force
 Master Sgt. Nicholas Owens USAF MacDill AFB

NATIONAL GUARD

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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

October 11, 2020

Weekly Collection: \$4,955.00

Peter's Pence/ Catholic U.: \$555.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT

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ATTENTION

If you scheduled announced Masses
from March 15 to January 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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Blessing of Veterans

There are so many veterans in our county now.
It used to be that veterans were a small contingency
in our communities.

It did not take that much effort to care for and,
once a year, thank them.

Now, however, with so many wars
in violent parts of the world,
there are more veterans than
we can compassionately care for.

There are many men and women who come back from
the service who are wounded for life,
either physically, mentally, or emotionally.

On this Veterans Day, let us remember those who have
served our country,
but more than remember,
let us redouble our efforts to care for those still with us.



More proof of the hard work of the students, faculty and Staff of Immaculate Conception School.

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