



# *Wait for the Lord*

- "Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping." *Mk 13:35-36*

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*FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
NOVEMBER 29, 2020  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH*

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### **Pastoral Staff**

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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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### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"What could happen next? "

How many times have you asked yourself that question? Unfortunately, we most often use that expression when things don't seem to be going our way.

Then sometimes when the stars seem to align just right we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things.

Whether it will be a pleasant or dreadful experience, we can say with certainty tomorrow will not go exactly as we envisioned.

Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world is complex

. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected.

Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given.

It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us.

Our relationships deepen.

Our sense of responsibility builds.

Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose.

This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent.

It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us.

However, no matter what happens,

Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected.

He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain.

You can count on the unexpected,

but you can also count on him to be there with you.

He is, now and forever, Emmanuel, "God with us."

He is the expected in all things unexpected.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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 11/30.

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.

SATURDAY– November 28, 2020

4 pm Mass Margaret Barry, 30<sup>th</sup> Ann  
Stephen Barry, 33<sup>rd</sup> Ann.  
Anne Killeen, 20<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
Louis Stagnone  
David Harris  
Michael R. Ciccarelli

SUNDAY-November 29, 2020

10 am Mass Janet Sweeney, 4<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
William Curran, 27<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
Bertha M. Curran, 40<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
Ann Margaret Carey  
Doris Welcome, 1<sup>st</sup> Ann.

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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS  
November 1, 2020  
Weekly Collection: \$4,100.00  
Building Fund: \$1,755.00  
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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 DECEMBER 7**  
to pick up.

If 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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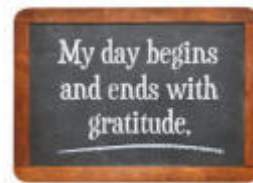
**NATIONAL GUARD**

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**ATTENTION**

**If you scheduled announced Masses**  
**from March 15 to January 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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**November is the Month of the Dead**  
**Below are the names of those**  
**who asked us to pray for their deceased**  
**friends and relatives.**

**Theresa I. Gavin**  
**John and Marian MacLaughlan**  
**Daniel and Alice MacLaughlan**  
**James and John Donnelly**  
**Agnes and Jeannie MacLaughlan**  
**John J. MacLaughlan, Jr.**  
**William and Leona Martin**  
**William and Mary Martin**  
**Thomas and Anna Brennan**  
**James Morrill**  
**Mary Morrill**

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**Our annual**  
**January Calendar Raffle 2021**  
has been in motion since mid-November  
So, if you did not receive any in the mail  
Or would need more  
please call us at 978-458-1474  
so that you can continue  
supporting your parish.  
**Due to COVID**  
**No Christmas Fair! No Golf Tournament!**  
Please know that your encouragement  
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appreciated.

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH**  
**Because of the pandemic,**

Holy Trinity Parish is not making pierogi to sell for  
Christmas.

However, to accommodate those who follow the  
tradition of serving pierogi at *Wigilia*,

the Christmas Eve dinner,

the Parish is taking orders for frozen pierogi made by a  
Massachusetts company specializing in Polish food.

Orders must be submitted to Holy Trinity rectory with  
payment no later than

Tuesday, Dec. 1, and picked up on Saturday, Dec. 19,  
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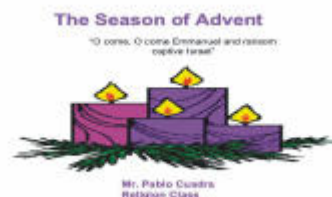
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**ADVENT GIVING TREE FOR BIRTHRIGHT**  
Every year our parish sponsors an  
**Advent Giving Tree for Birthright**

It is heartwarming to see the generosity of our  
parishioners who contribute to this worthy cause.  
Your participation again this year will help  
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