



# THE HOLY FAMILY

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“For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.”

- Lk 2:30-31

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*THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH*  
*DECEMBER 27, 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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### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

I have heard people say,  
"You don't get to choose your family!"  
I believe that to be only partially true.  
I did not choose my father and mother,  
but my family is greater than  
my family tree of ancestors.  
My family includes those who have been there  
when both my father and mother passed away.  
My family includes those who came to see  
my newborn children in the hospital.  
My family includes those who celebrated with me my  
greatest triumphs and consoled me  
in my greatest times of trial.  
Each and every one of them  
I have chosen to be a part of my family.  
Most of the time we talk about stewardship in terms of  
time, talent, and treasure.  
We quantify the size of our gifts,  
seeing them as things that have a finite value.  
However, true stewardship has no limits.  
What we are called to give is everything.  
When we fully empty ourselves into another  
and into the reality of God  
we find ourselves transformed.  
We truly grow into our own as the creations we became  
at baptism.  
It is in that transformation that we find ourselves  
connected to others in a profound way.  
Those who were not connected to us by blood  
are now connected to us by spirit.  
Our family, the body of Christ,  
grows and becomes stronger.  
In this family, a man can be father  
to a Son not of his flesh  
and a woman mother to a Son of a divine origin.  
In this family, we find our hope and our home.  
And we must never make the mistake of thinking  
that is not a choice.  
-Tracy Earl Welliver,

SATURDAY– December 26, 2020

4 pm Mass Virginia C. Creegan  
Ann O'Donnell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann.  
Kathleen Lapinski, M.Mind M.

SUNDAY-December 27, 2020

10 am Mass Lillian Marie (Mullen) Parry  
Arthur Eugene Parry, Sr.  
Paul C. Cassidy, 4<sup>th</sup> Ann.

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.

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HEALTHY  
HOLY  
BLESSED  
NEW YEAR  
to all our  
parishioners.

PLEASE  
COME BEFORE 12/31.

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 for the 2021 year  
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,



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF**

Paula Abraham  
Alfred Bedard  
Marie-Therese Brien  
Robert Desmond  
Anna/Thomas Ralls  
Alice/Fred Desmond  
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Madeline/Peter Brennan  
Barbara Palermo  
M/M Francis Dinneen  
M/M Daniel Kane  
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Charles/Helen Fiorino  
The Fiorino Family  
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Kelley Family  
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Anne/Louis Jabour, Jeannette Jabour, and Michael Jabour  
Patricia Keegan, Ruth/William Keegan and Robert Keegan  
Kathleen O'Connor, Gertrude/David Copeley  
Betty/Richard Townsend  
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M/M James Dowling  
Joyce Glavin  
Jack/Jeff Kelleher  
M/M John Kelleher  
Eileen Burgermeister  
John M. Kenney, Thomas H. Kenney  
Lillian/Thomas Kenney  
Alice/Francis Vesey and William and Joseph Vesey  
Marian Sorenson and Carl Sorenson  
Lambroukos Family and Hill Family  
Lucia Family and Kirby Family

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL  
OUR ARMED FORCES**

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**ATTENTION**

**If you scheduled announced Masses  
from March 15 to January 3<sup>rd</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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**Successful New Year!**



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF**

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