

A photograph of the Statue of Liberty in New York City, set against a vibrant sunset sky with orange and purple hues. The statue is shown from the waist up, holding the torch in its right hand and a tablet in its left. The city skyline is visible in the background.

*May the gracious
care of the LORD our God
be ours;
prosper the work
of our hands for us!
Prosper the work
of our hands!*

PSALM 90:17

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Mass Schedule

Weekends:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 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.

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



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Love for learning.



August

**24 Mandatory Parent Meeting
6 PM**

**30 Faculty Meeting
9 AM**

**31 First Day for Students
(Grades 1-8)
Half Day
Dismissal 11:30
NO BUSSING
KIDS CLUB BEGINS
TODAY AT 11:30**



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

You may have heard of Patrick Henry Hughes, hopefully
because of his accomplishments.

A gifted piano player, trumpeter, and singer,
at age twenty he has performed on such stages as the
Grand Ole Opry and the Kennedy Center.
But Patrick Henry is also known as the young man in
the wheelchair

who, with his dad, performs with his
University of Louisville marching band.

Not only is he confined to a wheelchair because of a
birth disorder, Patrick Henry is blind.

He was born without eyes,
but this is how he "sees" life:

"I believe God gave me blindness so that I may see the
inner qualities in everyone I meet."

How do you view disabilities?

Like Patrick Henry Hughes, do you view them as a gift?
Is it possible to understand that in some aspects of our
lives,

we all have areas that could be deemed a disability?

We may be blind to the needs of others,
deaf to the sounds of praise from a friend,
unable to express gratitude for the many gifts we receive
on a daily basis.

In today's reading from Mark,

Jesus is presented with a blind man with a speech
impediment.

Pulling him out of the crowd to a solitary place, the man
is healed through Jesus' touch.

Jesus' decision to lead the man away into solitude in
order to heal him stresses

the importance of praying without distraction.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church,

Jesus always responds to a prayer offered in faith,
whether healing infirmities or forgiving sins (CCC 2616).

It is often difficult to listen to the wonders of God or
speak to him when we are surrounded by the clamor of
the world around us.

We are healed by the loving touch of Jesus
when we allow ourselves and our hearts
to listen, see, and feel only him.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
MASSES

Saturdays – 4 PM

Sundays - 8 AM and 10 AM

Next week: Saturday – September 11, 2021

4 PM Robert “Bob” Duffy, 3rd Anniversary

Sunday September 12, 2021

8 AM Marian E. MacLaughlan

10 AM Robert Powers, 5th Anniversary

**Vidal Bangit, Charles Cousens,
Therese Cousens, 7th Anniversary**

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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

August 21-22, 2021

Weekly collection: \$3,959.00

Building Fund: \$2,197.00

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PENNSYLVANIA AMISH-
LANDS TOUR
RE-SCHEDULED

**Father John Hogan,
of St. William's, will host a
Pennsylvania Amish lands
Tour November 8-11, 2021.**

**The highlight of the Tour will be a
Live performance of “Queen Esther”
at the Sight and Sound Theatre
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Countryside and also a performance of “Winter
Wonderland” at the American Music Theatre.
For Tour Group information, please call Father
Hogan at 978-851-7331.**

**Because of the popularity of this tour, please register
by October 1st.**

**The tour cost will include motor coach
transportation from St. William's in Tewksbury on
November 8th.**

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**ON LINE GIVING COMING
IN THE FALL AT**

**IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION PARISH.**

**Watch for upcoming
information**

CORI TIME 2022 **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 is available at the Rectory Office
Monday-Thurs. 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
beginning 8/16 to 9/30, 2018.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society members
need to speak to
Mr. Peter Richards
to arrange to fill the Cori form

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
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who visit with us...especially the children and the
elderly.

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Free Hospice Volunteer Training

Immaculate Conception **Religious Education Calendar** **2021-2022**

Sundays listed below from
9:00 am to 11:00 am

Immaculate Conception School

SEPTEMBER

26th First Class



OCTOBER:

03, 17, and 31



NOVEMBER:

14 and 21



DECEMBER:

12



JANUARY 2022

09 and 23



FEBRUARY:

06 and 13



MARCH:

06 and 20



APRIL:

03

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY–September 4, 2021

4 pm FOR THE PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY September 5, 2021

**8 am Living/Deceased Members of the
Women's Guild**

10 am Richard Frain, Jr., 2nd Anniversary

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL
OUR ARMED FORCES**

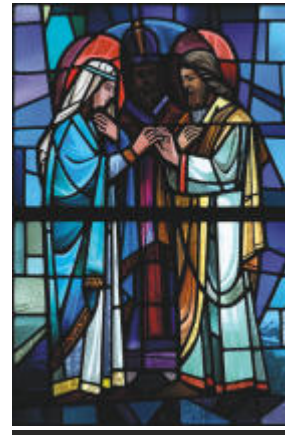
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OCTOBER 4, 2021

St. Mary's Mission in Lancaster, PA
will return to pick up Religious Items.
If a loved one has passed away, you wish
To support this Mission work, bring
your statues, rosaries, medals, crucifixes,
Nativity scenes and other items, but
NO BOOKS or PRAYER CARDS.



THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

O Blessed Saint Joseph,
tenderhearted father, faithful guardian
of Jesus, chaste spouse of the Mother of God,
I pray you join with me in praising God the
Father through His Divine Son, who died on
the cross and rose again to give us sinners
new life. Through the Holy Name of Jesus,
pray with me, that we may obtain from the
eternal Father the favor we ask for
(state intention)

We have been unfaithful to the unfailing love
of God the Father;
Beg of Jesus mercy for us, His brothers and
sisters.

Amid the splendors of God's loving
presence, do not forget the sorrows of those
who weep.

By your prayers and those of your most holy
spouse, Our Blessed Lady, may the love of
Jesus answer our call of confident hope!
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