

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”  
Mark 8:34**

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# 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 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.**



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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**



### 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I am sure I drive my kids crazy!  
When they fail to do, over and over again,  
that which I have asked them to do, they continue to say,  
"I'm sorry," to which I say, "No, you're not!"  
They look at me with that look that says,  
"How can you not accept my apology?  
Who doesn't accept 'I'm sorry?'"  
Then I say to them,  
"If you were truly sorry you would change and do what I  
asked you to do!"  
Of course, their response almost always is,  
"I forgot!" Forgot?  
How does someone forget something  
that has been asked of him or her several times  
in the course of a day? Well, if I drive them crazy,  
I am sure it is because they drove me crazy first!  
Saint James would probably be on my side,  
or at least I want to believe he would.  
He asked the question, "What good is it if someone says  
he has faith but does not have works?"  
He goes on to speak about those  
who would wish others well,  
only to do nothing to help them to be well.  
Unfortunately, all of us sometimes fall into the trap of  
talking a good game  
but not really stepping up to the plate to do something.  
We say all the right things,  
but then do much less than what is required,  
or even nothing at all.  
It isn't easy being a good steward,  
daily answering the call to  
share more, give more, and love more.  
Even when I write these reflections,  
I am struck by my own shortcomings and failings.  
I don't want just to write something and not internalize  
it to the point where I must act.  
I strive to be at least a better disciple this day  
than I was the last,  
and pray to be better tomorrow than I am today.  
I guess if I can just ask that of my kids as well,  
they might not see me as so crazy after all.

*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**

**MASSES**

**Saturdays – 4 PM**

**Sundays - 8 AM and 10 AM**

**Next week: Saturday – September 18, 2021**

**4 PM LaBelle-Dumont-Campbell Families**

**Stephanie Wisniewski, Birthday M.**

**Sunday September 19, 2021**

**8 AM FOR THE PARISHIONERS**

**10 AM Frances A. Keegan  
M/M Joseph Keegan**

**Clinton E. Barter, 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
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**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

**August 28-29, 2021**

**Due to Labor Day holiday  
results will be in next week's bulletin**

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CONTINUED SUPPORT TO YOUR  
PARISH**

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**PENNSYLVANIA AMISH-  
LANDS TOUR  
RE-SCHEDULED**

**Father John Hogan,  
of St. William's, will host a  
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Wonderland" at the American Music Theatre.  
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Hogan at 978-851-7331.**

**Because of the popularity of this tour, please register  
by October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**The tour cost will include motor coach  
transportation from St. William's in Tewksbury on  
November 8<sup>th</sup>  
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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 committed to protect all our parishioners and all who visit with us...especially the children and the elderly.

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

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

Immaculate Conception School

**SEPTEMBER** 26<sup>th</sup> 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 11, 2021

4 pm Robert “Bob” Duffy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

SUNDAY September 12, 2021

8 am Marian E. MacLaughlan, 15<sup>th</sup> Ann.

10 am Robert Powers, 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Vidal Ganbit, Therese Cousens, 7<sup>th</sup> A.  
Charles Cousens

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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

Like Wife, Like Husband –

Reflection on Saint Joseph

– Brother John M. Samaha, S.M.

When asked by a questioner about the dignity of St. Joseph in Christian tradition, the late Father Francis L. Filas, S.J., the U.S.A.'s leading authority on the subject, responded simply, "Like wife, like husband." The man closest to Jesus and Mary rightly deserves all honor and praise.

St. Joseph rarely enjoys great press. Usually he is forgotten, or at least left standing obscurely in the background. His self-effacement seems to have influenced the scant attention given him by many Church teachers.

In a hymn honoring the Holy Eucharist, St. Thomas Aquinas describes the inadequacy of human language to express full appreciation of the Blessed Sacrament. St. Bernard and other great devotees of Mary voiced the same idea regarding our Blessed Mother. I think we may say the same about St. Joseph, the husband of Mary and the virgin father of Jesus.

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