



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 3, 2021
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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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October Schedule

FRIDAY

- 1 Walk-a-thon Dismissal 11:30
NO PM BUSSING

THURSDAY

- 7 Progress Report Conferences
6 PM

FRIDAY

- 8 Progress Report Conferences
Half Day - NO PM BUSSING

MONDAY

- 11 Columbus Day – NO School

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FALL TEA

Circle your calendars

Wednesday, October 13th at 12:30 PM

HOLY TRINITY PARISH HALL

Sandra Creamer, PhD, NP, RN will be our featured speaker at the Women's Guild Fall Tea.

She will share her knowledge on tele medicine and end of life directives.

Directives will be available as a handout if needed.

New members are welcome!

How to Pray the Rosary

Using beads to count prayers is an ancient tradition, and not unique to the Catholic faith.

The rosary as we know it today has evolved over time from its original loop of fifty beads marked out 3 times (to account for 150 prayers representing all the psalms) to its present configuration of five decades with some additional prayers.

The rosary is begun by reciting the Apostles' Creed while holding the cross that hangs from the loop.

The Lord's Prayer is prayed on the first bead on the way up from the cross to the loop joiner.

Then three Hail Mary's are prayed on the next three beads (often interpreted as prayers for an increase of faith, hope, and charity), followed by a Glory Be.

Another Lord's Prayer opens the first decade, which continues with ten Hail Mary's, and concludes with a Glory Be,

prayed while holding the chain between the final Hail Mary of the decade and the next bead for the Lord's Prayer.

The prayer and meditation of the five decades is directed to one of the mysteries of which there are four sets

(Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous).

There are booklets that offer scriptural meditations for each of the beads as well, providing an opportunity to enrich this traditional prayer with excerpts from the word of God.

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BABY BOTTLES TO SUPPORT THE PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

AND THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

The Pregnancy Care Center (PCC) is a crisis Pregnancy center offering loving alternatives to abortion And confidential counsel to women who are facing unplanned pregnancies.

In addition, they provide sexual integrity education, post abortion counseling and material assistance (baby items/food).

The services are free, thanks to support from Individuals and local churches.

The PCC has locations in Haverhill and Lawrence

Return bottle date: November 1, 2021

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

MASSES

Saturdays – 4 PM

Sundays - 8 AM and 10 AM

Next week: Saturday – October 9, 2021

4 AM Lawrence/Marian Flaherty, 15th A.

Sunday – October 10, 2021

8 AM Joseph F./Janet M. Sweeney

10 AM FOR THE PARISHIONERS

Guerrino/Elizabeth Dragoli

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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

September 18-19, 2021

Weekly Collection: \$6,851.00

Clergy Trust: \$1,764.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT TO YOUR
PARISH**

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**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC COMMITTEE
NEEDS NEW MEMBERS.**

Because of the pandemic, the Family Picnic was postponed these past two years. It takes about a year to get certain parts of the picnic scheduled and locked in, so if we are going to have a Family Picnic next year, it is time to start planning and scheduling.

A tentative date for the Family Picnic is

Saturday, September 17, 2022 with the rain date Sunday, September 18.

Will you join us and help continue this wonderful family event?

We need new members, new energy, and new ideas.

There is an existing plan, equipment and an organization to draw on.

There will be a kickoff meeting Tuesday, 10/26 at 7PM in the church sacristy.

Please contact STEPHEN GREENE if you are interested, greenesh@comcast.net or

617-823-5107 (leave a message if I don't pick up)

Thanks, Stephen

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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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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.

Immaculate Conception Religious Education Calendar 2021-2022

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

Immaculate Conception School

26th First Class

SEPTEMBER



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–October 2, 2021

4 pm Marge Driscoll, 1st Anniversary

David Goodrich

SUNDAY October 3, 2021

8 am Martha Joan Barrett, 1st Anniversary

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

Guerrino and Elizabeth Dragoli



THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

**(CONTINUATION FROM LAST WEEK’S
REFLECTION)**

Joseph was a just man. What more can be said?

PLENTY!!!

In 1989 Pope John Paul II offered us a masterful explanation and reflection of the unique vocation of St. Joseph in God’s plan of salvation with *Redemptoris Custos (Guardian of the Redeemer)*.

This inspirational pastoral letter, marking the centenary of Leo XIII’s landmark encyclical, treats the person and mission of St. Joseph in the life of Christ and of the Church. It recalls what makes him special, not only for us personally, but also for the Universal Church.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL
OUR ARMED FORCES**

Lance CPL James Bakanosky	U.S. Marines	AFGHANISTAN
Sgt. James R. Boudreau	U.S. Army	Newport, RI
Capt. Christopher Buck,	U.S. Army	Clarksville, TN
Lance CPL Michael P Crowley	U.S. Marines	AFGHANISTAN
Corp. James Farley	U.S. Marines Special Forces	Mideast
SN Michael Gendron		U.S Coast Guard
Master Sgt. Michael G. Hill	U.S. Marines,	Camp Lejeune,NC
Captain Jeremy LaBranche	U.S. ArmyVicenza, Italy
SPC Pieter Lobscher	U.S. Army	AFGHANISTAN
AST 3 Michael Linehan	U.S. Coast Guard	
SN Nicholas Ludwig	U.S. Navy	
A1C Emily McPhillips	Air Force	
Master Sgt. Nicholas Owens	USAF	MacDill AF

NATIONAL GUARD

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Some muse that Joseph’s role is not treated in any detail in Holy Scripture. But neither is the vocation of Mary. However, what little is said is high significant. Theologians have reasoned to many of the functions and privileges granted Mary. The same process is followed in regard to Joseph. Once the divinity of Jesus and the divine virginal motherhood of Mary were firmly established in Catholic doctrine and in popular understanding. Joseph began to emerge without concern that his unique position as virgin father of Jesus and virginal husband of Mary would be misunderstood.

(To be continued next week.)

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