



They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 10, 2021
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Mass Schedule

Weekends:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

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

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

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 welcome!

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Christian author C.S. Lewis once wrote that Christianity is not so much about being nice people but in being "new men."

We see this contrast in today's Gospel.

"Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus first answers in the predictable way.

Follow the commandments!

"Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth."

Perhaps for some of us it's easy to answer this way.

"I'm a good person!" he seems to reply.

Does he truly follow all the commandments he professes to follow?

Does he -- in word and deed --

- check off all the boxes of the moral law? Perhaps.

Whether he's being honest or fudging the truth,

Jesus accepts his answer at face value with compassion.

"Jesus, looking at him, loved him."

But he's not done yet!

Jesus wants to remind us that

this attitude alone is not enough.

"Go, sell what you have ... then come, follow me."

Jesus' invitation to the young man is radical.

Abandon everything that gives you any sense of security.

Give it all up for an unknown future

with a wandering preacher.

The Christian life is not easy.

"How hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!"

It's easier, Jesus says, for a gigantic camel to squeeze itself through a tiny needle's eye.

But the God of the universe creates out of nothing, breaks the bars of hell, and raises the dead to life.

Is a needle's eye really such an obstacle?

Jesus' invitation is always bigger than our own limitations.

This week, what do we need to offer up?

How is Jesus inviting us to follow him?

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

MASSES

Saturdays – 4 PM

Sundays - 8 AM and 10 AM

Next week: Saturday – October 16, 2021

**4 AM Hilary/Dorothea Stevens and
Barbara Smith**

Grace Ellen McKenzie, Birthday

Sunday – October 17, 2021

8 AM Special Intention

**10 AM Lillian Marie (Mullen) Parry
Arthur Eugene Parry, Sr.**

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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

September 25-26, 2021

Weekly Collection: \$6,460.00

Clergy Trust: \$1,162.00

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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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**NEW ENGLAND TENORS
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The New England Tenors will perform at Immaculate Conception Church in Lowell on Sunday, Oct. 17th from 2 pm to 4pm. A free offering will be accepted at the door to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The NE tenors, in addition to singing classic songs made famous by "The Three Tenors" who will perform solos, duets and medleys from Broadway's best loved musicals, as well as a set of inspirational songs. "It promises to be a very entertaining and inspirational afternoon," says organizer, Mike Fay. This is open to the public, the church is handicap accessible and also offers free parking. For more info call the Rectory Parish Office at 978-458-1474.

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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**

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 9, 2021

4 pm Lawrence/Marian Flaherty, 15th A.

SUNDAY October 10, 2021

8 am Joseph F./Janet M. Sweeney

10 am Theresa I. Gavin, 4th Ann.



THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

(CONTINUATION FROM LAST WEEK’S
REFLECTION)

The evolution of devotion to St. Joseph is in reality another facet of devotion to Mary. Probing more deeply Joseph’s mission leads us to knowing more deeply the greatness of Mary. St. Joseph’s position in relation to Jesus, our Redeemer, stems from his position with regard to Mary, Mother of the Redeemer. The parallel holds true also for Mary and Jesus. The better we know Mary, the better we will know her Son, from whom she derives all her dignity and whom she reflects so faithfully. Pope Benedict XV clearly expressed this idea. “By St. Joseph we are led directly to Mary, and by Mary to the fountain of holiness, Jesus, who sanctified the domestic virtues by His obedience to St. Joseph and Mary .”

(To be continued next week.)



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OUR ARMED FORCES

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