



“But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mk 10:43-45

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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 17, 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

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.

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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October Schedule

THURSDAY

21 Banking

FRIDAY

29 Happy Halloween
Teachers will notify you
of their plans

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HOLY TRINITY PARISH

Holy Trinity Parish is holding a
HOMEMADE POLISH FOOD TAKE OUT
on Saturday, November 13
from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
at the Parish Hall on High Street.

This is a pre-order, pre-pay function
with orders and payments to be submitted
by October 29.

Order forms may be obtained by visiting the
parish website at www.holytrinitylowell.org
and clicking on "This Week's Bulletin,"
by calling the rectory (978-452-2564)
on MONDAYS only from 10 to 1,
or by mailing a request to Holy Trinity
Rectory, 340 High St., Lowell, MA 01852.

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"What do you wish me to do for you?"

Jesus asks a similar question in different Gospel
passages, but the request of James and John is not
repeated on any other occasion.

"Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right
and the other at your left."

They ask not for knowledge of God,
not for crooked limbs to be straightened
nor for the blind to see.

They ask for power and authority.

Jesus' response should trouble them.

"You do not know what you are asking."

"Can you drink the cup that I drink?" Jesus asks.

"They said to him, 'We can.'" But what is Christ's cup?

Could James and John have possibly known it or
understood it here at the height of Jesus' ministry?

Jesus' cup is the cup of trial,
of difficulty, of public ridicule.

His final, thirsting sip occurs as he hangs on the cross.
In Christ's kingdom, drinking his cup and participating
in his life are not the sharing of power
the way we are accustomed. Jesus flips their paradigm.

"Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your
servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the
slave of all."

The cup of Jesus is the cup of giving oneself.

"The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for many."

As Christians, how easy it can be to want the acclaim of
good deeds, the gratitude for volunteering,
the attention for donating to the church.

"It shall not be so among you."

If you are overlooked,
offer thanks to God for imitating Jesus,
rather than bitter complaint at someone else's oversight.
Look for opportunities to do good needs unnoticed.

This week,
consider one way you can drink the cup of Jesus!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

MASSES

Saturdays – 4 PM

Sundays - 8 AM and 10 AM

Next week: Saturday – October 23, 2021

4 AM Ruth Murray, Birthday

Sunday – October 24, 2021

8 AM FOR THE PARISHIONERS

10 AM Georgia Visocchi, 12th Ann.

Robert Fox, 4th Anniversary
Kathleen Fox, 33rd Anniversary

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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

October 3-4, 2021

Weekly Collection: \$6,654.00

Holy Father/Peter's Pence/

Catholic U. of America: \$1,870.00

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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
TO PERFORM BENEFIT CONCERT
FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

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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**HEALING MASS OF THE
SICK
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION CHURCH
LOWELL, MA
WEDNESDAY,
November 10, 2021
4:00 P.M.**

ALL ARE WELCOME

**Immaculate Conception
Religious Education Calendar
2021-2022
Sundays listed below from
9:00 am to 11:00 am
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OCTOBER: 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 16, 2021

4 pm 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.



THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH
Old Men Don't Walk to Egypt

...Not only would an elderly man not be capable of walking to Egypt, but an old man wouldn't be able to walk from Nazareth to Bethlehem, either; Bethlehem is 80 miles from Nazareth, and the journey would have been across rough desert terrain.

Saint Joseph was required to walk a lot to support the Holy Family. After walking 80 miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem, St. Joseph was instructed by an angel to take the Child and his mother to Egypt. This required St. Joseph to take his family on another very long journey.

The distance from Bethlehem to the border of Egypt is 40 miles. No historian believes that the Holy Family lived on the border.

Rather, they went much farther into Egypt where there was the possibility of work, food, and some semblance of civilization.

We don't know exactly where Jesus, Mary and Joseph settled down in Egypt, but it did require them to walk farther than the border.

Have you ever been to the Holy Land or North Africa? If you have, you know that the terrain is tough, the heat intense, and the dangers many. Walking to Egypt, being there for years without knowing anyone, and trying to make a living are not things associated with elderly men.

--Donald H. Calloway, MIC
(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK)



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OUR ARMED FORCES

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