

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Little girl, I say to you, arise!” The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around.” (Mk 5: 41-42)



Immaculate Conception Church

June 30, 2024



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.

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 church basement, off the parking lot

ADULT CHOIR: 7:00 p.m. Thursdays in church

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: 2:00 p.m. Friday in church

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Sundays, bi-monthly from 9:00 to 11 AM

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday at Noon for the following weekend.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon

CONTACT INFORMATION

CHURCH

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RECTORY AND PARISH OFFICE:

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Rectory Hours: Monday thru Thursday

From 9am to 2pm***Closed on Friday

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Nicholas A. Sannella, Pastor

Rev. Kenneth Healey, SM, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Raju Muringayil, O. Praem, Assisting Priest

Deacon Stephen M. Papik

Ms. Claire Coulliard, Pastoral Associate,

Director of Religious Education Gr. 1-10

Catherine Fiorino, School Principal

Cheryl Daigneault, Administrative—Bulletin

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.

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SUMMER ATTIRE

Now that summer is here, we would like to remind everyone about the need to take special care that what you wear in church is appropriate. During this season clothing should be both casual and modest. There is a tendency to wear clothing which may be suitable for the beach or lounging in one's backyard by the pool but which is very unacceptable in a place of worship.

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors should be especially aware of the need to appear in neat and modest clothing – no tank tops, short shorts or tight fitting clothing. As we all are in the presence of the Lord, those more visibly involved in liturgy are also able to offer example.

The Society of Mary

(Marist Fathers and Brothers)

Since its official recognition by the Church In 1836, the Society of Mary (Marist Fathers and Brothers) has committed itself to the missions in the southwest Pacific. Since that time, the Marists have expanded into areas in Africa, Asia and South America. Today there are nearly 230 priests and brothers working in “bush stations”, teaching in schools and seminaries, ministering in training institutions, providing direct service to the poor, oppressed and marginalized, and contributing to the development of people for a better society and a strong local Church.

Contributions to the Marists will help them in their mission of witness to the Gospel, service to the needy and helping the local Church to build a strong base for it's promising future.

Thank you for whatever you can do to help in their commitment and work.



SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2024

4:00 PM George/Frances McGuane
 Beverly Coughlin, Months Mind Mass

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024

8:00 AM Carroll Family
 10:00 AM FOR THE PARISHIONERS
 12:00 AM FRANCO-AMERICAN MASS

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2024

4:00 PM Living/Deceased Members
 of Women’s Guild
 Alice McCarthy
 Brian A. McLaughlin, 1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2024

8:00 AM Mary Kane, 3rd Anniversary
 James B. Reilly
 10:00 AM Novart Grace, 22nd Anniversary
 Doris Thomopoulos
 12:00 PM Lorraine Panagopoulos
 Claire T. Ouimette



Religious Education 2024-2025

Planning has begun for our upcoming 2024-2025 Religious Education Year.

This past year our Religious Education students attended the 10:00 am mass three times with their class and teacher.

This coming year the students will be attending the 10:00 a.m. mass once a month. Parents are most welcome to attend.

****ALSO, please stay posted as to the change in the age for Confirmation issued by Cardinal O’Malley.***

If your child has attended Religious Education here before, you will receive A registration packet in mid August .

If you would like to registr your child Please call the rectory at (978)-458-1474.

Another wonderful year is in the works.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

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SAVE THE DATE — July 20, 2024

beginning with the Rosary

7:30 AM to 9:30 AM

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What does Mark 5:41 mean?

When Jesus arrives at Jairus' house, He insists the girl is not dead but only "sleeping." This is meant for metaphorical intent: she had physically died, but Jesus fully intends for the girl's death to be temporary, like sleep. His actions now support His decision. He doesn't lay His hands on her or anoint her with oil and pray. He takes her hand and helps her up, as if she is already on the cusp of waking.

The Greek root word for "taking" is krato and means to hold securely with power. "Hand" is from the Greek root word cheir which infers a power that is used to help. As casual as Jesus' words and gestures seem to be, the actual healing does take the power of the Holy Spirit. Changing the nature of this small piece of the universe is hard work.

The phrase talitha cumi is Aramaic and basically means "little girl, get up," or "child, arise," as Luke interprets it (Luke 8:54). It is thought that Mark included the literal Aramaic to prove that Jesus uses mere words, not a magical spell.

This inclusion is still relevant two thousand years later. Jesus did not raise the girl by His words but because He is the Word. "Word," as used in John 1, is from the Greek word logos and means word or principle or thought. It means the divine reason, the mind of God. Words have power and authority when they express the intent of God, not when they repeat particular phrases. "Amen," the text of the Lord's prayer, the sinner's prayer, even baptizing in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit get their significance from the intent of the speaker as they express the will of God, not the sounds made when the words are pronounced.

Our faith is not defined by standard prayers, liturgical readings, or magic words, but by our faith, God's grace, and Jesus' work.



Independence Day Prayer

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

We all know these words by heart.

They are from the United States Declaration of Independence.

However, are these words held with the same reverence around the world as they are held here at home?

Sadly, no.

There are many places in the world where it is a life-threatening endeavor to practice one's faith, that faith that was given to each human by that Creator who endowed us with inalienable rights.

Let us take a moment to remember all those people in the world who are not free to seek life, liberty or happiness

Let us pray...O God, you willed that the Jewish people be free from slavery by their Egyptian captors.

You will that all people should be free to worship you without fear and to celebrate their religious beliefs freely, even if they have not yet found you.

Grant that those of us who live in this great nation will thank you daily for our freedom, and work for the freedom of others around the world that do not yet have the freedom to practice their faith openly and proudly.

We seek your wisdom where hatred abounds, and ask for humility to offer our good works to others who live in fear and bondage.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord, who frees us from sin and death through the wood of the cross.





Fr. Tom Nestor has served as pastor at the Collaborative Parishes of Resurrection and Saint Paul in Hingham for the past ten years, and previously served at St. Eulalia's in Winchester for 17 years. A Harvard graduate and native of West Roxbury, Fr. Nestor is known for fostering a sense of community wherever he goes.



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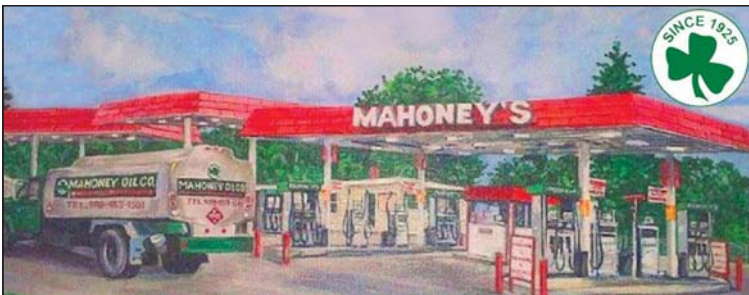
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