

*Immaculate Conception Church
Everett, Massachusetts*

an old irish blessing

*may the road rise up
to meet you.*

*may the wind
always be at your back.*

*may the sun shine
warm upon your face,*

*and rains fall
soft upon your fields.*

and until we meet again,

*may god hold you
in the palm of his hand.*

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 Faith Formation & Confirmation 6-10

FAITH FORMATION

GRADES 1-5

Sundays 10:15AM-11:30AM In Our School
 617-387-7009

Fran Foley, Co-Director Grades 1 and 2
 Janine Keller, Co-Director Grades 3, 4, 5

SPANISH FAITH FORMATION

Sunday: 10:15AM-12 NOON In Our School

FAITH FORMATION GRADES 6-10

Thursdays 6:00-PM7:15PM In Our School

**ADORATION OF THE
 BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Thursday after 7:00AM Mass (Chapel)
 Benediction 6:30PM

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Friday: 7:30PM In The Chapel

SODALITY

First Friday of the Month at 12:15PM

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday: 3:00PM-3:45PM

BAPTISM

1st and 3rd Sundays at 2:00PM (Chapel)
 Call Rectory to make arrangements

WEDDINGS

Call Rectory at least 6 Months prior for appointment

RECTORY HOURS

8:30AM-12PM and 12:30PM-3PM

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY

Monday-Saturday 7:00AM (Chapel)

SATURDAY

(Sunday Vigil) 4:00PM

SUNDAY

7:00AM; 9:00AM(Family); 11:00AM
 12:15PM Spanish Community
 4:00PM Haitian Community
 5:30PM (Chapel)

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, MARCH 16 (St. Abban)

4:00PM.....Mary Kirwin.....Memorial

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 (ST. PATRICK)

7:00AM.....Cheryl Palazzolo.....Memorial
 9:00AM.....Barbara Russ.....Birthday Memorial
 11:00AM.....Bereavement Mass for February.....
 5:30PM.....Frederick Massone.....10th Anniversary
Enes Massone.....5th Anniversary

MONDAY, MARCH 18 (St. Cyril of Jerusalem)

7:00AM.....Kathleen and Paul Quinn.....Memorial

TUESDAY, MARCH 19 (The Solemnity of St. Joseph)

7:00AM.....Ralph Milo.....Memorial

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 (Bl. John of Parma)

7:00AM.....Scott Curtis.....11th Anniversary

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 (St. Enda)

7:00AM.....Mass of Thanksgiving for Nina, Reggie, Jesus

FRIDAY, MARCH 22 (St. Lea)

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 (Lazarus Saturday)

4:00PM.....Salvatore Mandracchia.....1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 (PALM SUNDAY)

7:00AM.....Emma DeFronzo.....Memorial
 9:00AM.....Philip Thomas DiCecca Sr.; Ruth Roebber
Herbert Vaughan Howland, Jr.....Memorial
 11:00AM.....Sue DeFeo.....4th Anniversary
 5:30PM.....Cosimo Ragucci.....6th Anniversary

Bereavement Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH AT 11:00AM. As an expression of sympathy for our families that have lost a loved one, every month we will celebrate a Mass for those that have passed away. This month is for those who passed away In February:

**Margaret Avakian, Rita Diamond,
 Constantine M. Ferrante, Lois McCulloch,
 Jean Metelus, Joseph Palmacci, Marilyn Russo**

Let Us Pray for our sick and those we have been asked to remember:

Especially, Mary Agnes, Vin Apruzzese, Mark Amaral, Phyllis Barrasso, Sal Barresi Sr, Mary Ann Burley, Janet Burrige, Lorraine Callinan, J. Case, Charles Comeau, Robert DelRossi, Rose and Tom Douglas, Katherine Draper, Lisa Fariole, Jim Fosnock, Michelle Fraser, Robert Freedman, Irene Hickey, William Kemp, Eddie King, Christopher Lever, Shirley Melanson, Maria Moscaritolo, Philip Mutebi, Christine Muise, Ann O'Brien, Diane O'Brien, Mary O'Brien, Terry O'Brien, Dina Piazza, Sam Ragucci, Jr, Trixie Ricci, Peggy Riley, Laura Rumasuglia, Anthony Santagate, Marcie Serve, Brad Steed, Laura W,

Let Us Pray for the deceased of our Parish:

Especially, Bill Crusifix, Ralph E. Griffin, Estelle Sheridan, Jacquelyn M. Maloney, Dorothy M. Paris, Alice Toto.



Let Us Pray that our men and women in the service might be safe in the days and weeks ahead. Especially those connected to our Parish as well as those unknown to us:

Mark Baldacchino, Kevin Caulfield, Jr, Anthony Cruciotti, Joseph Dang, Matthew Evans, John Fitzgerald, John Fitzpatrick, III, Joe Forte, Christopher Grace, David Grace, James Lally, Andrew McGlinchey, John O'Rourke, Christina Racca, Stephen Ramunno, Alex Recupero, Alex Sclafani, Melissa Lynn Vizena .

We ask that you remember all those that have given so much for us: The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. Please bless them and their families.



The Altar Bread, Wine and Sanctuary Candle for the Weekend of March 3rd are in remembrance of:

VIRGINIA LaGRASSA.
Thank you and blessings!



"90 PLUS" God Bless those who are celebrating a birthday this month:

Madeline A. Barisano, Lucy Butt, George Edwards, Anne Gibbons, Josephine Listorti, Walter Mihovan, Bernice Peddle, Salandro Pesce, Herbert Strong, Anna Vassallo, Susan Zwirble.

Scripture for the Week of March 17th

17	SUN	Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 /Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
18	Mon	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:12-20
19	Tue	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
20	Wed	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
21	Thu	Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
22	Fri	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
23	Sat	Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
24	SUN	Lk 19:28-40 /Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

MIDWEEK REFRESHER

Read: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Reflect: The parable of the prodigal son strikes a chord in the human heart because it speaks of the universal experience of separation and forgiveness. The parable tells us less about the son's sin than about the abundant mercy of the father. It reveals a God whose solicitude for all sinners is such that he can never reconcile himself to the loss of a single child. This parable is also a revelation of Jesus himself. His behavior serves as the story's point of departure. In order to justify his eating with sinners, Jesus describes this father who runs to meet the prodigal and finds his joy in restoring him to the dignity of a son. The parable also reveals something of the darker side of ourselves. All Christians run the risk of becoming the elder son who will not welcome his younger brother as their father does. This parable is not finished. Its conclusion will depend on us. Will the elder brother pass from disdain to love, from the idea of a calculating God to the idea of a Father who loves because he wills to save?

Pray: What return can I make to you, dear God, for the limitless affection you have for me?

Act: As a practical expression of gratitude to God, imitate him and go out of your way to be kind and gracious to someone who is in no way deserving of your regard.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR LENT

MONDAY; WEDNESDAY; FRIDAY
7:00AM AND 12:15AM

TUESDAY; THURSDAY
7:00AM AND 6:30PM (CHAPEL)

SATURDAY
7:00AM (CHAPEL)

ADORATION
THURSDAY 7:30AM-6:30PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS 7:00PM

RITE OF WELCOME

At this time of year, we celebrate the individuals who have begun a journey toward Easter Sacraments. Soon we shall be requesting your special prayers for some adults who wish to be confirmed and for one adult who wishes to make a Profession of Faith and receive First Eucharist. They will be attending the Rite of Election at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross and joining candidates from across the Diocese. This takes place on the First Sunday of Lent each year.

Announcements

THANK YOU FOR YOUR



\$4,942 (2/24)

\$4,820 (3/3)

\$4,043 (3/10)

\$1,819 (Fuel)

Catholic Appeal/Living Our Faith Together

Keep in mind our Parish Goal is \$23,000

Thank you for your prayers and support of this important effort.

PRAYER MINISTRY

EVERY SUNDAY 10:00-10:45AM
Meets at the St. Joseph's Altar

SPARE CHANGE

SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH
All Masses

SODALITY (NOTE DATE CHANGE)

FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH
12:15 Mass/Luncheon (Chapel)

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH
3:15-3:45 (Upper Church)

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH
11:00AM Mass



1000 CLUB:

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH AT 4:45

Our club has been part of our Parish for over 30 years. It has helped in paying many bills and it continues to do that. We would like to increase membership so that it may pay a few more bills. If you are a member—thank you! Maybe you could give one as a gift or buy another. If you don't have one, please consider purchasing one. Thank you in advance.



Church Breakfast ONLY \$4

SUNDAY APRIL 14TH

7:30-10:30AM

In Our Church Hall

Join your fellow parishioners for breakfast (Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, juice, coffee and tea yummy!)



FOXWOODS TRIP:

TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH-\$23PP

Bus leaves Rectory by 7AM Sharp!
Return to Rectory by 7:30PM

Free Buffet or \$10 Food Credit and
\$10 Keno Play
Coffee AND.....on
Bus Down

Call Rectory to Reserve a Seat!

NO PAYMENTS ON BUS...Please Pay at Rectory

Eucharistic Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held EVERY THURSDAY from 7:45AM to 6:30PM in the Chapel. Each Thursday's adoration will conclude with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 6:30PM. All are welcome to come and spend some time in the Lord's presence. Please invite other to join you.

The Rosary at 6:30AM (Before Mass)

The Angelus at 12:00PM

The Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00PM

The Rosary at 5:30PM for Peace and the Holy Father's intentions

The Divine Mercy Chaplet (Sung) at 6:00PM

If you would like more information, call Madeline McComish at 617.387.7820.

50/50 WINNER

Johanna Broderick

1000 CLUB MARCH "BIG WINNERS"

Harold Mayo, Sr.

Frank Foley

Louise Harwood



2013 INFO

GRADES 6-10

As we enter into the Season of Lent, we will be taking Grades 6-10 to Mass on the following Thursdays:

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28 AT 6:45

We will meet at the Lower Church Hall (instead of the school) and attend Mass as a Class.



BELOW ARE SOME WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN HELP OUR CHURCH

LECTOR: Proclaim God's Word to those who come to worship with us.

SPECIAL MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST: Distribute the Eucharist at Mass, the Hospital, Nursing Homes and the Homebound.

USHERS AND GREETERS: Ensure a Welcome to all, assist at offertory time, pass out bulletins when leaving.

CLEANERS: This Ministry cleans on Friday afternoons.

WEEKEND RECTORY HELP: We need volunteers to answer the phones and doors on Saturdays and Sundays. You may pick the time your available and training will be provided.

If you are interested in any of these or other Ministries in our Parish, please call the Rectory and let us know your interest and we will get you started!

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Many people today are asking themselves what it means to be a follower of Christ, a Catholic, a believer in the Good News. One answer that is gaining ground in many denominations, is the idea of Social Justice as integral to living an authentic Christian life. Interestingly, this idea of Social Justice is a long standing tradition of the Catholic Church, which some would argue is our "best kept secret."

Are you interested in learning about the "secret" of the Social Justice Tradition of our Church in an inclusive and open way? Have you ever wondered how to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to lead a more effective and authentic Christian Life? If so, then let's get together in an open and informal way to begin the journey of learning about Social Justice. Please call the Rectory and leave your name and we will get back to you shortly. Thank you.

POPE BENEDICT'S INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

GENERAL: "That respect for nature may grow with the awareness that all creation is God's work entrusted to human responsibility."

MISSION: "That bishops, priests, and deacons may be tireless messengers of the Gospel to the ends of the earth."

UPCOMING EVENTS/NEWS AT OUR NEIGHBORING PARISHES ETC.

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL FUNDRAISER

In this week's bulletin is a fundraiser from Fr. Jerry's other Parish. This is a major fundraiser for them. We have several from St. Katharine's with numbers in our Thousand Club, so we thought maybe some would like to purchase a number for this fundraiser!

No pressure, but Fr. Jerry needs to sell 10, so maybe 2 or 3 families could join in this endeavor and purchase a ticket together. Pick your lucky number and give Rick a call at the Rectory. Blessings!!

ST. BONIFACE HAITI FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

Ok friends, mark APRIL 11 on your calendar. There will be a fundraiser for St. Boniface Haiti Foundation at the Dockside Restaurant in Chelsea from 6:00PM-9:00PM.

All you need to do is come order dinner and give them a coupon that says you want 25% of your food and drinks bill to go to St. Boniface Haiti Foundation. Please call Rick at the Rectory and he will send you a coupon. See you then if not before.

Coupons will be in Church Bulletin this weekend!

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR IN SOMERVILLE

They are seeking to fill the following positions:
DIRECTOR OF NURSING
DIRECTOR OF NURSING ASSISTANT

For more information, please call 617-776-4420 or submit a resume to:

smhumanresources@littlesistersofthepoor.org

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR BAKE SALE

Featuring Angela's Irish Soda Bread
And other homemade breads.

When: March 16/17

Where: 186 Highland Avenue, Somerville

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR RUMMAGE SALE

When: March 22/23 from 9:30AM-4:30PM

Where: Auditorium 186 Highland Avenue, Somerville
Large selection of clothing and other household items will be available. For more info: 617-776-4420.

**SEVENTH ANNUAL HOLY THURSDAY 7 CHURCH PILGRIMAGE
In Honor of Our Lady of the Sorrows**

JOIN US FOR A ½ DAY OF PRAYER ON MARCH 28th, 2013 - HOLY THURSDAY

7 CHURCHES WOULD BE SEQUENTIALLY VISITED via BUSES- The Rosary, The Divine Mercy and one of Blessed Mother's prayers in honor of Her Seven Sorrows will be prayed for each church. **We will visit churches in Winthrop, Chelsea, and Everett.**

Registration for badges and gift bags would begin at 5:30AM and continues until 6:00 AM.

Opening prayers are at 6:00AM SHARP in St. Joseph's upper Church, 118 High St. MEDFORD.

We will return to St. Joseph's by 12 noon.

The cost is \$25.00 per person and is non-refundable. Please call Sandi Arjune ON HER BUSINESS PHONE, Caribbean Tastes at 781-333-4800 between 12 noon and 6:00 PM, Mon. to Fri. for more information and an application. Your church or parish center may also have an application. **100 people are expected to attend. This pilgrimage is usually sold out! Please apply early to reserve a seat.** I thank you in advance for your participation.

Sandi Arjune-781-333-4800

FUEL COLLECTION HELP

The envelope packet from Sunday marked Utility is actually our FUEL COLLECTION for this year. Just as your fuel costs have increased, so has ours. We have and continued to do things to lower our costs, such as Plexiglas windows to keep more heat; turning heat off more hours than we have done. However, our bill, as yours does, continue to go up. We would appreciate any help please. See flyer insert.

SOUP KITCHEN

We would like to open a Soup Kitchen on Saturdays. We are looking for a group to take on ONE Saturday a month on Every month. It can be a group like the Elks, Knights of Columbus or maybe 2 or 3 families that would like to do it. We will supply the utensils, the kitchen and the food. We need you to prepare and make welcome our guests!!. We are also looking for large soup pots, and industrial can opener, etc.

Our parish is blessed with many wonderful people including those that read our bulletin. Sometimes a simple act of kindness gives initiative by us. So to the friends that we sometimes forget to say thank you to... Thank you! Maybe you just picked up paper in the Church or did an act of kindness by welcoming a new parishioner or maybe you invited someone. Thank you!!

As we come to the end of a wonderful Christmas Season, we want to thank everyone who thought of us at Christmas time. The cards sent to the Rectory or the gifts that make this a great celebration of our Saviors birth. Thanks and many blessings!



Our parish would sincerely like to thank EVERETT CO-OPERATIVE BANK for sponsoring our bulletin. Without them this publication would not be possible.

