

Immaculate Conception Parish

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*Second Sunday
of Advent*

*Behold, I am sending
my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way.*

Mark 1:2

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Notary Public

Faith Formation & Confirmation 6-10

FAITH FORMATION (September—May)

GRADES 1-5

Sundays 10:15AM-11:30AM In Our School

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ffoley03@hotmail.com

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SPANISH FAITH FORMATION

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

FAITH FORMATION GRADES 6-10

Thursdays 6:00-7:15PM 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 (March-December)

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

An appointment with the Priest

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 Mass

5:30PM Mass (Chapel)

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH (St. Nicholas)

7:00AM.....Fr. Gerald Osterman.....Birthday Living

4:00PM.....Nick DeCola, Jr.....1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH (St. Maria Giuseppe Rossello)

7:00AM.....Timothy J. Smith.....6th Anniversary

9:00AM.....Religious Education Mass.....

11:00AM.....In Thanksgiving.....

5:30PM.....Giavana Cipriani.....Memorial

.....Robert Canciani.....3rd Anniversary

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH—HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

(FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION)

7:00AM.....Mass in Chapel.....

12:15PM.....Mass in Upper Church.....

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH (St. Juan Diego)

7:00AM.....Helen Longo.....Memorial

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH (Pope Saint Gregory III)

7:00AM.....Thomas Saia.....24th Anniversary

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11TH (Pope Saint Damasus I)

7:00AM.....Fr. Gerald J. Osterman.....Birthday Living

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

7:00AM.....Our Parish Family.....

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH (St. Lucy)

7:00AM.....Vietnamese Mass Intention.....

4:00PM.....Remembrance for all my Family & Friends both

Living & Past.....

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH (St. John of the Cross)

7:00AM.....Florida Enoble & Victor Gelin.....Memorial

9:00AM.....Ryan McDonald.....Memorial

11:00AM.....Charlie Gallagher & Family.....Memorial

5:30PM.....Joseph Consolo.....4th Anniversary



(Twitter@Pontifex)

“Love is the measure of faith.”

Pope Francis



III—Francisco Arevalo & Patricia Gonzalez



*Congratulations and many blessings to
Jose Mario Garcia & Yancy Isabel Garcia
Who were married in our Church last month.*



Please join us as we welcome the following newly baptized into our Catholic Community:

Mariela Castillo Alvarado

Katherin Benitez

Valeria Liseth Duran

Lucas Mateo Henriquez

Paolo Alejandro Lopez

Anthony Alexander Perlera

Congratulations and God’s blessings to them and their families!



Thank you for your great response to the Giving Tree.

Just a reminder: You can bring the gifts back to Church anytime unwrapped, with tag attached, no later than:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH



December 6th is Fr. Jerry’s Birthday. When you see him, be sure to wish him a very Happy and Blessed Birthday! Thank you Fr. Jerry for all you do!

Let Us Pray for the Sick in our Parish and those we have been asked to remember:

Epecially, Mary Agnes, Mark Amaral, Ricardo Belizaire, Mary Ann Burley, Janet Burrridge, Vincent C., Lorraine Callinan, J. Case, Leonard Catino, Mattherw Chaves, Charles Comeau,, Bob DiLoreto, Robert DelRossi, Donna Del Vecchio, Donna Dobecki Dorothy Doran, Robin Doucette, Katherine Draper, Biriella Eisnor, Michelle Fraser, Robert Freedman, Robert Frost, Rosemarie G., Nina Hanlon, Mary Harkins, Mike Jacobs, William Kemp, Eddie King, Paul L., P. Liburdi, Jessica Lunsford, Kelley Ann McCleveland, John F. McAvoy, Shirley Melanson, Marcie Meserve, Nicole Olson, Diane O'Brien, Mary O'Brien, Denise Peddle, Trixie Ricci, Peggy Riley,, Drew Simmons, Brad Steed, Marie Sykes, L J Vickers, Donna Walbourne, Louie Walbourne, & Michael Williams.

Let Us Pray for the Deceased of our Parish:

Michael Gill
Catherine Meehan
Stacey O'Rourke



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, Melissa Lynn Beaton, Christopher Brienza, Kevin Caulfield Jr., Anthony Cruciotti, Joseph Dang, Jason Doucette, Matthew Evans, John Fitzgerald, John Fitzpatrick, III, Paul Garrity, Christopher Grace, James Lally, Andrew McGlinchey, John O'Rourke, Matthew Pothier, Christina Racca, Brian Ramunno, Stephen Ramunno, Alex Recupero, Fr. Matthew Wescott as well as those unknown to us.

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.

Scripture for the Week of December 7th

- 7 SUN Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
- 8 Mon Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- 9 Tue Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
- 10 Wed Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
- 11 Thu Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
- 12 Fri Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- 13 Sat Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- 14 SUN Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

MIDWEEK REFRESHER

READ: Mark 1: 1-8

REFLECT: The readings proclaim the great promise of Advent: the Lord will come. The message is double-edged. It offers both threat and comfort. The Second Letter of Peter foresees a terrible holocaust. When the Lord comes, the earth will be swallowed up in fire. Deutero-Isaiah envisions a glorious return from exile. When the Lord comes, the earth will be renewed. John the Baptist holds the key to the paradox. When the Lord comes, he will pour out upon the earth the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In the purifying fire of conversion the world as we have known it in its sin passes away; from the ashes of its evil emerge the new heavens and the new earth, the promised kingdom of God. We are right to anticipate its coming with joy and yet with dread. We are the world to be transformed in the fire of the spirit. Yet the Lord whom we anticipate has already come among us. The power of the Spirit has been unleashed upon the world. The waters of baptism are being poured out. The work of transformation is at hand. It commits us both to exile and to promise. We must continually leave behind the former earth, the former society, the former self marked by sin, dear though they may be in their familiarity. We must continually look forward to the kingdom "where the justice of God will reside" as it comes into being to fulfill our every hope. It is uncomfortable to be an Advent people, caught between a world that is dying and world being born. Yet we may not stand idle between history and promise. We have work to do. There are valleys of want to be filled in, mountains of injustice to be brought low. We have a highway to build for our God through the wilderness of our hearts and our societies. To us it is given to make ready the new heavens and the new earth so that the message of the Lord's coming may indeed be good news to all the world.

PRAY: Pray for a deeper awareness of the meaning of baptism and ask that God not allow anything in life to tempt you to avoid your responsibilities to others and to yourself.

ACT: Live this day with confidence knowing that Jesus has declared victory over evil, sin and death.



The Altar Bread, Wine and Sanctuary Candle for this weekend are in remembrance of:

Michael Gill

Thank you and blessings!

BEREAVEMENT MASS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST 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 Mass will be for those who passed away this who passed away in **NOVEMBER:**

John A. Andrus, Anna Berlandi, Jerry T. Byard
Nancy Lynn Callan, Richard S. Castano
Maria M. Civitareale, Frederick J. Gabriel
Daniel J. Hanlon, Ernest E. Jankowski
Mary Angela Masella, Antonio Pasqualone
Stephen J. Pesce, Jr., Lisa Scenna
Richard Owen Whipple



OFFERTORY: \$ 3,827 (11/23)
 OFFERTORY: \$ 3,866 (11/30)
 CATHOLIC APPEAL: \$25,375 (To Date)
 Given By 178 Families

Our Catholic Appeal Goal is \$35,500.

Many thanks for your generosity!



50/50 WINNER
Gabrial Cabral (11/23)
Jim Gill (11/30)



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

BIBLE STUDY
 TUESDAYS (1:00PM-LOWER CHURCH HALL)

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
 DECEMBER 7TH

SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING
 DECEMBER 9TH (7:00PM-RECTORY)

VIETNAMESE DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP
 DECEMBER 13TH (7:00AM)

SPARE CHANGE
 DECEMBER 21ST (All Masses)

SODALITY (MASS/PENNY SALE/LUNCHEON)
 JANUARY 2ND (12:15 MASS)

IC CHOIRS—is recruiting new members for our choir, as we begin to prepare for our Christmas celebration. Choir rehearsals are scheduled on Wednesday evening, starting at 7:30PM. If you sang in Chorus in High School or just like to sing, come join us as we prepare to celebrate. Also, you can speak with any choir member. We will be happy to take your name and email address to send you reminder of practice. This is for the Masses on Saturdays at 4PM—Sundays at 9AM/11AM.



COURT EVERETT MEETING

Date: Wednesday, January 7th Time: 12:00PM

We are a group of ladies who meet on the first Wednesday of the month in the Lower Church Hall at 12:00PM. We promote our Motto of UNITY & CHARITY. We try to live our lives as Mary, Our Mother would if she were with us today.

All Catholic women are invited to attend and join our organization.

For more information, please contact the following:

Regent, Teresa Giampaolo 617-389-2578
 Lorraine DiMilla 781-233-7541



1000 CLUB:
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH AT 4:45

Numbers are always available for purchase.

If you don't have a number, please consider purchasing one for yourself or as a gift for that special "pilgrim" in your life.

Thank you in advance.

Congratulations to our "Big" November Winners:

Barbara Doherty
Angela Driscoll
Carol Meninger



STILL ONLY \$4
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
 7:30-10:30AM In Our Church Hall

Come and join your fellow parishioners for a nice warm breakfast on the above date. (Pancakes, eggs, toast, coffee, tea, juice). Sounds delicious. How can you resist?



FOXWOODS TRIP:
DECEMBER 16TH \$27PP

Bus leaves Rectory by **6:59 Sharp!**
 Return to Rectory by 7:30PM

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

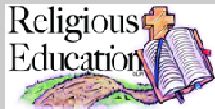
Call Rectory to Reserve a Seat!

NO PAYMENTS ON BUS...
 Please Pay at Rectory



GRADES 6-10

Classes are Every Other Thursday from 6:00PM-7:30PM
 Dates: Our final class before break will be Thursday, December 18
 Christmas Break will begin December 19th
 Classes will return January 22nd



GRADES 1-5

GRADES 1-2

Classes are Sundays from 10:15AM-11:30AM
 Drop off and dismissal are in the rear parking lot at the Summer Street School.

GRADES 3,4,5:

Classes are Sunday from 10:15AM-11:30AM
 Drop off will be at front door on Summer Street and dismissal will be in the rear parking lot.



**BELOW ARE SOME WAYS
 IN WHICH YOU CAN HELP OUR CHURCH
 ESPECIALLY THE 9TH AND 10TH GRADES
 LOOKING FOR SERVICE HOURS**

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!



"90 PLUS DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS"

God Bless the following who are celebrating a special birthdays this month:

- Pauline Clifford
- Carmela Grossi
- Elizabeth McNeil
- Cecilia Mulrennan
- Palma Nolan
- Helen Thompson



**Eucharistic Adoration Of The
 Blessed Sacrament**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held EVERY THURSDAY from 7:45AM to 6:30PM in our 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



BRING A BOOK—BUY A BOOK

This Fundraising Program, in the hallway out back, is called "Bring A Book-Buy A Book". All books are \$1.00 and any money collected will go towards our Stain Glass Fund. So bring a Book and Buy a Book and put your donation in an envelope marked "Bring a Book" and place it in the Collection Box or hand to Rick. Thank you and Blessings.



TO YOUR PARISH

Whether you are a visitor, a new member, or an established member of our faith community, we hope that you will experience a warm welcome and a true feeling of community.

Thank you for joining us in today's liturgy

MUSIC FOR MASSES FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 6/7

ENTRANCE: On Jordan's Bank (#344)

OFFERTORY: Like a Shepherd (#332)

COMMUNION: Come to Me (#633)

RECESSIONAL: O Come, O Come Emmanuel (#323)

REMEMBER TO SING IS PRAYING TWICE
(M=Missalette)



As you know, our Church hosts Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day after the morning Mass to all those who may not be able to afford dinner, may live alone or may have no family close by. This dinner takes many hands and hearts. We are looking for canned vegetables (green beans, corn), gravy, turkey breasts, hams, potatoes, etc. Please see Rick or drop off at the Rectory as soon as you can.

BAKERS NEEDED: We are in need of baked goods for Christmas day. Please drop them off after Mass on Christmas Eve or on the morning of Christmas Day. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are also in need of cooks, servers, help to set up and clean up!

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a sign up sheet in the back of the Church for you to choose what you can help with.

As I said, this dinner takes many hands and hearts. Blessings!

