



his is the one about whom it  
is written: 'Behold, I am sending  
my messenger ahead of you; he  
will prepare your way before you.'

*Matthew 11:10*

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*Sunday of Advent*

## Immaculate Conception Parish

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Faith Formation & Confirmation 6-10

### FAITH FORMATION (September—May)

#### 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 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 appointment

**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 Returns**

**5:30PM Mass (Chapel)**



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 (St. John of the Cross)**

7:00AM.....Philip Thomas DiCecca, Sr.....Memorial

.....Ralph Graff Howland.....Memorial

4:00PM.....In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart;

.....Blessed Mother; Angels and Saints.....

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 (St. Mary DiRosa)**

7:00AM.....John and Bertha Casey.....Memorial

9:00AM.....Ryan MacDonald.....3rd Anniversary

11:00AM.....All my Family and Friends Living and Past.....

.....Remembrance

5:30PM.....Kerri Feeley.....4th Anniversary

.....Robert Usher.....Memorial

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 (St. Ado of Vienne)**

7:00AM.....Rose Douglas.....Birthday Memorial

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17 (St. Olympias)**

7:00AM.....Irene Hickey.....Catholic Daughters

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 (St. Rufus)**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 (St. Nemesius)**

7:00AM.....Louis Gerard Isaac.....Birthday Memorial

.....Lauisast Petiffore.....Memorial

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 (St. Dominic of Silos)**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 (St. Peter Canisius)**

7:00AM.....Martyne Gregorio...Mass of Thanksgiving and

.....Birthday.....(Living)

4:00PM.....Joan Glynn.....3rd Anniversary

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 (St. Chaeromon)**

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

9:00AM.....Louis Staffieri.....4th Anniversary

11:00AM.....Bereavement Mass for November.....

5:30PM.....Laura Surdo.....1st Anniversary



**REMEMBER**

**JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON**

**A BIG THANK YOU**

As we live the season of Advent, as we wait for the Savior, we like to give thanks for many that have given to the Parish.

To Paul Creegan and the Christian Committee for the great job that was done at the Anointing Mass.

To Jacquie Frabrizio for the awesome work she did organizing the Christmas Festival.

To Irene Ranea for the new coverings for the Tabernacle.

To the Friday Clean-Up Group for cleaning every week.

To Ward Funeral Home for the new signs for parking.

To Vin Apruzzese for being the best clerk of the works for several of the updates and floor installment.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:**

- \$2,000 Bob LeFave
- \$300 Lois O'Connell
- Lottery Fran Murphy
- \$99 Kevin Creel
- \$1000 Club Membership—Pasquale Guarino



As we do every year, we host Christmas Dinner in our Lower Church hall on Christmas Day. We welcome all those who would like a hot meal, may be alone this Christmas or not able to spend it with family or friends.

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**AFTER 10AM MASS IN LOWER CHURCH HALL**

**DONATIONS NEEDED: TURKEYS, SPIRALED HAMS, GREEN BEANS, POTATOES, GRAVY.**

**BAKED GOODS NEEDED: (Drop off after 4pm Mass on December 24th)**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: TO HELP SET UP AND SERVE**

**WE ASK THAT VOLUNTEERS SHOW UP BETWEEN 9-9:30AM**

**ALL 9TH AND 10TH GRADE FF STUDENTS ENCOURAGED TO VOLUNTEER FOR SERVICE HOURS**

**Any questions, please call Fran at the Rectory!**

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

Especialy, Mary Agnes, Mark Amaral, Ricardo Belizaire, Mary Ann Burley, Jim Sicuso, Janet Burr ridge, Lorraine Callinan, J. Case, Mattherw Chaves, Phil Clark, Charles Comeau, Robert DelRossi, Donna Del Vecchio, Robin Doucette, Dorothy Doran, Katherine Draper, Biriella Eisnor, Arlene Ellsworth, Michelle Fraser, Robert Freedman, Robert Frost, Rosemarie G., Kim Georges, Nina Hanlon, Mary Harkins, William Kemp, Eddie King, Kelley Ann McClelland, Shirley Melanson, Marcie Meserve, Ann O'Brien, Diane O'Brien, Mary O'Brien, Nicole Olson, Lisa Orben, Camille Presti, Trixie Ricci, Peggy Riley, Drew Simmons, Brad Steed, Laura W.

**Let Us Pray for the Deceased of our Parish:**

Nicholas A. DeCola, Jr.  
Helen M. Goodine  
Mary Ann Hery  
Evelyn F. Morelli  
Phillip Morris  
Frank Rousseau



**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 Crucioti, Joseph Dang, Jason Doucette, Matthew Evans, John Fitzgerald, John Fitzpatrick, III, Christopher Grace, David Grace, James Lally, Andrew McGlinchey, John O'Rourke, Matthew Pothier, Christina Racca, Stephen Ramunno, Alex Recupero, Alex Sclafani, Melissa Lynn Vizena 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 15, 2013***

- 15 SUN Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
- 16 Mon Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
- 17 Tue Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
- 18 Wed Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
- 19 Thu Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
- 20 Fri Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
- 21 Sat Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
- 22 SUN Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

**MIDWEEK REFRESHER**

**Read:** Matthew 3: 1-12

**Reflect:** Today we meet the Baptist overcome with doubt, locked by the powerful in the shadowy and forbidding dungeon. The Messiah whom he recognized does not act as a sovereign judge, nor as the merciless executor of divine sentences against the impious. Confused and distressed, John has his followers question Jesus: "Are you the Messiah whom we await? You, the non-violent one, the patient one, the merciful one?" This question which spans the centuries seizes us today more than ever when we are confronted by the apparent silence of God in our de-Christianized society. We had hoped the Gospel would give us answers; instead it raises questions. We had hoped for ready-made solutions. Instead, it invites us to seek them out. We had hoped for spectacular signs. Instead, the kingdom subjects itself to the laws of slow germination. So often it is difficult for us to admit that Christianity is a freeing and loving way of life—a life of faith and risk! Like John, we too must enter into the Advent of our faith and recognize the image which God chose in the humble, merciful, liberating person of Jesus Christ. The signs of his coming are among us, hidden, but alive. Through faith, many Christians incarnate the Word of God in our generation...They already begin to change the world and throw down the walls of our prisons. In greater numbers Christians are assuming responsibility for the Church. They go in the name of the gospel to offer service to the poor. They never cease to pray that they might burn with the fire of Jesus' love. These contemporary prophets of the Messiah, know that patient hope impels us to action. Why then do we wait to join the ranks of those who, in working for the Advent of God, are promoting humanity's true come of age?

**Pray:** Pray for an understanding of the spiritual messiah who will not solve all your problems or the problems of the world but will be present as you and others solve them.

**Act:** John announced Jesus to others. True followers of Jesus do the same thing in their daily life. Resolve to point out Jesus to others.



The Altar Bread, Wine and Sanctuary Candle for the Weekend of December 15th are in remembrance of:

**In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart, Blessed Mother and Angels and Saints.**

Thank you and blessings!

**Bereavement Mass**

Our next Mass will be **SUNDAY DECEMBER 22ND 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 In November:

Frieda M. Lattanzi, Kathleen McDonald  
Patricia McDonald, Lawrence J. Navarro  
Assunta Parris, Josephine Supino

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR**



**GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION**  
**AMOUNT NEEDED \$35,000**

Thank you to those who have given to the Grand Annual Collection already. The recommended amount for each family is \$200. As Fr. Jerry stated in his letter, some can do more and we hope you will. Blessings!

**\$31,611 STAIN GLASS FUND (TO DATE)**  
**INCLUDES \$25,000 GIFT**

We have spent \$19,545 on the first window  
Windows are not part of the  
Capital Campaign Items

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

**SPARE CHANGE**  
DECEMBER 15TH  
All Masses

**SODALITY (FIRST MASS/LUNCHEON)**  
WATCH HERE FOR UPCOMING DATES

**BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC**  
JANUARY 4TH

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**  
JANUARY 5TH



**SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP**

When: JANUARY 7, 2014  
Time: 7:00PM  
Place: Rectory

Please visit our Facebook page at:  
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/IC-Everett-Social-Justice-Group/389672121142705>

<https://twitter.com/lcsJgroup>

***ALL ARE WELCOME!***



**ONLY \$4**  
**THIS SUNDAY JANUARY 12TH**

7:30-10:30AM

In Our Church Hall

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



**1000 CLUB:**  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH 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.



**FOXWOODS TRIP:**  
**DECEMBER 17TH \$25PP**

Bus leaves Rectory by 7AM 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



**THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF**  
**OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE**

**ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

We will be making our annual trip to the LaSalette Shrine on December 27th.

Watch here for more details!



**GRADES 6-10 SCHEDULE**

**DECEMBER CLASSES:** 19TH

**SERVICE HOURS**

**9TH AND 10TH FF STUDENTS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER SERVICE**

**GRADES 1-5 INFORMATION**

**A HAPPY, HOLY AND MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES!**

**CLASSES WILL RESUME:** JANUARY 26TH



**BRING A BOOK—BUY A BOOK**

This new 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 envelope by book, in the Collection Box or hand to Rick. Thank you and Blessings.



**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!

**50/50 WINNER**

***Mary Corcoran***



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

**Pauline Clifford, Mary Downing  
Carmela Grossi, Elizabeth McNeil  
Cecilia Mulrennan, Palma Nolan, Helen Thompson**



**(Twitter@Pontifex)**

***"Mary, Our Mother, sustain us in moments of darkness, difficulty and apparent defeat."***

***Pope Francis***

**UPCOMING EVENTS/NEWS AT OUR NEIGHBORING PARISHES ETC.**

**CHEVERUS SCHOOL ALUMNI**

Are you a graduate of Cheverus School? We need your help entering data. We have over one hundred years of office cards that we hope to enter into a data base. You bring yourself and a laptop, we'll supply refreshments! If you are able to help, send an email to [twalsh@cheverusschool.com](mailto:twalsh@cheverusschool.com). Thank you, Teresa Walsh.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL REVERE, MASSACHUSETTS**

IC School in Revere will celebrate its 100th Year Anniversary beginning in September of 2013. The school will host an alumni Mass, open house, and family breakfast for former students and community members in October of 2013. The year's celebrations will culminate with a gala dinner at Anthony's of Malden on April 12, 2014.

[www.tinyurl.com/icreverealumni](http://www.tinyurl.com/icreverealumni)  
[lcschool@icrevere.org](mailto:lcschool@icrevere.org)



***IMPORTANT NOTICE:*** A major heating pipe has caused the front step of the lower altar to warp along with several boards on the altar. The pipe across the front of the chapel from one side to the other was replaced this past week. Floor replacement is in progress.

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***AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GIVING***

**Our Parish Family has a family in financial need, as they comfort and care for their daughter, Nicole. She is a Second Grader who received a heart transplant at the age of six days old. Currently, she is in the hospital and has spent more there than at home. This time, since October, she has had multiple issues. As you can imagine, the financial needs of the family are significant.**

**In this giving season, please do what you can to dig a little deeper and make a donation to Nicole's family. Just put your gift in an envelope with Nicole's name on the front. You may put the envelope in the collection box, drop it off at the rectory and we will pass it along to the family. There is no deadline. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Blessings!**

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**DECEMBER 24TH (CHRISTMAS EVE): 4:00PM AND 11:00PM**

**DECEMBER 25TH (CHRISTMAS DAY): 8:00AM AND 10:00AM**

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***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.

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