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 he will bear a son and you are
 to name him Jesus, because he
 will save his people from their
 sins. *Matthew 1:21*

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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 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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 (St. John of Kanty)

7:00AM.....David B. Manning.....13th Anniversary

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 (CHRISTMAS EVE)

7:00AM.....Alice Fucci.....Memorial
4:00PM.....Christmas Vigil.....Upper Church
4:00PM.....Christmas Family Mass.....Chapel.....
11:00PM.....Christmas Midnight Mass.....Upper Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH (CHRISTMAS DAY)

8:00AM; 10AM; 12:15 (Spanish).....Upper Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26TH (St. Stephen)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27TH (St. John the Apostle)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28TH (St. Anthony the Hermit)

7:00AM.....Florida Enoble & Victor Gelin.....Memorial
4:00PM.....Camille Zenga.....Memorial

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH (St. Aileran)

9:00AM.....Margaret Furtado.....10th Anniversary
.....Ellen Risteen.....1st Anniversary
11:00AM.....John, Viola & Jeanette Fortin.....Memorial
5:30PM.....Rose Jean.....Thanksgiving Mass



Fr. Jerry and Rick would like to wish you all a very Blessed and Merry Christmas!



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!



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

**DECEMBER 25TH (CHRISTMAS DAY)
8:00AM AND 10:00AM
12:15 (Spanish)**



**Immaculate Conception
Young Adult Group**

In 2014, we will be getting a young adult group started for our Parish. This group is intended for people in their late teenage years (after confirmation) through to their 20s and 30s. We'll have both social opportunities to get together and offer some programs for spiritual growth as well.

We will announce a first meeting in January to get started. Until then, if you have ideas for what the group should include, please get in contact with Deacon Sam Sawyer: samuel.sawyer@gmail.com or talk to him after Mass.

MIDWEEK REFRESHER

Read: Matthew 1: 18-25

Reflect: In the history of Israel, the exodus event shaped the story of creation. In the formation of the gospels, the memory of Christ's death and rising shaped the accounts of his birth and infancy. Much more than stories about a precocious child with remarkable relatives, the infancy narratives are the clear expression of the early Church's belief that, from the first moment of Jesus' conception, God was at work in him. In relating the annunciation to Joseph, Matthew does not intend to consider the psychological reactions of his character. He simply wishes to answer the question, "Who is the Messiah?" For Matthew, Jesus, "who will save his people from their sins," is the ultimate inheritor of Israel, and it is Joseph who introduces him into the royal line of David. Informed from the beginning about the impending birth, Joseph believed at first that he must remove himself from this mystery in which he thought he would have no role to play. Then God intervened. Indeed, the child whom Mary carried "comes from the Holy Spirit." But it is up to Joseph to assure Jesus' legal status by accepting him as his own son and giving him his name. It is necessary that through Joseph the house of David recognize in this son "God with us" (Isaiah 7:14). We readily designate birth "a joyous event". What should be said about the waiting for this child in which Joseph plays a humble but indispensable role? The question here is not the history of one family among others, but the history of "God-with-us", the history of salvation.

Pray: : Allow the Holy Spirit to help you in making decisions that are significant in your personal life and in your relationships with God and others.

Act: When you are at peace with yourself regarding significant decisions in life, with the help of the Holy Spirit, act on what you believe.



The Altar Bread, Wine and Sanctuary Candle for the Weekend of December 22nd are in remembrance of:

Lawrence & Barbara T. Denish

Thank you and blessings!

Bereavement Mass

Our next Mass will be **THIS 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**

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

Especially, Baby Abigail, Mary Agnes, Mark Amaral, Ricardo Belizaire, Mary Ann Burley, Janet Burridge, 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 McCleveland, Shirley Melanson, Marcie Meserve, Ann O'Brien, Diane O'Brien, Mary O'Brien, Nicole Olson, Camille Presti, Trixie Ricci, Peggy Riley, Jim Sicuso, Drew Simmons, Brad Steed, Laura W.

Let Us Pray for the Deceased of our Parish:

Janet Carney
Angelina R. Follo
Dr. Thomas Montenero, DDS



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, 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 22, 2013

- 22 SUN Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
- 23 Mon Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
- 24 Tue Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
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- 25 Wed Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25
or 1:18-25, Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14,
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20, Day: Is
52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
- 26 Thu Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
- 27 Fri 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- 28 Sat 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18
- 29 SUN Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-
15, 19-23

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!



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.



Church **ONLY \$4**
Breakfast **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!



FOXWOODS TRIP:
JANUARY 21ST, 2014 \$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

CLASSES WILL RESUME: JANUARY 23RD

SERVICE HOURS

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

GRADES 1-5 INFORMATION

A HAPPY, HOLY AND MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

Marion Hatch



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)

“We cannot think of a Church without joy. This is the joy of the Church: announcing to all the name of Jesus..

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. 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
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.

LITURGICAL CALENDARS

Once again, Liturgical Calendars are available. Please take one from the back of the Church.

We want to thank Fran and Joan O'Hara from the Murphy O'Hara Funeral home for providing our Parish with these beautiful calendars.

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!



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 Romeo 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.
