

Immaculate Conception Parish

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JESUS OF

Nazareth



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Faith Formation & Confirmation 6-10

FAITH FORMATION (September—May)

GRADES 1-5

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

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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
An 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)

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30TH (St. Anvsia)

7:00AM.....To End Abortion.....

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST (HAPPY NEW YEAR)

7:00AM.....John Hill.....Memorial

4:00PM.....Vigil Mass.....Upper Church

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST (Solemnity of Mary)

8:00AM and 10:00AM Holy Day of Obligation Upper Church

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2ND (St. Basil The Greal)

7:00AM.....Mass For The Unborn.....

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3RD (Epiphany Of The Lord)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4TH (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

4:00PM.....Tosca Micelli.....10th Anniversary

.....Leonard Micelli.....20th Anniversary

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH (St. John Neumann)

7:00AM.....Norine and Frank Giancola.....Memorial

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

11:00AM.....Thanksgiving Mass.....



Welcome back **Fr. Bienvenu**, after his 3 year
Sabatical.

Welcome Home!

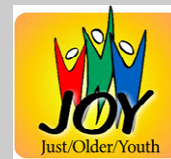


*Fr. Jerry and Rick would like to wish you all
a very Blessed, Healthy and Happy New
Year!*



**PRAYER FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN
IN THE SERVICE**

Dear Father in Heaven, Holy is your name. We
come to you in Jesus name, petitioning for your
grace upon our troops that serve us. We ask that
you keep them in your loving hands. Protect
them as they protect us. Bless them and their
families for the selfless acts they perform for us
in our time of need. Please help them to make it
through the weather extremes. We pray also that
you will give each leader wisdom and lead them
not into temptation but deliver them from evil.
Please heal the broken hearted and encourage
the down cast. Please bring this war to an end.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord.
Amen.



**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 2:13-15;19-23; Ecclesiastics (Sirach) 3: 2-6; 12-14; Colossians 3: 12-21

Reflect: "Whatever you do, whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus." We must see all our activities as linked with God's work. In keeping with the Christmas season, we can reflect on God's presence in even the most "secular" places. Parents, children, communities, single persons, young and old should find hope in this presence. The passages for this Sunday from Sirach and Colossians specify the shape of a happy home for their times. Whether it be in care for an aging parent or in the loving interaction of spouses, the ideals have perennial appeal. The particular historical applications remind us that the ideals need ever fresh interpretation in our daily lives. While the cultural picture of nagging fathers and submissive wives remind us of a waning era, we are challenged to see what a happy home can be for us. How will our relationships evolve if we do all in the name of Christ Jesus? The gospels for each year open up for us a variety of episodes in Jesus' early life. His happy home, the Holy Family, is far from idyllic. Joseph must take the child and Mary to Egypt. Interpreting God's will they are able to escape Herod and then settle in Nazareth (year A), Hisisog and Mary marvel at the poetic words of an aged man who awaits the consolation of Israel. Even here, Simeon's words show the swords of pain and division in their home. Mary, the first to hear God's Word must encounter the challenges of his life (year B). Jesus' later visit to the temple presages his destiny and the tension this brought (year C). In their family interaction, Joseph, Mary and Jesus did all in the name of God. Within our own history, we must do all in the; name of this present One.

Pray: Recognizing Jesus as the divine Son of God is not always easy. Faith needs to be supported throughout one's life. Prayer helps.

Act: How can I express faith in Jesus today?



The Altar Bread, Wine and Sanctuary Candle for the Weekend of December 29th are in remembrance of:

Christopher William Lever

Thank you and blessings!

Bereavement Mass

Our next Mass will be JANUARY 19, 2014 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 DECEMBER.

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

Especialy, Baby Abigail, Mary Agnes, Mark Amaral, Ricardo Belizaire, Mary Ann Burley, Janet Burrige, 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, Peter Ravanesi, Trixie Ricci, Peggy Riley, Drew Simmons, Jim Sicuso, Brad Steed, Laura W.

Let Us Pray for the Deceased of our Parish:



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 Recuperero, 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 29, 2013

- 29 SUN Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
- 30 Mon 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
- 31 Tue 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
- 1 Wed Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- 2 Thu 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
- 3 Fri 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34
- 4 Sat 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
- 5 SUN Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
JANUARY 4TH

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
JANUARY 5TH

SPARE CHANGE
JANUARY 19TH
All Masses

SODALITY (FIRST MASS/LUNCHEON)
MARCH 7TH



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.



ONLY \$4
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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NORTH

Catholic Charities North is looking for volunteers to provide tutoring for adult ESOL Classes. Classes will focus on reading, writing, listening and verbal communication skills, while encouraging confidence and creative thinking when communicating in English. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30PM-8:PM at Catholic Charities North located at 117 North Common Street, Lynn, MA 01905. The last day of class will be June 24, 2014.

Tutors typically volunteer at one class per week, although some volunteers choose two classes each week. We would provide you with orientation or training as well as ongoing support from experienced teachers.

If you wish to volunteer or have any questions, please feel free to contact Erica McCarthy by email at Erica_Mccarthy@ccab.org or 781-593-2312 ext-217.

Thank you and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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

WATCH HERE FOR NEXT WEEK’S WINNER



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)

“This is Christian hope: that the future is in God’s hands.”

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!

ONE PARISH'S WELCOME!!!

(The bulletin of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Daytona Beach, Florida has generated a lot of buzz for their inclusive, welcoming message)

"We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, dirt poor, yo no habla ingles. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds.

We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like our Pastor who can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing", just woke up or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more catholic than the Pope, or haven't been in church since little Joey's baptism..

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, Nascar dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion", we've been there too.

If you blew all your offering money at the dog track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is Flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts...AND YOU!****

Our welcome here at Immaculate Conception Parish may not be as colorful, but the Sentiment is as real. Everyone is invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected at our Parish.

TELL A FRIEND!!!

