

# Immaculate Conception Parish



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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE:

HELD AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH  
SATURDAY, 4 PM & SUNDAY, 9 AM

TRUSTEES: Ed Gorman & Ellen Scott

### FINANCE COUNCIL:

Krissy Fauler, Dave Stagnitti, Mike Sanders & Linda Billert

### PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Virginia Cuddihy, Mike Brewster  
Jerry D'Acchille, Rick Ferrannini  
Karen Kaufman, and the two Trustees

MUSIC MINISTRY: Richard Cherry

WORSHIP AND ENVIRONMENT: Lynne Mango

## We Pray Christmas

Our worship space is decorated with flowers, candles, trees, colorful banners, and a beautiful Nativity scene. The Lord's Table becomes today's manger where God's people are fed with Bread and Wine of Heaven. As we gather for Mass, we sing "Glory to God; peace to all people," echoing the song of Bethlehem's angels. Our response to the Hebrew Scriptures is Psalm 96 and the canticle "Today our Savior is born, this is the Day, Christ our Savior is born." We live in the eternal today of God! We join together with all Creation rejoicing for beauty, wonder, and life surrounding us. The Gospel acclamation, shouts, "Alleluia!" When we gather around the Table of the Lord, we proclaim with new born faith "you have set us free by Jesus' Cross and Resurrection." We are sent forth, caught up in the love of God, unseen and beyond us, yet now born as one in us. May Christmas' song resound in us every day.

# December



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 23, 2018

### And the Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us

**You love me as I am unconditionally, I am of you and we are of each other**

We are aware of my imperfections, wounds, and emptiness. Sometimes I feel like a wreck. Yet ruined as my own house is, you live here, your dwelling is within me. You chose to dwell in me and among us all. Your love is the heart of my being. Continue to build upon this strong foundation so that I may be a welcoming home for any and all.

### LITURGY SCHEDULE

Masses are celebrated at First United Church due to ceiling problems at ICC

#### Saturday, December 22

12:00 PM Baptisms

#### 4:00 PM Mass

Ambrosino Family

(Req. Family)

Bagnoli Family

(Req. Family)

Ciuk Family

(Req. Family)

Levandowski Family

(Req. Family)

#### Sunday, December 23

#### 9:00 AM Mass

Richard Martelle

(Req. Michelle)

Ann Marie Bornt

(Req. Pat & Tony Hayes)

Paia Duarte

(Req. Family)

#### Monday, December 24

#### 2:00 PM ICC Mass

For refugees and immigrants

#### 4:00 PM ICC Mass

For children

#### 6:30 PM ICC Mass

Remembering the homeless

6:00 PM St. Patrick's, Cambridge

#### Tuesday, December 25

#### 9:00 AM ICC Mass

For Peace in Our Families

11:00 AM - St. Patrick's, Cambridge

#### Wednesday, December 26

NO 8:30 Mass at St. Patrick's

#### Friday, December 28

#### 12:00 PM Mass

Respect for All Life

#### Saturday, December 29

#### 4:00 PM Mass

Peter Schaad

(Req. Violet & Paul Bertholet)

For Our People

#### Sunday, December 30

#### 9:00 AM Mass

Sharon Howard

(Req. Michael & Mary Ellen Sanders)

Sharon Davendonis

(Req. Bob & Elise Melesky)

#### SANCTUARY LAMP

12/23/18 - 12/29/18

In Honor of the Risen Christ

We remember: The Kelly & Clarke Families

(Req. Jane Clarke)

### Christmas Season

#### Christmas Mass

Monday, December 24

2:00 PM - at St. Mary's Academy

4:00 PM - at St. Mary's Academy

6:30 PM - at St. Mary's Academy

6:00 PM - St. Patrick's Church, Cambridge

Tuesday, December 25

9:00 AM - First United Church

11:00 AM - St. Patrick's Church, Cambridge

#### Christmas Caroling

Thursday, December 27 - Meeting at the rectory at 6:00 PM. Journeying to the Danforth for festive singing and then caroling in the neighborhood. We return to the rectory for hot chocolate.

#### New Year's Mass

The Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

Monday, December 31, 2018 - 6:00 PM Mass at St. Patrick's Church, Cambridge

Tuesday, January Jan 1, 2019

10:00 AM Mass at First United Church

#### First Day Hike

Tuesday, January 2019. Leaving the rectory at 12:00 noon for an afternoon hike around Shaftsbury Lake, Vermont. Crampons or snowshoes may be needed. Drinking water is required. Come and celebrate the New Year in the wilds of the Green Mountains. Hot chocolate upon our return.

### Faith Formation

We gather at Eucharist and then continue with class at SMA. The December 23rd class is cancelled. The next class is January 6th, 2019.



### Stone Soup Group

Make a pot of soup and share with our neighbors. Any kind of soup (except creamy soups) is wonderful. Containers are available at our parish office. Soup can be delivered to the Food Pantry (Mondays and Fridays at 10:00 AM; Wednesday at 6:30 PM), Woodbridge/Wood Park or left at our office. Have a soup party, stir the pot, and share the warmth.



**THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR: soap, toothpaste and brushes, and feminine hygiene items.**

**Please bring any type of the following items: tuna fish, macaroni and cheese, canned fruit, canned goods, cookie/cake mixes or toiletry items to our donation box in church. There is always a need for old bags to be reused.**

**Food Pantry Volunteers...**We are looking for volunteers to help. (Dianne Hosterman, 686-5310).



Throughout October and November, Father Tom Zelker, the Pastoral Council, and the Parish Finance Committee continued to work diligently for the future of our church.

- ◆ 10/1- The Pastoral Council met with the leadership of the "Save the Church" group to gain their perspective and participation in our worship space
- ◆ 10/9- Father Tom Zelker, the Finance Committee and the Pastoral Council met with the Bishop and his staff to review the worship space process. It was a very productive meeting and generated several actions items to assist in the process. Those items include:
  - ◆ An engineering report on the issues and feasibility of St. Mary's Academy as a worship space provided by the Diocese
  - ◆ Immaculate Conception will provide an engineering report on the safety of the ceiling inside the ICC building.
  - ◆ 12/11-Inspection completed
- ◆ Immaculate Conception will provide an engineering report on the restoration of ICC to its original footprint. (Removal of the current altar area)
- ◆ Immaculate Conception and the Diocese will come to a financial consensus on each worship space option.
- ◆ 11/7- A letter was drafted and mailed to all registered parishioners regarding declining attendance and participation at Mass and church related functions and the impact it is having on the worship space options and parish sustainability. The letter stressed that these issues can be overcome, but we need everyone to reflect during Advent season and act now.

**Immaculate Conception - Financial Summary - July 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018 (Q1)**

Financial Summary based on church only (no SMA or Cemetery)

**Immaculate Conception  
Financial Summary**

	<u>2017-18</u> <u>Q1 Actual</u>	<u>2018-19</u> <u>Q1 Actual</u>
Attendance	266	262
Collections	\$ 39,160	\$ 49,204
Other Receipts	\$ 13,817	\$ 4,289
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 52,977</b>	<b>\$ 53,492</b>
Staff/Office Costs	\$ 48,024	\$ 36,782
Utilities	\$ 8,104	\$ 8,250
Insurance	\$ 9,268	\$ 9,361
Maintenance	\$ 1,322	\$ 3,091
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 66,718</b>	<b>\$ 57,483</b>
<b>Net Income/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (13,740)</b>	<b>\$ (3,990)</b>

Collections per person / week      \$    10.52    \$    13.41

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**Other Financial News:**

- ◆ On 9/23 the Bishop forgave \$35,000 of ICC debt and \$415,000 of St. Mary's debt.



(See above) Attendance means actual average weekly attendance for (Q1) Quarter 1 (July 1 - September 30)

**Many events and activities took place over the past few months. In case you missed them, take a look at all that has been happening**

- ◆ 9/22- Several Immaculate Conception parishioners joined 4,000 Faithful at Auriesville for the Bishop's Hearts Aflame Service
- ◆ 10/3- Saint Francis of Assisi Blessing of Pets
- ◆ 10/4- The Basket Bingo fundraising event for ICC was a success
- ◆ 10/7- The Annual Cow Plop and Car Show was held for our Parish School, St. Mary's Academy
- ◆ 10/27- Oktoberfest held at the Rectory
- ◆ 11/19-Faith Formation classes made 120 placemats for our neighbors
- ◆ 11/21- Annual Turkey Bowl Volleyball Tournament
- ◆ 11/22-Thanksgiving mass and dinner at the Rectory. HACA volunteers served 200 families Thanksgiving dinner
- ◆ 12/1-Christmas Giving Tree unveiled
- ◆ 12/2- Appreciation Brunch with First United Church
- ◆ 12/9- Saint Nicholas visits the 9 am mass
- ◆ 12/12- Advent Concert with the students at St. Mary's Academy held at SMA
- ◆ 12/15- Holiday Cabaret fundraiser "Rockin the Holidays" with local band West Side Drive, featuring parishioners Dave Stagnitti and Krissy Fauler

**Three new ministries were established and a meeting room created in October and November**

- ◆ 9/1 - Church cleaners set up the Good Shepherd room in the rectory
- ◆ 10/15 - Prison Ministry
- ◆ 10/11 - Bereavement Ministry of Comfort and Hope
- ◆ 11/12 - Daily Discipleship with the mission of improving parish awareness and participation.



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**  
**DECEMBER 22 & DECEMBER 23**

**This Week: December 22 & December 23, 2018**

Lay Ministers: Team 4

Counters: Judy Flynn, Peg Bakaitis & Jerry McAuliffe

Christmas (12/27): Mary Merriam, Peg Bakaitis & Jerry McAuliffe

Next Week: Mike Shea & Mike Bailey

**(It is your responsibility to find a substitute if you are unable to serve.)**

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE**

December 15 & December 16:

Offertory.....	\$3,078.00
Weekly E-Collection .....	\$60.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$50.00
SMA.....	\$10.00
Faith Formation.....	\$40.00
Solemnity of Mary .....	\$5.00
Total.....	\$5,243.00

**ATTENDANCE** December 15, December 16:

4 PM.....119      9 AM.....160      Total: 279

**WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

Mary Dailey, Andy Beaty, Bud Barber, Kathy Shender, Nick Waytkus, Anezia Said Clemons, Joe Spiak, Joseph Morrissey, Peter Kane, Mary McCaffrey, Mary Carter, David Martin, Rosemary O'Malley, Judy Quackenbush, Kay Monroe, Ken Button, Anne Eberle, Jane Davis, Sally Williams, Jesse Stevens, Deanna Aldrich, Noreen Stevens, Mary Wrubleski and all those who are ill or hurting. Those who have been on the prayer list for quite some time will still be prayed for, but will not appear in the bulletin. If you are in need of prayer for yourself or someone else, please call Margaret O'Malley at 686-7835.

**Holy Communion...** Please be sure to let one of the greeters know if you are unable to approach the altar. The usher will then make arrangements for Communion to be brought to your pew.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING**

Our automatic withdrawal system is working well. This may be an easy way for you to support our parish. Please contact our office for more information.



- ♦ Wednesday mornings at 10 AM: Bulletin proofreaders. **Call the office.**
- ♦ Sunday morning: Collection Counters. **Call the office.**
- ♦ Lectors (readers) at Mass: **See Mary Merriam, Gloria Shufon, or call the office , 686-5064**

**Our Sponsor of the Week is...**

**The Potter Hill Barn**

Something for Everyone

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