

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his

Liturgical Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM

Daily Mass

Monday: 9:00 AM

Tuesday: 6:30 PM

Wednesday: 6:30 PM / (At Broadview): 10:00 AM

Thursday: 9:00 AM

Holy Day Masses: As Announced in the Bulletin

Welcome!

If you are new to the area, we hope that you would consider making us your spiritual home. If you would like to register, please introduce yourself to the pastor after Mass.

PARISH & CALVARY CEMETERY OFFICES

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Parish Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Wed - 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Offices are closed on Friday

PARISH PASTORAL STAFF

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Sacrament of Baptism:

Call the Parish Office in advance to schedule.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:

Those who are preparing for surgery, homebound, diagnosed with an illness, or advancing in years, are asked to contact the Parish Office for this Sacrament of God's healing, mercy, and grace.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

As part of Diocesan requirement, preparations should be made at least six (6) months in advance. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Each Saturday at 3:00 PM, & by appointment.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 2: Vigil 4th Sunday of Easter
No Mass

Sunday, May 3: Fourth Sunday of Easter
No Mass

Monday, May 4: Easter Weekday
No Mass

Tuesday, May 5: Easter Weekday
No Mass

Wednesday, May 6: Easter Weekday
No Mass

Thursday, May 7: Easter Weekday
No Mass

Friday, May 8: Easter Weekday
No Mass on Friday

Saturday, May 9: Vigil 5th Sunday of Easter
No Mass

Sunday, May 10: Fifth Sunday of Easter
No Mass

Special Thanks to all who have mailed in, dropped off or donated online, weekly stewardship offerings. Just a gentle reminder that the expenses of our church and the welfare of our employees of the church continue regardless of attendance. We ask and pray that all our members continue to be good stewards and keep up with their commitment to God's work through the church.

Weekend of April 4/25 & 4/26

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Sunday Offering (mailed in)	\$2640
Online Donations	\$300
Fuel	\$210
Total	\$3150

IHM FUNDRAISER

For the benefit of our choir loft, stained glass window, and doors

Goal: \$50,000

Raised to date: \$33,836

Every dollar counts!!

Thank you so much for your generous support

"IMPORTANT NEWS"

Our facilities manager Rick Carrier will be retiring at the end of this coming summer. "Our parish is grateful to Rick for the great work he has been doing in keeping the maintenance of our Church, parking lot, and cemetery so well kept."

Since Rick is only going to be with us until Labor Day, September 7, our parish is looking to hire a new facilities manager fairly soon, to train with Rick for the summer.

People interested in the job can mail a resume to 52 Spruce St., Winchendon or make an appointment by email to renee@heartofmary.net or pastor@heartofmary.net or call during Parish Office Hours at 978-297-0280.

Please Remember in Your Prayers: James Richards and Audrey Batchelder who passed away last week. May they rest in peace and may their families find comfort from their faith in Jesus Christ.

Thank You: Thank you to the following for their donations to our Restoration Fund in memory of Margaret "Peggy" Quirk

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gouslin
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Duval
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ouellette

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

On this Easter season we meditate the post-resurrection gospels. On Easter Sunday, Mary Magdalene and the disciples found the tomb empty. On the Second Sunday, known as a Divine Mercy Sunday, we met Thomas, who did not believe Jesus was risen from the dead, until he himself became a witnesses by seeing and touching Jesus's glorified body. This last Sunday, April 26th, was the Third Sunday of Easter and we met the two Emmaus's disciples and Jesus walking with them on the road back to their village. These two disciples recognized Jesus only when he broke the bread. Now in this 4th Easter Sunday, May 3rd, we meet Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

One of the reasons that Jewish people love shepherds so much, and why they became part of their understanding of God, is because for them God Himself was their shepherd, who assisted and guided them through the good and difficult times, always using the help of prophets and the leaders among the people. The main quality of the Shepherds was their obedience. They allowed God to guide them and they communicated the messages to the people of Israel. Abraham, the father of faith, was a shepherd and all the leading people who guided Israel after he, were Shepherds, and it has a very unique and very important meaning for them and also for us. It means that God is not going to abandon us. He was, is and will be our Good Shepherd who makes clear the path we walk in life.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude for all your prayers, notes and greetings, it is our mutual concern to pray for each other. You all are in my prayers. Fr. Henry

Online Giving: We have set up online giving on our website. To donate online, please go to www.heartofmary.net, click ONLINE DONATIONS and a secure form will appear. Your Member # is your envelope number. You do not need to fill out that field if you are unsure of your number, we will still be able to credit your account by name. This form allows you to make an offertory donation to Immaculate Heart directly. You may make a one-time donation or establish recurring giving on a monthly basis, which would be greatly appreciated. Thank you

IMPORTANT NEWS

1. RCIA, Baptisms and other rites of initiation will be postponed to a future date.
2. CCD. The sacraments of first communion and confirmation are postponed .

IHM Website: Did you know that you can go to our website to get updated information and our bulletin? Our bulletin is uploaded onto our web page each Thursday afternoon. Go to www.heartofmary.net and get the last information for our diocese and our church!

A Prayer in Time of Pandemic

O God, whose Only Begotten Son bore the weight of human suffering for our salvation, hear the prayers of your Church for our sick brothers and sisters and deliver us from this time of trial. Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son: Be not afraid, for I am with you always. Bless all doctors and nurses, researchers and public servants; give us the wisdom to do what is right and the faith to endure this hour, that we might gather once again to praise your name in the heart of your Church, delivered from all distress and confident in your mercy.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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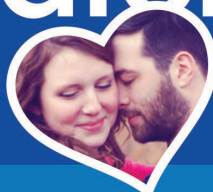
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