

COVER SHEET

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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH



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 23: *Vigil The Ascension of the Lord*

6:30 PM Virginia, Francis, Francis Jr., Donald
Joe, Timmy O'Malley
Requested by: Family

Sunday, May 24: *Ascension of the Lord*

10:00 AM Charlie Philbrook (12th ann)
Requested by: His wife, Judy

Monday, May 25 *Easter Weekday*

No Mass

Tuesday, May 26: *Easter Weekday*

No Mass

Wednesday, May 27: *Easter Weekday*

6:30 Paul Szwarc
Requested by the Chlebeczek Family

Thursday, May 28: *Easter Weekday*

No Mass

Friday, May 29: *Easter Weekday*

No Mass on Friday

Saturday, May 30: *Vigil of Pentecost*

6:30 PM Gaspar & Mildred DeSantis &
Herbert Squires
Requested by: David Squires & Family

Sunday, May 31: *Pentecost Sunday*

10:00 AM Anna Carpenter
Requested by: Judy Philbrook

Special Thanks to all who have mailed in, dropped off or donated online, weekly stewardship offerings. We ask and pray that all our members continue to be good stewards and keep up with their commitment to God's

Weekend of 5/16 & 5/17
Thank you for your continued generosity

Sunday Offering (mailed in)	\$1499
Online Donations	\$200
Fuel, Monthly, Ascension	\$306
Total	\$2005

IHM FUNDRAISER

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

Goal: \$50,000

Raised to date: \$34,161

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: Delano "Del" Morin who passed away last week. May he rest in peace and may his family find comfort from their faith in Jesus Christ.

Strawberry Festival News: Unfortunately, this year, we've decided to cancel the Strawberry Festival. With the restrictions that are in place, and the amount of money it would cost to even start the festival up, we think it's best to cancel. That being said, we will be having various fundraisers throughout the year to help compensate. As most of you know, the Strawberry Festival is our biggest festival and is what helps us pay our heating bill for the year. If anyone has any fundraising ideas, please feel free to email Renee at renee@heartofmary.net. Thank you!

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

An anonymous person said once that intimacy is a work in progress, it is the feeling of being “at one” with another person and once it starts it never ends. Husbands and wives know this to be true, for how marriage work. They never finish knowing each other, they always discover something new, there is always a work in progress. Even at home when they have heard each other’s stories a hundred times, and they might think they can finish each other’s sentences, they find out they cannot always do that, and there is something new each time the story is said by the other person, and they find joy themselves in being in each other’s presence.

The same is our intimate relationship with God. It is a work in progress, it is something to be renewed every day, in our prayer time, in our meditation and in our reading and by listening to the messages from the Gospels. Jesus left the disciples and ascended into heaven, but he promised that he would not leave us orphans. We never end knowing Him, He is present in the changes and challenges each day brought to us. He gives us clarity to see and understand our lives, even though we might think we know all, but He knows that we need to be illuminated by God being “at one” with Him and with each other. That is the reason we receive the Holy Spirit who comes to help us to continue doing our work in progress being guided by God. On this feast of the Ascension, let us continue praising our God in heaven for the gift of our faith and let us give thanks to Him for the presence of the Holy Spirit among us.

Have good and a blessed week. 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

Adopt an Urn at Calvary Cemetery: For those who “Adopt an Urn” at the Calvary entrances, we ask you to maintain it for the rest of the summer with watering and weeding. We have some openings for the Adoption of Urns at Calvary Cemetery. If you are interested in maintaining an urn or donating towards the plantings, please call Brian Frette at 978-846-7889. Horse and Buggy Feeds will generously assist you with the planting of flowers.

Month of May is Devoted to Our Mother Mary
Prayer to Mary During COVID 19 Pandemic

*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.*

*At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.
You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.*

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:
He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test - and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.