

Immaculate Conception Parish



Please visit our website at
www.icworc.com and Facebook
Email: icworc@live.com

SUNDAY MASSES
SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM
SUNDAY: 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 2:45 - 3:30 PM
(or by appointment)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Parents and godparents of infants to be baptized are expected to participate in a preparation session. Call the Rectory to register for this process and set a date for the actual Baptism. For Baptism of adults please contact the Rectory.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Please contact the rectory one year prior to your desired wedding date

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK
The priest can be called whenever someone can benefit from this sacrament of healing.

PROTECTING OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN
If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you want to share feelings of hurt or betrayal, call Cathaleen Peloquin, Victim Services Coordinator, Office of Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363 (direct, confidential line).

RECTORY ADDRESS

353 Grove Street, Worcester, MA 01605
Phone: 508-754-8419
Fax: 508-306-9718
Religious Education Phone: 508-868-8119
Rectory Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9:30am-2:30pm

REV. EDWIN MONTANA, **PASTOR**
Email: fatheredwin31@gmail.com

KEVIN DEIGNAN, **PERMANENT DEACON**

FRANK MYSKA, **PERMANENT DEACON**

MARY SYCKS, **ADMINISTRATOR OF RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTER**

C. HENRY MASON, **MUSIC DIRECTOR**

BRIDGET KLOFFT, **CANTOR**

JENNEFER NOBERINI, **PARISH SECRETARY**

MATTHEW FOSTER, **PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN**

LYNDA MONAHAN, **SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR**

WEEKDAY MASSES
MONDAY - THURSDAY: 9:00 AM

NEW PARISHIONERS

Anyone is welcome to join the Parish Community.
Please contact the Rectory and introduce yourself.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	Aug 7	4:00 PM	Francis Mahoney, Sr., From Family
Sun.	Aug 8	7:30 AM	Anna Gallagher, from Family
		10:00 AM	Rochelle Charlton, Month Mind, from Family
Mon.	Aug 9	9:00 AM	John and Lisa Dobson, 30th Wedding Anniversary
Tues.	Aug 10	9:00 AM	Parishioners of Immaculate Conception
Wed.	Aug 11	9:00 AM	For those working with underserved groups that they be guided by God's will, from John and Lisa Dobson
Thurs.	Aug 12	9:00 AM	Ysabel Moreno, from Family
Sat.	Aug 14	4:00 PM	George Provost, from Family
Sun.	Aug 15	7:30 AM	<i>(Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)</i>
		10:00 AM	Sisters of the Assumption, from Bernard Dowd

OUTDOOR ROSARY ON THURSDAYS

Parishioner Mike Mitchell invites all to a weekly outdoor Rosary on Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in Our Lady's Garden on the Church grounds on the rectory side. Weather permitting.

HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS

On Friday, August 13th at 7:00pm a holy hour to pray for priests will take place at Immaculate Conception Church on 353 Grove St., Worcester. This holy hour will consist of time for silent adoration, as well as a short reflection, the rosary, and benediction. Please join us to pray for our priests. Repeats every second Friday of the month.

WORCESTER DIOCESE NIGHT AT THE BRAVEHEARTS

Join with friends from around the Diocese for a family-friendly night of baseball at the Worcester Bravehearts on **Friday, August 13** as they play the Nashua Silver Knights! Game Time at 6:30 pm - Fireworks following the game! All you can eat Buffet begins at 5:30 pm: Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Veggie Burgers, Chix Sandwich, chips, pickles, pasta salad, potato salad, soda, bottled water. Ice cream bar, cash bar available. Ticket Price which includes ticket to the game, all you can eat buffet, a Bravehearts hat voucher and as always parking is free in the adjoining garage. Enter at the first driveway to Holy Cross at College Square. \$27.00 Adults; \$18.00 Children age 3 - 12; Free for Kids age 2 and under. **DEADLINE TO ORDER TICKETS - end of day Wednesday, August 11. Tickets can be purchased online at worcesterdioocese.org/bravehearts. Purchased tickets to be picked up at will call day of game just outside entrance gate.**

HOPE FOR HOUSING FOOD CARDS

Please consider supporting through our Parish the purchase of food cards for Hope for Housing, whose primary mission is to assist families from becoming homeless in our community. This past week card sales amounted to \$200.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all our parishioners made their gift to the 2021 Partners in Charity Appeal, our Parish has reached its goal and raised \$88,500 towards the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester. Through your generous support, the Diocese will continue serving thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization, and worship. Thank you!

AMPLIFY NIGHTS ARE BACK!

All high school youth (9-12th grade) are invited to join us throughout the year for these fun and faith-filled events. **What is Amplify?** Amplify nights are periodic youth ministry gatherings on Saturday nights throughout the school year at different locations around the Diocese of Worcester. These nights include Mass, dinner, a game/competition or fun activity, followed by praise & worship music, Eucharistic Adoration, and confessions! There is NO COST to attend! Just let us know a few days before the event how many youth from your parish we can expect so we can plan for food.

2021-2022 Amplify Schedule:

- September 25th** - St. Anthony of Padua, Dudley
- December 4th** - North American Martyrs, Auburn
- March 5th** - St. Mary, Shrewsbury
- May 14th** - Holy Spirit, Gardner

To sign up for any of the above dates or for more information, go to: neworchester.org/amplify-nights The first Amplify Night of the year will take place on **Saturday, September 25th at St. Anthony of Padua in Dudley**. We will have an optional 4pm vigil Mass followed by a cookout and a **corn hole tournament!** The night will finish with praise & worship music, Eucharistic Adoration, and confessions!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT 8/01/2021
 Sunday Ordinary (includes Online) \$ 4,200.50

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2021-2022

Registration is ongoing for the 2021-2022 Religious Education year. Classes for children in K through 6th grade take place at 8:45am-9:45am. Classes for students in 7th-10th grade take place at 11:15am-12:15pm. All Children in second grade will begin preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in September. All Students in 11th grade will begin preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation in September. All children are welcome to attend Religious Education Classes and will not be denied participation due to financial hardship. If you are new to the parish, and have a child entering Pre K-11th grade, and would like to know more about our Religious Education Program please contact Mary Sycks at 508-868-8119.

BE A PART OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY!

Volunteers are essential to our Religious Education Program. Help spread the word of God with the children of Immaculate Conception. We have training and a wonderful support group to help you with this mission. If you are interested in sharing your faith please contact Mary Sycks.

THIS SUNDAY'S WORD

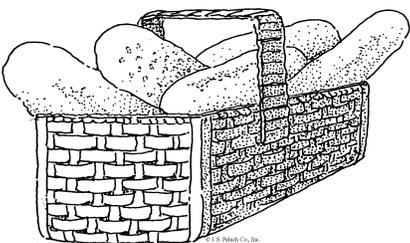
"I am the bread of life," Jesus said, not once but twice. "I am the bread of life." When was the last time you ate the bread of life? You are thinking about the Eucharist. Now, think about all the people, relationships, and experiences that have fed, nourished, and sustained your life. Think about a time when someone else fed and nourished your life and I mean more than that they fixed your supper. I'm talking about the kind of people that spend their time and their presence with us. They love us. They teach us. The care for us. They encourage us. And our lives are fed and nourished by them. Sometimes it's not even what they say or do, just being in his or her presence is itself bread. Aren't there some people that when you spend time with them you just feel well fed and full?

Recall someone who offered you wisdom or guidance, who listened to your life, or spoke a word of hope or encouragement that nourished and sustained your life. They were bread for you. Or maybe there was someone who helped you discover meaning or purpose in your life. Perhaps it was someone who said, "I forgive you" and you were strengthened to move forward. Maybe someone believed in you when you weren't so sure about yourself. Our lives are nourished and fed by others in thousands of ways.

How have you been fed by the life of another? That's what Jesus is talking about when he speaks of himself as the bread of life? Throughout the gospels we see him feeding and nourishing life in so many ways and circumstances: through his love, presence, guidance, and teaching; through his healing, forgiveness, and mercy; through his generosity, compassion, and wisdom, and most importantly through his very Body and Blood. This is the bread that feeds the soul.

What kind of bread are you eating today? Does it fill and nourish you? Or does it leave you hungry and malnourished? Is it sustaining and enduring or has it become hard and dry? The bread we choose to eat says something about our appetite and what we hunger for. What's your hunger? What's your appetite? Do you need a change in diet, to choose a different bread?

We so often hear Jesus say, "I am the bread of life," because HE IS, but what if he is teaching us what bread of life looks like so we can find it in this world, so we can become that bread, so we can be that bread for another?



I am the living bread
that came down
from heaven.
— John 6:51

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Thank you to all parishioners who donate to our food pantry throughout the year. Such donations greatly assist in feeding the hungry who come to our door each Monday. At this time, the food pantry is in need of boxes of cereal, jelly, spaghetti sauce, boxed mac & cheese, canned meats, and instant potatoes. Thank you.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 8, 2021

HYMNAL READINGS: 1003

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30-5:2;
Jn 6:41-51
Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17;
Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6;
Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24;
Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11;
Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16;
1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — After resting and taking nourishment twice, Elijah is strengthened to walk to the mountain of God, Horeb (1 Kings 19:4-8).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Be sealed by the Holy Spirit of God so as to be imitators of God and live in love (Ephesians 4:30-5:2).

Gospel — Jesus professes that he is the living bread and whoever eats this bread will live forever (John 6:41-51).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

FEAST OF FAITH

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus: Song of Heaven

The words of the Sanctus are rooted in the scriptures. They recall the song of the seraphim in the prophet Isaiah's vision of God in majesty: "Seraphim were stationed above; each of them had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two they veiled their feet, and with two they hovered aloft. 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts!' they cried one to the other. 'All the earth is filled with his glory!' " (Isaiah 6:2-3). They recall the Gospel accounts of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9). Yet the liturgy adds something new to these ancient texts. The seraphim sang, "the earth is filled with his glory." But the liturgy proclaims, "heaven and earth are full of your glory." In the Eucharist, earth and heaven meet. For a moment in time, we join in the song that the angels sing for all time. The Sanctus raises us to heaven, but does not remove us from the earth. It is the song of the King who took on our human flesh so that we might share in his divine life.

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THIS WEEK AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Sat. Aug 7 2:45 PM Confession
4:00 PM Mass

Sun. Aug 8 7:30 AM Mass
10:00 AM Mass

Mon. Aug 9 8:30 AM Rosary
9:00 AM Mass

Tues. Aug 10 8:30 AM Rosary
9:00 AM Mass

Wed. Aug 11 8:30 AM Rosary
9:00 AM Mass

Thur. Aug 12 8:30 AM Rosary
9:00 AM Mass

Fri Aug 13 7:00 PM Holy Hour

Sat. Aug 14 2:45 PM Confession
4:00 PM Mass

Sun. Aug 15 7:30 AM Mass
10:00 AM Mass



**YES, WE WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER
AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION!!**

Name _____

Address: _____

City & Zip _____

Phone _____

Envelopes yes ___ No ___

Number of People in Household _____

**PLEASE, TEAR THIS OFF AND PLACE IN THE
COLLECTION BASKET! THANK YOU!**