

Sunday, September 5, 2021

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Immaculate Conception Church

Diocese of Fall River

193 Main Street, North Easton 02356

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Daily Mass Monday - Friday 8:30AM in the Church

Saturday Vigil 4:30PM † Sunday 10:15AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays 3PM or by appointment

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## Living our faith through God's Love, we will:

- † Create a welcoming community † Build understanding of our Catholic Christian Faith
- † Nurture our children and each other † Share our gifts and talents
- † Serve God through worship and ministry

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### *Office Hours*

Monday - Thursday 8:30AM - 4PM  
Friday Closed All Day



### New Parishioners

If you are visiting and looking for a spiritual home, we extend a warm welcome to you and your family. We hope you find Immaculate Conception Parish a place where your faith will be nourished and you find the worship and liturgy uplifting and an encouragement to your faith. Please introduce yourself to Father Neil and Deacon Porter. If you would like to register you may call the Parish Office or go online to [www.icceaston.org](http://www.icceaston.org) and click on the "Parish Registration" button on our home page.



If you would like to schedule Mass, please call the Parish Office at 508-238-3232.

#### **Saturday, September 4**

† *Joseph Maloney*

#### **Sunday, September 5**

*Parishioners of Immaculate Conception*

#### **Monday, September 6**

#### **Tuesday, September 7**

#### **Wednesday, September 8**

**Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
*Students of Immaculate Conception*

#### **Thursday, September 9**

*Josephine Pero*

#### **Friday, September 10**

#### **Saturday, September 11**

*For the Health and Intentions of Helena Luxton*

#### **Sunday, September 12**

*Parishioners of Immaculate Conception*

There are many weekend Masses available for intentions, as well as the 8:30AM daily Mass. Please contact the Parish office if you would like to schedule a Mass intention. The suggested stipend for a weekend Mass is \$20.00 and daily Mass is \$10.00. *Thank you.*



To the family of

***Paul Deschenes***

Please pray for the repose of his soul and the consolation and peace that only Christ can bring to his grieving family and friends.

*"Jesus remember me when You come into Your Kingdom."*

## THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

#### **Saturday, September 4**

3PM ..... Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30PM ..... Mass

#### **Sunday, September 5**

10:15AM ..... Mass

#### **Monday, September 6 - Labor Day - Office Closed**

8:30AM ..... Daily Mass

7PM ..... Men's Basketball

#### **Tuesday, September 7**

8:30AM ..... Daily Mass

#### **Wednesday, September 8**

8:30AM ..... Daily Mass

4PM ..... Rosary in the Chapel

#### **Thursday, September 9**

8:30AM ..... Daily Mass

6:30PM ..... Confirmation Rehearsal

#### **Friday, September 10**

8:30AM ..... Daily Mass

7PM ..... Living Clean Meeting

#### **Saturday, September 11**

1PM ..... Baptism

3PM ..... Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30PM ..... Mass

#### **Sunday, September 12**

10:15AM ..... Mass

..... Welcome Reception



Offertory from August 28 & 29: \$2,506.00

Offertory from August 28 & 29: (WeShare): \$1,395.00

Total: \$3,901.00

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity!*

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION – September 4 & 5**

Bishop da Cunha has requested a special collection in the Fall River Diocese to support the people of Haiti and recovery efforts in the Caribbean country following the massive earthquake and the tropical storm that battered the island.

Parishioners who choose to support the collection should make their check payable to Immaculate Conception Church and note "Haiti Relief" in the memo section.

Thank you for your support.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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We are happy to announce that Immaculate Conception and Holy Cross Church are formally merging our Religious Education Programs!

Classes will begin Sunday, September 26.

Description of classes, schedules fees and registration forms are available on our website at [www.icceaston.org](http://www.icceaston.org).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATECHISTS

Thank you to the volunteers who gave their time to help with remote classes during the pandemic. Thank you also to the many volunteers who have taught classes over the years in our Religious Education program. Your time and talent helps to make our program a success.

We are returning to in-person classes this year at ICC and are looking for volunteers to share their faith with our children. Classes will take place as follows:

Grades 1-6: Sunday - 9AM-10AM  
Grades 1-6: Monday - 4:30PM-5:30PM  
Grades 7-8: Monday - 6:30PM-7:30PM

Classes for grades 1-8 are scheduled every other week. Materials will be provided to assist in planning the lessons. All volunteers are required to complete the Safe Environment training program.

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at 508-238-3232 or [religioused@icceaston.org](mailto:religioused@icceaston.org). Thank you!

## We're Hiring! Administrative Assistant, Religious Education

Immaculate Conception Church (ICC) is seeking an experienced, reliable and task-orientated Administrative Assistant to join our team for our Religious Education program. We are seeking a self-motivated and professional individual who possesses a great work ethic and is capable of managing a diverse work load and prioritizing tasks in an ever changing environment. This position is part-time and will average 8-10 hours per week during the academic school year (September – June).

Additional information may be found on our website at [www.icceaston.org](http://www.icceaston.org).

Please submit your cover letter and resume to:  
Fr. Neil Wack, C.S.C., Parish Administrator, E-mail: [nwack@icceaston.org](mailto:nwack@icceaston.org), Mail: 193 Main Street, North Easton, MA 02356.

## Welcome

Fr. Neil F. Wack, C.S.C.

And welcome back to our vacationing families and the very best to our ICC students as they begin a new school year!

Please join us in celebration on

Sunday, September 12 at 10:15 Mass followed by a reception on the parish lawn (weather permitting)

Refreshments provided by the Hospitality Committee



Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Do you know someone who is? We are here to help people discover and deepen their relationship with God. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process of sharing the Catholic faith with anyone who has not been baptized, or was baptized in another Christian denomination. We invite those who are interested in becoming a Catholic to contact Fr. Neil at 508-238-3232 or [nwack@icceaston.org](mailto:nwack@icceaston.org). Conversations with Fr. Neil and our RCIA Team will assist in the preparation of the process for each candidate.



## "How Can I Keep From Singing..."

In preparation for our 150th Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 24, our music director, Marshall Connolly, is looking for choir members and cantors. Please consider sharing your talent and time! Singers of all ages (teenagers too!) are welcome. If you are interested, please see Marshall after Mass or contact him at [music@icceaston.org](mailto:music@icceaston.org).

## Discussion Group on Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Home

In 2015, Pope Francis released his Encyclical: *Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Home*. Each fall, Pope Francis asks us to consider September 1-October 4 to be the "Season of Creation". A time to pray and to work for a better world for all of creation.

Please consider joining our discussion group starting on Wednesday, September 15 at 7PM in the Parish hall. The group will run for seven weeks. If you have any question, please call Theresa Pratt at 508-238-3978 or email [tmpratt99@yahoo.com](mailto:tmpratt99@yahoo.com). ZOOM option available.

Dear parish family,

Hello, and happy September to you! In case you missed it, we had an eventful 10:15am Mass last Sunday – there was a medical situation during the proclamation of the Gospel. One of our parishioners needed assistance, and so several good folks immediately sprang into action, making sure she was tended to while the EMTs were on their way. I



I don't know who you all were, but I thank you for responding to someone in need. These sorts of things happen from time to time during Mass, and so it's great to have people who are at the ready if something like this happens – ushers/greeters often fill that roll, keeping an eye on things for the priests during Mass.

Recently I had a chance to tour all of our campus (church, parish center, and rectory), as well as our cemetery, which is about a mile away. My guide was Brian Ratcliffe, our Director of Facilities. Brian and his team have done a great job in keeping things clean and very well-maintained. There are some areas that need attention, which you home-owners know is always the case. For example, we know there's a leak in the church roof, so we are in the process of having companies come to take a look and give us estimates. That process will take awhile, because they seem to be overbooked and understaffed, not unlike many industries these days. Brian took me up on the roof of the church where we were able to survey a bit of the slate tiles, the dormers, etc. It's a beautiful view from up there, but I don't think I'll be changing my job description to "roofer" any time soon!

As we walked around the grounds, we saw some different areas that could be spruced up a bit for our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary (and beyond) –like the exterior of the doors and window frames, which need to be stripped, primed and repainted. Also our church sign (that faces Main Street) needs some work. If you or someone you know has experience painting and would like to join me in some of these projects, please drop me a line ([nwack@icceaston.org](mailto:nwack@icceaston.org)). It'll be your chance to get to know me, or at least see me in painting clothes!

It is good to be zealous for our parish home, and then carry that zeal forward into our daily lives. The founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Blessed Basil Moreau, worked to instill zeal in his priests and brothers. He said "Zeal is the great desire to make God known, loved and served, and thus save souls." That sounds like a great thing for all of us, with our family and friends? Help them to know God like we do, to have a personal relationship with Him that goes beyond the surface, to our hearts and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Many blessings to you and your families, as we move towards the fall of the year.

-Fr. Neil



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