

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



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

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 and click on the "Parish Registration" button on our home page.



Saturday, September 11

For the Health and Intentions of Helena Luxton

Sunday, September 12

Parishioners of Immaculate Conception

Monday, September 13 - St. John Chrysostom

Tuesday, September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Wednesday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

Thursday, September 16 Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

Friday, September 17

Saturday, September 18 † Rev. Manuel Garcia

Sunday, September 19 *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.*

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. ZOOM option available.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Saturday, September 11

1PM Baptism
3PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30PM Mass

Sunday, September 12

10:15AM Mass
..... Welcome Reception

Monday, September 13

8:30AM Daily Mass
7PM Men's Basketball

Tuesday, September 14

8:30AM Daily Mass
7PM Confirmation

Wednesday, September 15

8:30AM Daily Mass
4PM Rosary in the Chapel
7PM Bible Study, Laudato Si

Thursday, September 16

8:30AM Daily Mass
6:30PM Confirmation Rehearsal

Friday, September 17

8:30AM Daily Mass
7PM Living Clean Meeting

Saturday, September 18

3PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30PM Mass

Sunday, September 19

10:15AM Mass
..... Baptism



Due to the early transmission of this bulletin, the offertory for September 4 and 5 will be posted at a later date.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

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If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit our website icceaston.org, click on the "WeShare - Give Online" button and follow the prompts. If you have any questions, please call our Parish Office.

Dear Parishioners,

This is the fourth weekend that I have been here as parish administrator (time flies when you're having fun!). You might have wondered a few things about me, or perhaps about the strange land that I call home (Indiana). Perhaps you've even noticed a different saint or two in the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass. You see, there's an option in many of the Eucharistic Prayers to add the Saint of the day, or a patron saint of the parish. There are two saints I will regularly use: Saint Andre Bessette and Blessed Basil Moreau. I'll write more about Saint Andre later on (he's known as the "Miracle Man of Montreal"). **Blessed Basil Moreau** is the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, begun in 1837 in a region of France known as Sainte Croix ("Holy Cross"), which is why we are known as the Congregation of Holy Cross (abbreviated CSC from the Latin *Congregatio a Sancta Cruce*). Our symbol is a cross and two anchors. That's on my necklace, my ring, my chalice and even my car! If you see that symbol, it means the person or the place is associated with the Congregation of Holy Cross. You'll see more of it around Immaculate Conception, you can see it at Holy Cross Parish, and you'll definitely see it at Stonehill College. Fr. Moreau took as his motto *Ave Crux, Spes Unica*, which translates to "Hail the Cross, Our Only Hope". By our faith, our hope is anchored in the cross, the gateway to eternal life.



We continue to monitor the health recommendations and guidelines from various authorities. Last month we received the following instruction: "the Diocese of Fall River is strongly encouraging all parishioners to follow the CDC guidance and to wear a mask while attending Mass or any other liturgical celebration unless unable because of a medical condition or under the age of 2." As I mentioned at the end of Mass, it is good to continue praying for an end to this pandemic, and to do what we can to be charitable toward our fellow parishioners (and everyone!). I will continue wearing a mask for the distribution of Holy Communion, and during the procession and recession of the Mass."

This Tuesday (September 14th) we welcome **Bishop Edgar da Cunha, S.D.V.** Bishop will be here to confirm 30 of our students who are beginning their 11th grade of school. Please pray for these young men and women, for their sponsors and their families. The Sacrament of Confirmation is the final Sacrament of Initiation (after Baptism and Holy Communion). With it, we are fully initiated in the Catholic faith. This doesn't mean they (or we!) are done learning about the faith or deepening our relationship with the Lord. No, in a way this ends the beginning the mission we are to have for our entire lives as Catholic Christians – to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to live the truth in love, and to be servants of Christ by serving one another. Congratulations to of our newly confirmed!!

This weekend we observe a sad anniversary, **September 11th**. Amazingly, it's now been 20 years since the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and the crash in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. For all of us old enough to remember, this is a date that has left an indelible mark, where we can easily recall where we were when it happened. I was still in seminary formation, assisting at our undergraduate seminary residence at the University of Notre Dame. When I heard the news, I turned on the TV for a few moments, but I knew I needed to pray, so I went to the grotto on campus, where hundreds of students were already gathered. There was a Mass on the quad that very afternoon, with thousands of faculty, staff and students there. In the midst of the incredible shock, we prayed for the many firefighters, police personnel, and chaplains who went *toward* harm's way, to help their fellow men and women. Many of them paid the ultimate price. Let us continue to keep all of those brave men and women in our prayers, and thank God for our faith that is anchored in the Cross of Christ.

God bless you all this week!

Fr. Neil

Welcome
Back

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 and welcome for Fr. Neil on the parish lawn (weather permitting)

++ WEEKEND
++ MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 11 & 12, 2021

Lectors

Saturday Vigil 4:30PM
Sunday 10:15AM

Chris Vaughan
Liz Symynkywicz

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday Vigil 4:30PM
Sunday 10:15AM

Claire Dalton
Mary Lou Lynch

Altar Server

Saturday Vigil 4:30PM
Sunday 10:15AM

Claire Dalton
Mary Lou Lynch



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.

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 religious@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.

Please submit your cover letter and resume to:

Fr. Neil Wack, C.S.C., Parish Administrator, E-mail: nwack@icceaston.org, Mail: 193 Main Street, North Easton, MA 02356.



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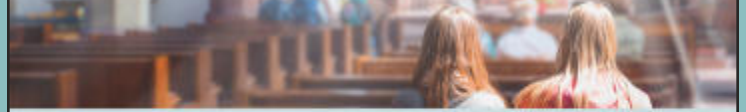
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