

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



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:35b-37a

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 18

† Rev. Manuel Garcia

Sunday, September 19

Parishioners of Immaculate Conception

Monday, September 20

Sandra Robbs, Birthday Remembrance

Tuesday, September 21

Judith Mercurio, Birthday Remembrance

Wednesday, September 22

Health and Intentions of Kathleen Kenneally

Thursday, September 23

Health and Intentions of John Salvaggio

Friday, September 24

Saturday, September 25

Health and Intentions of Deacon Gary Porter

Sunday, September 26

8AM - Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church

10:15 AM - † Eileen Morse, 25th Anniversary

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

Valdemira J. Stearns

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

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Saturday, September 18

3PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30PM Mass

Sunday, September 19

8AM..... Mass

10:15AM Mass

..... Baptism

Monday, September 20

8:30AM Daily Mass

7PM Men's Basketball

Tuesday, September 21

8:30AM Daily Mass

7PM SVdP Society Meeting

7PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, September 22

8:30AM Daily Mass

4PM Rosary in the Chapel

7PM Bible Study, Laudato Si

Thursday, September 23

8:30AM Daily Mass

Friday, September 24

8:30AM Daily Mass

7PM Living Clean Meeting

Saturday, September 25

3PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30PM Mass

Sunday, September 26

8AM..... Mass

10:15AM Mass

..... Baptism



Offertory for September 4 & 5:	\$2,003.00
Offertory for September 4 & 5 (WeShare):	<u>\$1,705.00</u>
Total:	\$3,708.00

Diocesan Collection for Haiti:	\$1,568.00
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Offertory for September 11 & 12:	\$2,693.00
Offertory for September 11 & 12 (WeShare):	<u>\$1,255.00</u>
Total:	\$3,948.00

Maintenance Collection:	\$ 691.00
Maintenance Collection (WeShare):	<u>\$ 885.00</u>
Total:	\$1,576.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!



Immaculate Conception Church welcomes

Tucker Brooks Timmons

who was recently baptized.
God bless you in your life of faith.

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 Wednesday evenings at 7PM in the Parish hall. The group will run for seven weeks. If you have a question, please call Theresa Pratt at 508-238-3978 or email tmpratt99@yahoo.com (ZOOM option available.)



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

The success of the Religious Education program is due to the many volunteers who share their time and faith with our young parishioners. Thank you for giving your time in the past to support the program at Immaculate Conception Church.

We are returning to in-person classes this year at ICC and are looking for volunteers to teach 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!

Dear Parish Family,

Six and a half years ago I showed up at Immaculate Conception. I wasn't sure how things would go, there hadn't been a deacon here for almost a decade, but Deacon Paul Fournier told me that he had loved his years at ICC and that the people were great. He was right, in no time I was participating in Mass during the week with our pastor, at all Masses during the weekends, and in short doing everything that my ordination as a deacon would allow. It was a joy.

I have had time to get to know many of you, I have been to some of your homes, I've brought communion to some as they were dying, some who were just too ill to be able to make it to Mass. We have had meals together, prayed together and you have prayed for me. I have in short found a second family.

But just as children grow, change and then spread their wings to finally leave our homes, it has come time for me to leave as well. We have been through a lot as a parish family, but now that Fr Neil has been well and properly welcomed, I am convinced that the parish couldn't be in better hands. I think he will be a God send and blessing to Immaculate Conception.

My wife and I have sold our home and are moving away to be with one of our 4 children. So that no matter what the future may hold we'll have part of our family close by.

I wish each and every one of you all the very best. We (my wife and I) promise that you will be perpetually in our prayers.

Deacon Gary Porter

30 Week Club Winners!

Here are the \$75 winners for August:
Congratulations to our winners!



Week No.	Winner	Captain
No. 18 Aug 1	Jeanne Scott	Julie Vaughan
No. 19 Aug 8	Melissa Cerro	Dave Switzer
No. 20 Aug 15	Elizabeth Cassidy	Julie Vaughan
No. 21 Aug 22	Mary Keough Anderson	Julie Vaughan
No. 22 Aug 29	Judy & Ralph Thomas	Jack DeLuca

Our end of year celebration and grand prize drawings will be held after the 4:30 Mass in the Parish Center in November.

Details to follow from your Captain and in the bulletin.

September 19, 2021

Greetings in Christ! In last weekend's bulletin, I wrote a little bit about the Congregation of Holy Cross (the religious community that founded Stonehill College, staffs Holy Cross Parish in South Easton, and of which I am a member). On September 15th we celebrate Our Lady of Sorrows, the patroness of the Congregation. The day before is the Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, which is an important day, but not our feast day. Some have wondered why our founder, Blessed Basil Moreau, chose Our Lady of Sorrows to be our patroness. Like many founders of religious communities, Fr. Moreau had to suffer many hardships, not only in his early priesthood but also when he was trying to steer his fledgling community in our early days. Lifting up the seven sorrows of Mary is a reminder for the priests, brothers, and sisters of Holy Cross that the Cross is to be our only hope (Ave Crux, Spes Unica). If we are anchored in the hope of the Cross, we must endure many sorrows, as Our Lady did, before we pass through the gateway of death to eternal life.

Last week I mentioned that Holy Cross has two members who have been recognized by the Church – Fr. Moreau, who has been beatified (and, we pray, will be canonized a saint), and **Saint André Bessette**. It's really neat that our one and only saint is a humble religious brother, who offered a welcoming presence to the afflicted, hope for the discouraged, and healing for the sick. He was canonized October 17, 2010 in Rome by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. André was born in 1845 to a family of 12 and was orphaned at an early age. Plagued by bad health and poverty, he spent his first twenty five years wandering as a laborer on farms and in factories in both Canada and the United States (in the state of Maine). In 1870, he joined the Holy Cross Community in Montreal. He didn't have the gift of a strong educational ability, he couldn't teach, and he wasn't able to do much physical labor, so he was given simple work as a janitor and door-keeper at a boarding school. Those who visited the school found him a person of comfort and healing. Very often, they also found relief of mind and body, after André had prayed with them. In fact, his reputation as a healer spread to the point that hundreds came to see him each day for advice and healing. He was always quick to tell them that it wasn't him, but rather it was St. Joseph's intercession that healed them. "Go to Joseph," he told the people. It was his vision to build a great church in honor of the foster father of Jesus, and from its beginning in 1904, Montreal's Oratory of St. Joseph grew into a huge basilica that still draws 2 million pilgrims a year. Brother André died on January 6, 1937, and over a million people came to the Oratory to pay their respects to the "Miracle Man of Montreal." Now that I live so close to Montreal (relatively speaking), I hope to visit there more than once to pray at the tomb of Sainte André. The epitaph on his gravestone sums up his life: **Pauper. Servis et humilis ("A poor and humble servant.")**

Over time, you'll have the opportunity to meet some of my brothers in community, like Fr. John Denning, CSC who was here last weekend, and Fr. Tom Jones, CSC who's here this weekend. And of course the two priests at Holy Cross Parish in South Easton (Fr. Brad Metz, CSC and Fr. John Santone, CSC). The Congregation of Holy Cross is a wonderful brotherhood, and I'm proud to be a part of it. If you'd like, there is more information at these websites:

<https://www.saint-joseph.org/en/>

<https://holycrosscongregation.org/>

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Neil



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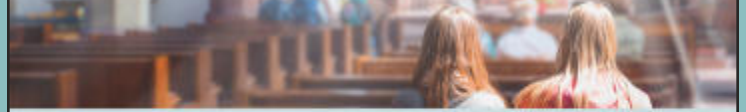
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