

# 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 8AM and 10:15AM  
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays 3PM or by appointment

Website: [www.icceaston.org](http://www.icceaston.org) † Facebook: [Facebook.com/ICCeaston](https://www.facebook.com/ICCeaston)

### 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



## 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

### 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.*



#### **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**

#### **Monday, September 27**

#### **Tuesday, September 28**

#### **Wednesday, September 29**

#### **Thursday, September 30**

*Health and Intentions of Patrick Byrne*

#### **Friday, October 1**

#### **Saturday, October 2**

*Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church*

#### **Sunday, October 3**

**8AM - Souls In Purgatory**

**10:15 AM - † Philip Harding**

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

**Jeanne Daley**

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 25**

3PM ..... Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30PM ..... Mass

#### **Sunday, September 26**

8AM..... Mass

9AM-10AM..... Religious Ed (Gr. 1-6)

10:15AM ..... Mass

..... Baptism

#### **Monday, September 27**

8:30AM ..... Daily Mass

4:30-5:30 ..... Religious Ed (Gr. 1-6)

6:30-7:30 ..... Religious Ed (Gr. 7 & 8)

8PM ..... Men's Basketball

#### **Tuesday, September 28**

8:30AM ..... Daily Mass

7PM ..... Boy Scouts

#### **Wednesday, September 29**

8:30AM ..... Daily Mass

4PM ..... Rosary in the Chapel

#### **Thursday, September 30**

8:30AM ..... Daily Mass

#### **Friday, October 1**

8:30AM ..... Daily Mass

..... Coffee & Donuts after Mass

7PM ..... Living Clean Meeting

#### **Saturday, October 2**

3PM ..... Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30PM ..... Mass

#### **Sunday, October 3**

8AM..... Mass

10:15AM ..... Mass

..... Baptism



Offertory for September 18 & 19: \$4,854.00

Offertory for September 18 & 19 (WeShare): \$1,300.00

Total: \$6,154.00

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity!*

In preparation for our **150th Anniversary Mass**, 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).

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend we begin our Religious Education program (sometimes called CCD – the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine). We have a wonderful responsibility to pass on our faith to the next generation, so that they may come to know, love, and serve God as we have. I encourage all parents, grandparents and guardians who are bringing their children to Religious Education to find a good weekly Mass time for your family. Some of our Religious Education classes will be between the 8am Mass and the 10:15am Mass, so you can bring your family to Mass before or after class. For those in our Confirmation program, you can come any time over the weekend, including at Holy Cross Parish for their 5:30pm Mass.

The Eucharist is such a precious gift! The very Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. As Catholic Christians, what we receive is what we long to be, the Body of Christ. I'm sure that, like me, when the pandemic was at its worst, you felt such sadness that we couldn't come to church – the very place where we receive comfort, consolation and strength. At Sunday Mass, we come together as a parish family, giving thanks to God for how He has blessed us, recognizing we need one another, and we need God. What a joy it was to come back, and to be able to receive the nourishment we need! Without Christ, our lives are empty. With Him, we are alive with faith, hope, and love.

Parents are the first teachers of your children. At their Baptism, you heard something similar to this question from the priest or deacon: "In asking for Baptism for your child, you are undertaking the responsibility of raising him (her) in the faith, so that, keeping God's commandments, he (she) may love the Lord and his (her) neighbor as Christ has taught us. Do you understand this responsibility?" I can't imagine any parent knowing at that moment just what awaits them – the joys and the sorrows, the struggles and the decisions that will be made for this child.

There certainly are reasons why we can't come to Mass – a legitimate concern about COVID-19, sickness of any kind, traveling, advanced age, weather, and others. Sometimes people have reasons that may not be quite so convincing. Ultimately, of course, explaining the reasons why we aren't at Mass isn't for the priest, nor the Church, nor anyone who may be asking us to come to Mass. It's for you to discuss with your family, and with God.

It can be overwhelming at times to bring young kids to Mass. Please know that we want you here! We know you are trying, and we know it can be difficult. There are times you might think people around you are upset when they hear a baby cry or a toddler being rambunctious. I'm sure most folks are grateful that our parish family is young and vibrant.

As your parish priest, I need to do my part to make the liturgy as prayerful as it can be, and there's always room for improving my preaching as well! I know I sound really passionate about this, but that's simply because I don't know any better way to grow in holiness and as a parish family. As St. John Vianney said, "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us."

Please sit down with your family to talk about how to prioritize coming to Mass, praying together as a community, and receiving the Eucharist. If there are reasons why you do not come to Mass, please let me know about them. Maybe I can't fix them, but in discussing them, our parish family can only get stronger in the faith.

We need each other on this pilgrimage to heaven! May God bless you in your efforts to pass on the precious gift of faith you have received, and may God bless our Religious Education catechists, administrators, and director in their efforts to make God known, loved and served, and thus save souls.

~ Fr. Neil



Immaculate Conception Church welcomes

***Maggie Ellen Judge***

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

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATECHISTS

We are happy to say 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

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

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

Sunday, October 24

Come celebrate 150 years of the  
Immaculate Conception Church.

They day begins with 10:15 Mass celebrated  
by Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha.

Following Mass, enjoy a fun afternoon of  
community, free food, music, games and  
contests for the kids.

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Food provided by Fenway favorite,  
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including sausages, hamburgers, BBQ boneless  
chicken, steak tips and side dishes.

**Immaculate Conception Church is partnering with  
St. Mary Recycle Mission Group of Lancaster, PA  
to recycle used religious items.** The St. Mary Group  
has been working with Catholic churches, convents, and  
schools in helping rescue and recycle used religious  
items that are no longer needed. The recycling program  
was developed to help desperate parishes in need of  
items that they cannot afford.

Below please find a list of acceptable items to donate:

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Crucifixes  
Framed Pictures, etc.  
Holy Cards and Holy Medals  
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Paraments  
Prayer books (Please no regular books or pamphlets)  
Relics  
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Statues  
Tabernacles  
Vestments (any condition)

Please, no reading books or large furniture type items at  
this time, if in question, please contact St. Mary's at  
[lanccatholicmsn@aol.com](mailto:lanccatholicmsn@aol.com) or 717-381-5816.

**If you have items you would like to recycle, please  
drop them off at the Parish Center between 8AM-  
4PM, Monday-Thursday; or before/after Mass on  
Saturday and Sunday. The deadline for drop off is  
Sunday, October 3.**



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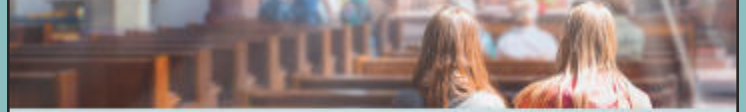
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