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SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM

SUNDAY: 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM

THURSDAY 8:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 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

Father Walter can be called whenever someone can benefit from this sacrament of healing.

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	June 14	4:00 PM	In Thanksgiving for Favors Granted
Sun.	June 15	7:30 AM	Brian B. Colonies & Jeannette T. Burns by family
		10:00 AM	Alan McPherson, 1st Anniversary by family
Mon.	June 16	9:00 AM	Parishioners of Immaculate Conception
Tues.	June 17	9:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Wed.	June 18	9:00 AM	
Thurs.	June 19	8:00 AM	(St. Romuald)
Sat.	June 21	4:00 PM	Dr. Charles Vassallo, 23rd Anniversary by family
Sun.	June 22	7:30 AM	John Oakes, 1st Anniversary by family
		10:00 AM	Deceased members of the Monahan family by family



THIS WEEK the text for The Most Holy Trinity Sunday may be found at #942 in the *Journeysongs* hymnal.

FRIDAY FASTING AND INTENTION

Thank you to all in our parish who participate in our weekly Friday fast of abstaining from meat and fasting for one meal. This early Catholic tradition is a wonderful way of reminding ourselves of Jesus' ultimate sacrifice for all of us on Good Friday. The intention for the upcoming Friday is *for the safety of all students as they begin their summer vacation.*

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have donated to the Partners in Charity campaign thus far this year. Each donation helps to support the financial lifeline of our Diocese in ways of serving the poor and needy, serving retired priests and seminarians, and serving the many cultural ministries that exist in our diocese, among other necessary ministries. It would be good to reach our parish goal soon, hopefully in the month of June, as opposed to the campaign dragging on over the summer months. In order for this to happen, we would need a donation from most every family in the parish. *Every donation makes a difference.* For those who have not yet made one, we ask that you please consider doing so over the next few weeks to help complete this campaign. Our parish goal is \$93,200. Thus far, we have raise \$87,865 (94%) from 186 donors. May God bless our parish and its annual generous response to Partners in Charity.

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM 2014

All are invited to join Bishop McManus for a special **Mass for the Protection of Religious Freedom** at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 20, 2014 at St. Paul's Cathedral. This diocesan celebration opens our observance of the national *Fortnight for Freedom*, a 14-day period of prayer, education, and action for the protection of our fundamental right to religious liberty. The Mass will be followed by a light reception downstairs in the Cenacle and a presentation on "Current Threats to Religious Liberty" by Attorney Hillary Byrnes, Assistant General Counsel for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, DC. For more information on the Fortnight for Freedom visit www.fortnight4freedom.org and www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect life.

If you would like to be among the representatives from our parish at the June 20th Mass, please contact the parish office this week at 508-754-8419.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. JIM BOLAND AND MASS ON JUNE 15

As of this printing, the former Deacon Jim Boland is now the new Fr. Jim Boland. As a parish, we are filled with joy, excitement, and the good sort of pride for Fr. Jim to his ordination to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. We are blessed as a parish to have been a very important part of Fr. Jim's formation and preparation that led to this step in his life. We rejoice with Jim's family and friends, many of those friendships being formed right here at Immaculate Conception over the past two years. As he enters priestly ministry, may we keep Jim in our prayers as he begins his assignment as an Associate Pastor in Westboro, where his Pastor will be Msgr. Mike Foley. Msgr. Mike is a great priest and a perfect fit for Fr. Jim. Also, Fr. Jim will be present this Sunday, June 15, to celebrate the 10:00 a.m. Mass at our parish. Immediately following the Mass, all will have a chance to congratulate the new priest—if you haven't done so already—at the Fr. Connors Center, where food and refreshments will be served through the hard work and donation of our Parish Activities Committee. Please set this date and time aside for next Sunday as we celebrate the start of Fr. Jim's lifelong ministry to the good People of God.

PARISH SHAWLS

Another Parish in our Diocese has donated a few prayer shawls to Immaculate Conception. Prayer shawls can be a heartfelt gift for people who may be dealing with the effects of cancer or any other disease someone may be suffering from. Also, they can be used for the elderly who may be homebound or possibly a life situation not mentioned here. If you know of someone who can use a prayer shawl, please speak with Fr. Riley. Thank you.

PRAYERS FOR BISHOP McMANUS

Please keep Bishop McManus in your prayers as he will be having surgery in late June for prostate cancer. His recovery is expected to last through July. May the healing touch of our Risen Lord be upon him.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH, THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a
Psalm 147
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17
Gospel: John 6:51-58

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

We are very excited to offer Vacation Bible Camp at Immaculate Conception! VBC will be the week of June 23rd-27th from 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. and is FREE! Children 5-12 years old are welcome to join us for a fun week of many activities including Bible Stories, Games, Music, Crafts, Snacks and more! Contact Mary Sycks at mks723@msn.com for more information. Registration Forms can be found on our website www.icworc.com.

During the Children’s Liturgy summer hiatus, Children’s Bulletins will be available to all children at Immaculate Conception. They can be found at all three entrances in the church. The bulletins offer fun activities relating to the Gospel Readings. They are a great tool for families to share their faith together.

The CYC will be going to Canobie Lake Park on Sunday, June 22nd. If you are a CYC member or would like to join the CYC, please contact Mary Sycks at mks723@msn.com or 508-868-8119 for more information.

HAPPY 102nd BIRTHDAY TO PAUL DALY, SENDING BIRTHDAY CARDS

Our oldest parishioner (and maybe the sharpest too) turned 102 on June 10th. Paul Daly still has a great smile, a sharp wit, and a wonderful way about him. Paul has been living at Jewish Healthcare for a while now. Anyone from our Parish who would like to send Paul a card with birthday wishes,, we know this would keep his smile going. To do so, send your card addressed to Paul Daly at Jewish Healthcare Center, 629 Salisbury St., Worcester, MA 01609. May God bless him and continue to keep him healthy.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

“...the Christian faithful, in common with the rest of men, have the civil right of freedom from interference in leading their lives according to their conscience. A harmony exists therefore between the freedom of the Church and that religious freedom which must be recognized as the right of all men and all communities and must be sanctioned by constitutional law.”

Vatican II Document, Declaration on Religious Liberty

DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE

“By living ‘as if God didn’t exist,’ man not only loses sight of the mystery of God, but also of the mystery of the world and the mystery of his own being.”

Blessed John Paul II, from the encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*,
The Gospel of Life

RELIGIOUS QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Indeed, it was Jesus’s action at the Last Supper that transformed his death from an execution to an offering.”

Scot Hahn, Consuming the Word

WOMEN OF FAITH SUMMER PROGRAM

Women of Faith will host Summertime Morning of Prayer on Saturday, June 28, 9:30 a.m.—1 p.m. at St. Anne Convent, 720 Boston Post Road East, Marlborough. This half day retreat with the theme, Yearning to Just Be, is a way to welcome in the summer with God and other women, by slowing down and tending to your heart’s deepest desires. There will be a reflection, faith sharing, fellowship, contemplative prayer with music, and time for personal prayer “Coffee and” will be offered. Presenters will be Sr. Yvette Bellerose, SSA and Lori Pandiscio. Registration fee is \$5. Pre-registration is required by Sunday, June 22, 2014. Please email or call Lori Pandiscio 508-498-3778, lamp.lighter9verizon.lnet or Sr. Yvette Bellerose, SSA, at 774-239-3372, srybellerose@yahoo.com to pre-register.

HOPE FOR HOUSING FOOD CARDS

Please consider purchasing food cards for the purpose of helping to stop homelessness here in Central Massachusetts. 5% of each card purchased will be donated by the participating grocery chain, while the purchase receives the full value of the card that is purchased. The money raised from this ministry has helped to prevent hundreds of families from being homeless, a situation that no one in our country should have to experience. Last week at Immaculate Conception our parishioners purchased \$285.00 of cards. Thank you to those who continue to participate in this very worthy program.

SACRAMENTALIZING MARRIAGES

I extend an offer to any and all Catholic couples, or anyone who knows or is related to a couple, who were married by either a Justice of the Peace, or by a Minister without the presence of a Catholic priest, to consider having your marriage become a Sacramental relationship blessed in the Catholic Church. I’m not sure where to begin on this topic; either the Church has done a poor job catechizing and teaching sacramental marriage as the fullness of the marital relationship, or a whole generation is simply missing the message on how a baptized Catholic is meant to be married in the church. This issue is much too important to ignore. I invite any couple to contact me at the church if either spouse, or both spouses, are baptized Catholic and your marriage is presently not a sacramental relationship. The process for making your marriage a sacrament is, and trust me when I say this, very easy. The purpose here is to bring marriages for Catholics to the point where they are meant to be in the eyes of God, that being the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Fr. Riley

WINGS-WOMEN IN GOD’S SPIRIT

Christ the King Parish
Five-Week Speaker and Faith Enrichment Series
Tuesday, June 17
In the Johnson Room, 6:30—8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 17th: “Living Our Faith.”
Speaker: “Experiencing the Generosity of God.” Sister Bridget Haase, a member of the Ursuline Sisters, will speak about learning how to live in the Now, to trust and to experience God’s presence in our lives. Her book *Generous Faith, Stories to Inspire Abundant Living* will be provided to all members. Visit her website at www.wisdomwonder.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Sunday Ordinary Income	\$3474
Misc. Envelopes	6

FROM THE PASTOR

Moses had the toughest job in the entire Old Testament. He was like the President of the United States, the CEO of UPS, and the commissioner of Major League during a strike, all wrapped up into one. The poor guy had a tough go, being the leader and spokesman for the entire Israelite community. I think I would rather try to eat 100 Coney Island hot dogs in one day than be leader of the ancient Israelites.

But there Moses was, in the best of graces with the Lord, interceding on behalf of the Israelites in like manner of how Jesus constantly intercedes for us, and dealing with all the stuff that came his way. The humility of Moses was third only to Jesus and Mary.

The Lord entrusted Moses with a great deal of responsibility. To be the go-between for God the Creator and a nation of people whom He has revealed Himself to was a lot of work. And sometimes the work we do, as we all know, can be frustrating. Even God gets frustrated in the Old testament.

But Moses is the standard bearer in ancient times in ways of devotion, trust, hard work, and being true to the call of God. The burning bush for Moses was only the start of countless burning bushes that would lead this greatest of leaders into the most intimate relationship with the Most High. The way Moses and God related to one another was profoundly personal. As the Scriptures tell us, Moses spoke face to face with God in the way one person speaks to another.

The quotations we hear in this Sunday's 1st reading from Exodus between God and Moses are revealing to us as a community of Christian believers a few thousand years later. They tell us, first, that God is personal. For us, this translates into the word "Emmanuel," meaning "God is with us." As God spoke to Moses, guiding him and the entire flock in the direction of the Promised Land, God has spoken to us in the sending of his Son. And continues to in the many ways our Lord's presence is manifested through the sacramental life of the Church, and any other way our Lord chooses to reveal himself to us.

Also in the book of Exodus we come to realize with gratitude the depth and power of God's love for us. So many people today struggle with this, losing or never possessing an awareness of God's love for them and all his creation. In this book, being the ancient times of Israel, we learn that God is "slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." God is faithful, merciful, and consistent. His love never wavers, as does ours. As Christians, we are just as much in need of embracing these Divine truths today as the Israelites were back then. Human nature is the same today. We fall, we fall again, and we fall a third time, like Jesus with his Cross. But we can never fall into despair and commit the sin of Judas Iscariot, who thought his sin was unforgivable. God is s-l-o-w to anger, rich in mercy, and loves us unconditionally. He doesn't always approve of our ways. Far from it! But his love is consistent.

Lastly in Exodus, we see what is arguably the most beautiful invitation in Scripture on our part, spoken by Moses; "If I find favor with you, O Lord, do come along in our company." Very simply, invite the Lord to share your life, especially in the most difficult moments and the hardest of times. It can make all the difference.

Peace,
Fr. Riley

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Sat.	June 14	3:00 PM	Confessions
		4:00 PM	Mass

HAPPY FATHERS DAY

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

Mon.	June 16	8:30 AM	Rosary
		9:00 AM	Mass

Tues.	June 17	8:30 AM	Rosary
		9:00 AM	Mass

Wed.	June 18	8:30 AM	Rosary
		9:00 AM	Mass

Thurs.	June 19	7:30 AM	Rosary
		8:00 AM	Mass

Fri. June 20

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		4:00 PM	Mass

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		10:00 AM	Mass

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

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& Zip** _____

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