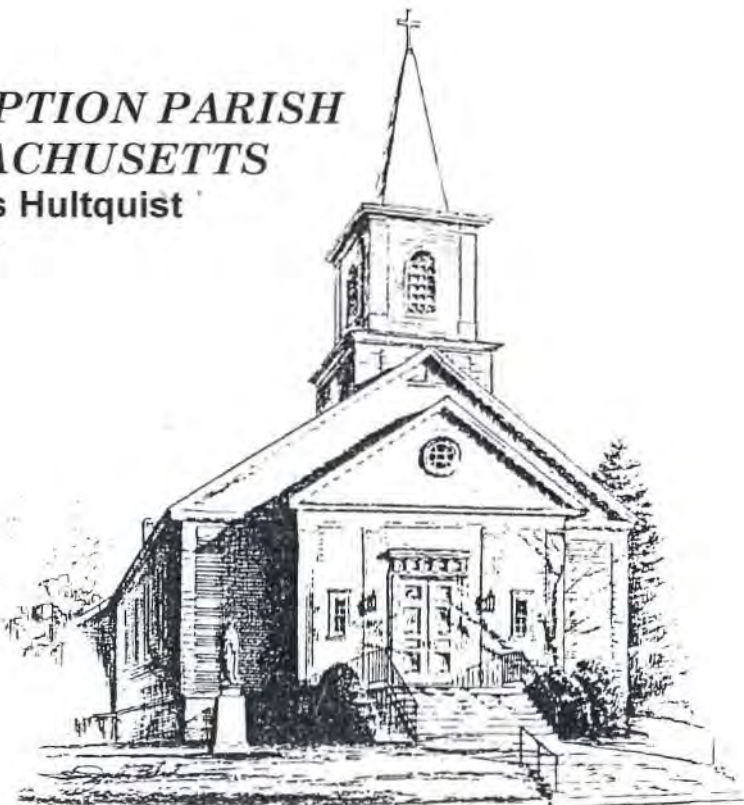


**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
LANCASTER, MASSACHUSETTS**

Father Thomas Hultquist

Pastor

*The Church was built
as a mission in 1873. The
parish was established
in 1915.*



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By appointment,
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CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:45 - 4:15 PM

LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Weekday Liturgies Mon. 5:30 PM,

Tues. & Wed. as announced

Monday Marian Novena 5:00 PM

Holy Day to be announced

Sunday Bulletin: The deadline is noon of the previous Monday in writing.

November 18, 2018

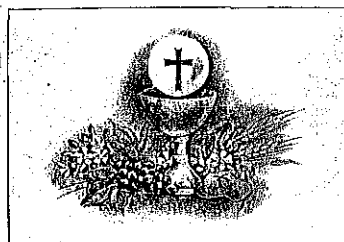
Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS



Scheduled Liturgies

Sat., Nov. 17,	4:30	Elaine LaFontaine, by Family
Sun., Nov. 18,	8:00	Special Intention
Sun., Nov. 18,	10:30	Special Intention
Mon., Nov. 19,	5:30PM	Special Intention
Thur., Nov. 22,	9:00AM	Thanksgiving Day Mass
Sat., Nov. 24,	4:30	Norman Belval, by Family
Sun., Nov. 25,	8:00	Special Intention
Sun., Nov. 25,	10:30	Aurele & Beatrice Sicard, by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Sicard



AS THE COLD & FLU SEASON has begun, the handshaking of the Peace of Christ will be omitted for the winter season starting this Saturday, November 17th.

MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED on Thursday, November 22nd, Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 AM.

THE ANNUAL PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT are located on the front and back pew platforms. You are cordially invited to take a copy home.

THE HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE ends this Sunday, November 18th. All food items will be donated to the CARE food pantry at St. John's parish in Clinton in time for the upcoming holidays. Thank you!

YOUR HOME PARISH IS ALWAYS HERE

Thank you to those who maintain your weekly support all year round. Those "makeup" envelopes which are turned in are much appreciated. Such "makeup" support is essential for consistent weekly parish income. Many thanks to all of you who remember your parish while you are away.

A SECOND COLLECTION for the Campaign for Human Development will be taken up at Masses this weekend.

THANKSGIVING MEAL PRAYER

LORD GOD, FOR HEALTH AND FOOD,
FOR THE LOVE OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND
FOR EVERYTHING YOUR GOODNESS SENDS,
FATHER IN HEAVEN WE THANK YOU.

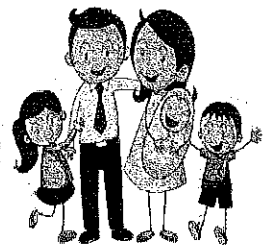
AMEN.



OUR PARISH ADVENT GIVING TREE will be fully set up on Sat., Nov. 24th. Once again, our parish will provide gifts to the residents of River Terrace Nursing Home and the seminarians of the Worcester Diocese. Select an "ornament", purchase the gift suggested, and return the wrapped present **no later than Sun. morning, Dec. 9th**, using the ornament as the gift tag. Parishioners not returning gifts by **Dec. 9th**, will be responsible to return them to the appropriate organization. Parishioners can assist our seminarians by obtaining a Giving Tree tag. Purchase a gift card either to Staples, WalMart, CVS, BestBuy, Mastercard or Visa of any denomination and place in the envelope attached to the Giving Tree tag, and mail directly to the seminarian no later than Sun., Dec. 9th.

THE I.C. MEN'S CLUB would like to thank all those who supported the Pasta Supper. We would like to thank everyone who helped out on Friday night setting up and all those who helped at the supper preparing the food, serving the food, cleaning up and also the Confirmation class. A special thank you to **Jane Burgoyne** for entertaining us with music. Congratulations to the lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle **Joyce Downing** and to the winner of the furnace cleaning certificate **Dick Dickenson**.

WELCOME! If you are new to our community, we hope you have felt welcome. If you are a visitor – we're glad you joined us! If you wish to become a member of our parish family, simply fill out the blue form available at the side entrances of the church and present the form and please introduce yourself to Fr. Tom. Additional information will be provided at that time.



Immaculate Conception Parish

A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL will be held at St. Christopher Church, 950 West Boylston Street, Worcester, on Saturday, December 1st, at 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The festival will feature raffles, children's activities, crafts, jewelry, flea market, food and more! Bring along a new toy to donate to their Toys for Tots collection and enter to win a prize. For more information, phone (508) 853-1492.

THE RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENTS of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage require a “faith commitment”, as a registered member of the parish. The encounter with Christ through His Sacraments is extended to all.

BAPTISM: Please contact Fr. Tom at Immaculate Conception Rectory to schedule instructions and as well as the date for the Sacrament of Baptism ceremony. God-Parents are to obtain a “Certificate of eligibility” from the pastor of their church. This form is a statement of recommendation that the god-parents are authentic in the practice of the Faith we profess. Your child deserves the very best.

FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION: Children are expected to receive a Catholic upbringing in their family life. Worship regularly at Sunday Liturgy is also the norm. Necessary religious education preceding the reception of these Sacraments is also required.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MARRIAGE is celebrated at specific times. To allow for ample preparation, please contact Father Tom at least one year in advance in order to complete all preparations and necessary requirements.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Confession, Holy Communion and the Anointing of the Sick are available to the sick and home bound upon request.



NEW PARISHIONERS: You are cordially invited to register as members of our parish. Simply fill out the blue form available at the side entrances of our church and present the form and introduce yourself to Father Tom. Additional information will be provided at that time.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Classes are scheduled for grades one through high school. Classes begin shortly after the public school sessions resume in the Fall. Our Catechists are terrific volunteer members of our parish, with the Pastor as the director of the CCD program. Instructions are offered at the Parish hall.

THE “CRY ROOM”: Our church building includes a “cry room”. It is located at the left side of the sanctuary. When children “sing unscheduled hymns”, this room is perfect for their “renditions”.