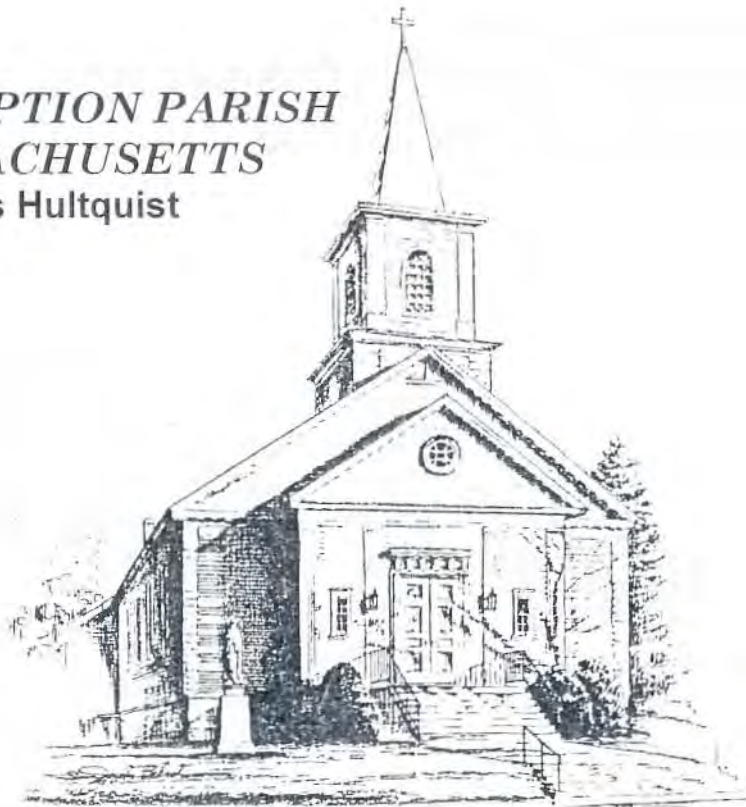


**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
LANCASTER, MASSACHUSETTS**

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.

June 24, 2018

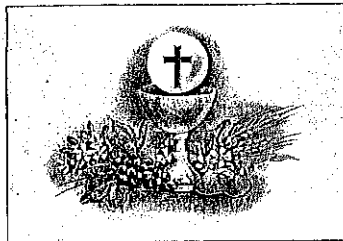
The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

MASS INTENTIONS



Scheduled Liturgies

Sat., June 23,	4:30	Ernest & Beatrice Lemire, by Bill & Bea Hatstat
Sun., June 24,	8:00	Geno & Mary James, by Family
Sun., June 24,	10:30	Thomas Connors, (10 th Anniv.), by Family
Mon., June 25,	5:30PM	Special Intention
Sat., June 30,	4:30	Special Intention
Sun., July 1,	8:00	Special Intention
Sun., July 1,	10:30	Gail Edwards, by family



A SECOND COLLECTION for the Peter's Pence for the Holy Land will be taken up at Masses this weekend. The collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to our brothers and sisters in need throughout the world – those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, disease, and natural disaster. It is an opportunity for Catholics to stand in solidarity with the universal Church and to offer hope and help to those in need.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED: Please contact Fr. Tom at (978) 365-6582, if you are interested in becoming an Altar Server at Immaculate Conception Church. Please let us know as soon as possible. Eligibility for becoming an Altar Server begins after you receive First Holy Communion.

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS: If you cannot be listed on certain dates on the next schedule, please let Fr. Tom know, or phone the rectory office at (978) 365-6582, by Sunday, July 8th.

PLEASE INFORM the rectory office if you should move to a new location, change your P.O. Box #, or if traveling for an extended period. Your acknowledgment to this request will be most helpful.

THE PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL is now in progress. Our parish goal this year is **\$38,000.00**. As of Monday Noon, our parishioners have donated **\$24,585.00**. All are encouraged to use a pledge donation over a 10 month period. Pledges made over time consistently enable people to provide a more generous total donation. Please consider the pledge donation this year. Donations can be made via the offertory collection, by mail, or by visiting www.Partners-Charity.net where your gift will be credited to our parish and where a special search tool for “Matching Gifts” has been imbedded into the website for donors to see if their employer will match their gifts. If your company will match your gift, the appropriate form and regulations can be downloaded by the donor immediately. It is important that the donor gets the appropriate form to our parish at the same time of the gift. May our parish continue to support the works of this worthy appeal.

THE CHURCH LOST AND FOUND area is located on the windowsill in the Marian side entrance.

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.

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.

THERE WILL BE A RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK celebrated in all dioceses nationwide from June 22nd to June 29th. This year’s theme is “Serving Others in God’s Love”. Please visit www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek to download the “Pray-Reflect-Act” one-pagers for each day on various religious liberty topics. These excellent resources are intended to inspire us to learn more about religious liberty from a Catholic perspective, help us to pray about particular issues, and provide us with tools to act on what we learn.

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”.