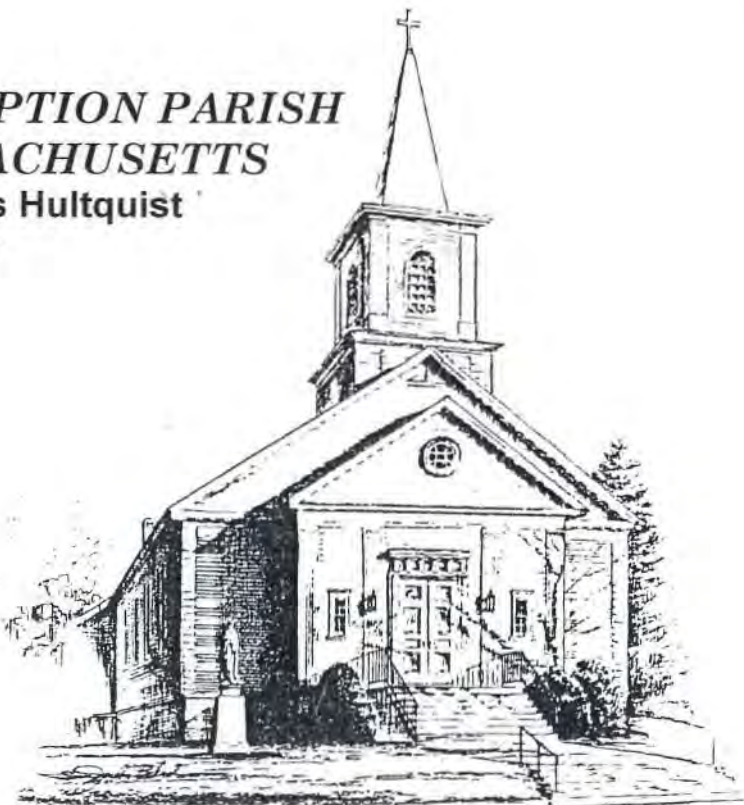


**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
LANCASTER, MASSACHUSETTS**

Father Thomas Hultquist

Pastor

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



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OFFICE HOURS:

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

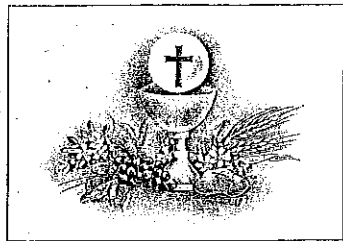
Sunday Bulletin: The deadline is noon of the previous Monday in writing.

February 17, 2019
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
MASS INTENTIONS



Scheduled Liturgies

Sat., Feb. 16,	4:30	Bill Bilow, Sr., by Family
Sun., Feb. 17,	8:00	Charles Cozzens, (25 th Anniv.), by Family
Sun., Feb. 17,	10:30	Norman Belval, (30 th Anniv.), by Family
Mon., Feb. 18,	5:30PM	No Evening Mass
Sat., Feb. 23,	4:30	George B. James, by Family
Sun., Feb. 24,	8:00	Special Intention
Sun., Feb. 24,	10:30	Mark Pianowski, by I.C. Women's Club



AS THE COLD & FLU SEASON is here, the hand shaking of the Peace of Christ will be omitted for the winter season and will resume in the spring.

MASS WILL NOT BE CELEBRATED this Monday, February 18th, due to the observance of the Presidents' Day Holiday.

CCD CLASSES WILL NOT BE HELD this Sunday, February 17th, due to the observance of the Presidents' Day Holiday.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CCD MASS for Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 CCD classes will be celebrated at 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, March 24th for the teachers, students and parents. Please mark this date on your calendar. Parents and family members should be in attendance. All parishioners are welcome.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR GRADE 2 STUDENTS: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Sunday, March 10th at 2:00 PM. The First Communion rehearsal is Saturday, May 4th, at 11:30 AM. The First Communion day is Sunday, May 5th, at the 10:30 AM Mass.

10TH GRADE CLASS INFORMATION: There will be a mandatory Confirmation Preparation Class held on Sunday, February 24th, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, in the Church Hall.

10TH GRADE CONFIRMATION INFORMATION: The regional ceremony for the sacrament of Confirmation will be held at St. John's in Clinton, on Saturday, March 23rd, at 10:00 AM. Please arrive at 9:00 AM and go to the church Hall (downstairs) to get into your gowns. The Rehearsal date is Sunday, March 17th, between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM, at St. John's Church Hall, with sponsors or proxy attending.

A SECOND COLLECTION will be held this weekend for parishioners who do not use envelopes, to support fuel costs and church restoration efforts.

FEBRUARY IS SUBSCRIPTION TIME for the **Catholic Free Press**. For 52 weeks a year, the subscription is only \$39.00. Please use the subscription envelope located at the entrances of the church. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANERS: We are very much in appreciation for all the volunteers who are doing a great job in cleaning both the upstairs (Church) and downstairs (Parish Hall) of the Church building. **If there is anyone still interested in volunteering to clean the church, please let Fr. Tom know at your earliest convenience. 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.

19TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: Men of all ages, including teens and college students, are invited to this important annual Conference, scheduled for Assumption College on Saturday, April 6th. Visit the Conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online and elsewhere. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: **Kevin Dunn, Francesco Casareo, Trent Horn, Father Warren Savage, Mike Aquilina and Eric Mahl.** Bishops and priests will hear confessions. **Bishop McManus** will offer the Conference Mass. For a Conference brochure, further information or registration, call **Sara Smillie** at (508) 929-4345. Adult tickets are \$45.00 until March 25th, afterwards \$60.00. Student tickets are always \$30.00.

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”.