



““*M*aster, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’” - Mt 25:20b-21

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**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
NOVEMBER 19, 2017**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



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Rectory: 3 Fayette Street
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Sacraments

Baptism – On an individual basis by appointment.
Please contact the Rectory Office.

Reconciliation – By appointment

Matrimony – Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

Ministry to the Sick – Please inform the Staff about anyone confined in your home or in a Nursing Home. Communion is brought regularly to the homebound.



Bulletin Deadline: Friday at Noon

Parish Meetings

St. Vincent de Paul: 7:00 p.m. Monday in Rectory

Adult Choir: 2:00 p.m. Tuesday in Church

Religious Education: Sundays, bi-monthly from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon
at Immaculate Conception School

Mass Schedule

Weekends:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Family Mass
11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Weekdays:

Mon. - Fri. 7:30 a.m. (Rectory Chapel)
Saturday 9:00 a.m. (Rectory Chapel)
Mon. – Fri. 12:00 NN (SMMC Chapel)
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Mass and Prayer Group
(Rectory Chapel)

Holydays – As announced

Adoration and Holy Hour

First Wednesday of each month 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 p.m.
Rosary 6:00 p.m. followed by Benediction and Mass

Parish Membership

All new families are welcome to the parish and are encouraged to become actively involved. New parishioners should register at the Rectory as soon as possible.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY November 18

4:00 PM Gilbert Labelle

SUNDAY November 19, 2017 *33rd Sunday in Ordinary T.*

7:30 AM James and Rita Holland
9:00 AM Marie Kirwin, 4th Ann.
James J. Kirwin, Jr. 3rd Ann.
Thomas Owens, 1st Anniversary
11:30 AM MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
5:00 PM Frederick L. Hickey

MONDAY November 20, 2017

7:30 AM Dorothy Kraines

TUESDAY November 21 *The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:30 AM William Kraines

WEDNESDAY November 22 *St. Cecilia, virgin/martyr*

7:30 AM
10:39 AM Christopher Boccuzzi, 1st Ann.
School Mass for Thanksgiving
6:00 PM THANKSGIVING EVE

THURSDAY November 23 THANKSGIVING DAY

7:30 AM For the Parishioners
12:00 NN

FRIDAY November 24 *St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Martyr*

7:30 AM
12:00 NN

SATURDAY November 25 *St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr*

9:00AM Anna Chandler
4:00 PM Paul Stanton, 25th Anniversary

SUNDAY November 26 *OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE*

7:30 AM Collins Family
9:00 AM Virginia C. Creegan
11:30 AM John and Joan Carroll
5:00 PM James P. Flanagan, 10th Ann.
Mory Flanagan

November 11-12, 2017
Weekly Collection: \$6,212.00
Utility/Energy cost: \$3,185.00

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

I remember watching a television show about a high school that dug up a time capsule that students had buried twenty-five years earlier. They had buried it with the purpose of showing others many years later the trends of the day and how student life was at that time. It was a fun exercise and everyone—the current students as well as those now grown—laughed at the clothing styles, corny photos, and lack of technology from years ago.

I wonder how the former students felt about how they had grown in those twenty-five years. How many of them realized their high school dreams? Did they find their purpose in this world and feel fulfilled in life? Did they use the talents and gifts God gave them to really make a difference in the world?

We have all been given talents and gifts by God to be cultivated and offered back to him and those around us for his glory. As time has passed, hopefully we have taken seriously our stewardship of these gifts. But sometimes out of fear, misunderstanding, or even apathy, we have taken one or more of our gifts and buried them, hiding them away from others and stifling all growth. This is no way to honor God and certainly not a path to fulfillment in life. If we have anything buried in our backyard we might do well to dig it back up, clean it up, and begin building upon it. Like a time capsule, those things will not be buried forever. One day the giver of that gift will ask what you have done with it. When that day comes, I pray you don't need to find a shovel.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



School
News

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NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

Wednesday – Nov. 22

**GRADES CLOSE FOR THE
FIRST MARKING PERIOD
School Thanksgiving Mass
10:30 AM
Early Dismissal 11:30 AM
There will be Kids Club from
11:30 to 5:00 PM**

**Students must bring lunch if going to
Kids Club.**

**Thursday – HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY
NO SCHOOL**

Wednesday – Nov. 29

**Advent Prayer Service
7:45 AM in cafeteria**

Thursday – November 30

**BANKING
Grade 8 visit Lowell High
9:30 to 11:30 AM**



**Immaculate Conception Church
Religious Education Calendar
2017-2018**

**Sunday Mornings 10:00-12 Noon at
Immaculate Conception School**

November 23rd HAPPY THANKSGIVING

December 10 Class #7
December 17 Class #8 MERRY CHRISTMAS

*****Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
Friday, December 22nd 4:00 pm Upper Church
*****December 24th Christmas Eve 4:00 pm
Pageant Mass Upper Church

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE ARE THE
SCHEDULED DATES FOR THE YEAR.
The * indicates classes that will be held two Sundays
in a row due to vacations and holidays.
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**MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED
AT 7:30 AM
on the 3rd, 10th and 17th of the month
of December
for all those whose names were written
on the All Souls envelopes on November 2nd.**

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL
OUR ARMED FORCES**

Lance CPL James Bakanosky U.S. Marines AFGHANISTAN
 Sgt. James R. Boudreau U.S. Army Newport, RI
 Lance CPL Michael P Crowley U.S. Marines-AFGHANISTAN
 Corp. James Farley U.S. Marines Special Forces Mideast
 Gunnery Sgt. Michael G. Hill U.S. Marines Fuji, Japan
 1st Lt. Jeremy LaBranche U.S. Army...Fort Carson, CO
 SPC Pieter Lobscher U.S. Army AFGHANISTAN
 AST 3 Michael Linehan U.S. Coast Guard
 Captain Ryan McKinley.....Air Force MIDDLE EAST
 Master Sgt. Nicholas Owens USAF MacDill AFB FL
 Staff Sgt. John J. Rogers U.S. Army Fort Bliss, TX*-

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MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

The Men of St. Joseph

**Immaculate in Collaborative
meet on the fourth Saturday of every month.**

**Each monthly meeting includes prayer,
faith-building fellowship, and food.**

SAVE THE DATE

November 25, 2017

in Immaculate Conception's Upper Church

All Men are invited,

even if you're not in our collaborative.

Guest speakers:

Deacons Stephen Papik/Carlos DaSousa

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St. William's Parish Christmas Fair

1351 Main St. – Tewksbury.

Saturday, December 2, 2017

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A great day for everyone!

www.stwilliam'sfair.com



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHRISTMAS FAIR
SUNDAY - DECEMBER 3, 2017 –8am to 1 pm**

More details to come next weekend.

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**Brother Richard Cote, O.M.I. will be leading a trip
to the Christmas Lights at La Salette Shrine in
Attleboro, MA.**

Thursday, November 30 from 12:30 to 8 PM

**Concert with Fr. Pat dependent on
a minimum of 25 participants.**

Register by calling 978-337-4287.

Deadline is Nov. 16., 2017/

**Bring a lunch or eat in the Shrine Cafeteria
dress warmly**

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Adult Choir Practices

Tuesday evening 7:45 PM

Duration of practice: 45 minutes

For the Saturday 4 PM and/or Sunday 9 AM

All are invited and welcomed.

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A Special Advent LIFT Worship Night

**Join LIFT Ministries on Friday, December 1st from
7-10pm**

**for a special advent night of worship at
Immaculate Conception Church in Malden, MA
with national speaker Dave VanVickle and
Cardinal Sean O'Malley.**

**The night will include uplifting music,
a relevant talk, confessions, Eucharistic Adoration,
and is FREE to attend and open to ALL AGES.
A downloadable flyer, along with more information
about LIFT,**

can be found on their website at

www.liftedhigher.com.

**What better way to enter into
Advent and prepare for Emmanuel - God with us!**



150th

Celebration

Immaculate Conception Parish

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Immaculate Conception HIGH SCHOOL

1922-1936

Article found in the Lowell Sun

November 15, 1987

**Written by Arlene Redmond and
Pauline Fitzpatrick**

(Arlene Redmond, retired director of the Lowell Welfare Department and Pauline Fitzpatrick, retired Medical technician from Tewksbury State Hospital and St. John's Hospital, graduated from Immaculate Conception High School, Class of 1927.)

One of the finest high schools to grace the city of Lowell was to survive only 15 years, but the young women who had the opportunity to study at Immaculate Conception High School during that short span of time received an excellent education and gained many wonderful experiences which can never be taken away from them.

It was in 1922 that the Very Rev. Lawrence F. Tighe, OMI pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, determined that there should be a free high school for the girls of the parish. Non-members of the parish would be allowed to attend for a tuition of \$50 per year.

Father Tighe openly espoused the view that women would, in coming years, be forced upon the public platform to defend or explain the views they held on different issues continually arising in politics.

He personally emphasize the importance of oral English and proper decorum on the part of young ladies during their formative years.

All religious feast days were observed, with student-organized receptions held for the church pastor and teaching staff. Spring proms were usually held at Nashua Country Club, with the girls allowed to invite boys of their choosing.

Unlike some parochial schools, ICHS students were taught to be broad-minded and interrelate with youth of other denominations. We did get a heavy diet of Catholic Church history taught by Oblate priests.

Mass was celebrated in Latin

during the years the school operated.

In 1925, Rev. John J. Donnelly, who currently resides at the Oblate Novitiate in Tewksbury was added to the faculty as professor of church history. Lay teachers included Ethylnd and Naomi Gilooly, who instructed physical education and dancing.

As years went on, the staff grew to approximately 12 nuns and lay teachers for special subjects, such as art and music By 1929-30, the student population had grown to 150, with a waiting list.

A monthly newsletter, THE ICHS ECHO, was produced entirely by students, who served as editors, business staff, news reporters, humor writers and art contributors. Articles on desirable habits for young woman were commonplace. Single copies sold for 10cents, big money in those days....

Perpetual full and partial scholarships were established through the generosity of area businessmen, which allowed for a number of ICHS students to attend D'Youville College in Buffalo, NY

After Father Tighe's passing in 1929, A visionary Rev. Denis A. Sullivan, OMI Became pastor.

He had high ambitions for ICHS, and following travels abroad, urged faculty and students to emulate the achievements of girls' high schools in France and Switzerland.

The Great Depression, however, was to have its effects on the future of ICHS. It was only a matter of time before William Cardinal O'Connell of the Boston Archdiocese ordered the school dissolved, feeling that a free high school wasn't feasible.

The Class of 1936 was to be the last graduating body at Immaculate Conception High School, With underclassmen transferring to schools of their choice the following year. I was a sad day for those of us who had profited from the school's teachings.

MORE TO COME NEXT WEEK.