

# CHRIST THE King

*Blessed is he  
who comes in the name  
of the Lord.*



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**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS  
NOVEMBER 26, 2017**

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



144 East Merrimack Street  
Lowell, Massachusetts 01852

Rectory: 3 Fayette Street  
Tel: 978-458-1474 ✦ Fax: 978-446-0790  
Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday

### Pastoral Staff

Rev. Nicholas A. Sannella, Pastor

Rev. Kenneth Healey, SM, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Raju Muringayil, O. Praem, Assisting Priest  
Bro. James Lucas, OMI, Ministry to the Sick  
Deacon Stephen M. Papik  
Sister Irene Martineau, SASV, Secretary & Bulletin Editor  
Ms. Claire Couillard  
Pastoral Associate  
Director of Religious Education Gr. 1-10

Catherine Fiorino, School Principal  
School Tel: 978-454-5339  
School Fax: 978-454-6593



### 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 25

4:00 PM Paul Stanton, 25<sup>th</sup> 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, 10<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
Mory Flanagan

**MONDAY** November 27, 2017

7:30 AM

**TUESDAY** November 28, 2017

7:30 AM

**WEDNESDAY** November 29, 2017

7:30 AM Robert J. McLaughlin

**THURSDAY** November 30, 2017 *St. Andrew, Apostle*

7:30 AM James A. Creegan  
12:00 NN

**FRIDAY** December 1, 2017

7:30 AM McKenzie/Wisniewski Families  
12:00 NN Special Intention

**SATURDAY** December 2, 2017

9:00 AM Frances A. Keegan  
4:00 PM Couillard/Legare Families

**SUNDAY** December 3 First Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Names of Deceased on All Souls  
Envelopes  
9:00 AM John T., Patrick R., Kyle R. Gavin  
11:30 AM Robert and Rose Bordeleau  
5:00 PM William S. Taupier, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ann.

November 18-19, 2017  
  
To be announced  
next weekend

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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

One day when I was walking the city streets  
where I was giving a series of talks,  
I saw what appeared to be an older woman hunched  
over with a sign asking for help.  
At first I passed her, on my way to visit the local  
drugstore  
. But then I came back around when I realized that I had  
not been very mindful upon first seeing her.  
I didn't have much cash to give her,  
but as I always tell everyone else in my talks,  
oftentimes what people need more than cash is someone  
to at least acknowledge them.  
I reached into my pocket to give her what little I had  
and I simply said,  
"Hello. I hope you are okay and I hope you can use this."  
When her face turned toward me I saw she was probably  
only about sixteen years of age  
and she was very beautiful.  
She smiled immediately and said how much  
this meant to her.  
She gathered up her few belongings and  
I watched her walk to a café for a meal.  
I turned to walk back to my lodging and I thought to  
myself, "She could have been my daughter."  
That's when the still, small voice spoke to me saying,  
"Don't you understand? That was your daughter!"  
Who is your daughter or son, your mother or father?  
Who is your neighbor?  
Better yet, in whom do you see Jesus?  
A young homeless girl on the street can take on so many  
forms: stranger, neighbor, daughter, and Jesus.  
Unless we are mindful of those in our midst,  
we miss the chance to see any of them.  
We must never be fooled by appearance.  
That day I almost missed seeing my Lord.

-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**

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

\*\*\*\*\*Christmas Pageant Rehearsal  
Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:00 pm Upper Church  
\*\*\*\*\*December 24<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of the month  
of December  
for all those whose names were written  
on the All Souls envelopes on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

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



**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  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jeremy LaBranche U.S. Army...Fort Carson, CO  
SPC Pieter Lobscher U.S. Army AFGHANISTAN  
AST 3 Michael Linehan U.S. Coast Guard  
A/C Emily McPhillips Air Force  
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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**ADVENT GIVING TREE FOR BIRTHRIGHT**

Every year our parish sponsors an  
Advent Giving Tree for Birthright

It is heartwarming to see the generosity of our parishioners who contribute to this worthy cause.

Your participation again this year will help  
The most vulnerable in our society.

New Baby Items are what we are looking for  
To donate. Thank you in advance for your unselfishness.

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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](http://www.stwilliam'sfair.com)

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

More details to come next weekend.

**TOY DONATIONS**

We are looking for toy donations for our  
**CHRISTMAS FAIR.**

Anything you can do would be appreciated.

All donations should be brought into the  
School office by Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

or the school cafeteria no later

than Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

between 9 am and 1 pm

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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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](http://www.liftedhigher.com).

What better way to enter into

Advent and prepare for Emmanuel - God with us!



## A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

MERRIMACK COLLEGE  
Rogers Center for the Arts  
315 Turnpike Street  
North Andover 01845  
Monday, December 4 at 7:30 PM

A centuriesold tradition. Lessons and Carols is a hearatwarming journey that leads you through centuries of prophecy, culminating in the birth of Christ. This traditional program blends the lyricism of spoken sacred texts with the joy of live choral music from time-honored hymns and carols of the season for all to reflect upon and enjoy. As we journey through the quiet of Advent towards the Feast of Christmas. Lessons and Carols is a poignant way to pause and mark this important time of the year.

Free and open to the public.  
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## SAN DAMIANO COMMUNITY

**Come and Share in Contemplative Eucharist  
At San Damiano House of Prayer, Lowell,  
During the Advent season:  
Be Still and Know that I am God.**

You are invited to join us as we pray the liturgy contemplatively with fewer words, leaving more space for silence and stillness. Together we will celebrate our waiting for God to be born in our midst as we open our hearts to the deep truth that God is already in our midst.

WHEN: Wed. Dec. 6, 13, and 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM  
PLACE: 333 Pawtucket St. Lowell  
PRESIDER: Fr. Noman Comtois, OMI  
OFFERING: Free will offering  
CONTACT: Sr. Linda Greenwodd, OSF  
978-441-0988

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## 150<sup>th</sup>

## Celebration

### Immaculate Conception Parish

## HOW IT ALL BEGAN

### Music at the Immaculate Conception Parish

Music has been a part of the liturgy and celebration at the Immaculate Conception Parish since the cornerstone was laid in 1871, and John F. McEvay directed the male choir. Soon afterward, Mr. P. Haggerty became choir director and remained so for at least 7years. In 1877, Mr. J.G. Lennan was the organist, indicating that a wonderful organ had been purchased to enhance the musical tribute to Our Lord. Many different groups and people have provided music for liturgical functions through the years. Vespers and Sunday Benediction were part of the parish liturgy for many years, and Mrs. Delia Walker (organist for 15 years 1923-1938) and Mrs. Beatrice Deignan both led groups who provided the music for these services. In 1942, Lillian Sullivan took over as organist, and Fr Flanagan led the choir, succeeded by Edward Teague. The Senior Choir was directed by Eileen Donahue, with Francis Mack as accompanist. Jean Cull and Sheila Loguidice have also serves as organists Various children’s singing groups have been featured over the years. Sisters Thomasina and Margaret Ann directed the school youngsters during their time at the Immaculate Singing at the family Mass at that time was led by Bob LaViolette and his SING PRAISE CHOIR. Ralph Funaro became our organist in 1975, and the strains of his stately cadences add much solemnity to our parish celebrations. Martha Krieger continues to lead the senior and children’s choir since 1994.

**MORE TO COME NEXT WEEK.**