

VETERANS DAY

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HONOR.

RESPECT.



*IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
NOVEMBER 5, 2017*

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



**144 East Merrimack Street
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**Rectory: 3 Fayette Street
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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
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Bro. James Lucas, OMI, Ministry to the Sick
Deacon Stephen M. Papik
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Ms. Claire Couillard
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Director of Religious Education Gr. 1-10

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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



FIRST SATURDAY November 4 *St. Charles Borromeo.*
4:00 PM Barbara Stinebiser, 5th Ann.

SUNDAY November 5, 2017 *Thirty first Sun. in Ord. T.*
7:30 AM Reilly/Harris Families
9:00 AM Dennis M. Devlin, Jr. 21st Ann.
Dennis Devlin, 4th Ann.
11:30 AM Robert and Ovide Couillard,
Birthday Memorial
5:00 PM Albert Santamaria, 15th Ann.

MONDAY November 6, 2017
7:30 AM Ricky Oakes, 15th Anniversary

TUESDAY November 7, 2017
7:30 AM John M. Kenney

WEDNESDAY November 8, 2017
7:30 AM Thomas/Lillian Kenney

THURSDAY November 9, 2017
7:30 AM Thomas H. Kenney
12:00 NN

FIRST FRIDAY November 10
7:30 AM Francis/Alice Vesey
12:00 NN

FIRST SATURDAY November 11
9:00AM Sidney McKenzie, Bday Memorial
4:00 PM O'Heir, Gallagher, Lannan, Van
Greenby

SUNDAY November 12, 2017 *32nd Sunday in Ordinary T.*
7:30 AM Lorraine Panagopoulos
9:00 AM Bertha M. Curran
11:30 AM Esther L. Gath, 2nd Anniversary
5:00 PM Claire Bukowiec, 1st Anniversary
Stanley Bukowiec, 23rd Ann.

October 28-29, 2017

Weekly Collection: \$6,376.00
Building Fund:\$3,943.00

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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
November 5, 2017 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For they preach but they do not practice."
The scribes and Pharisees may be the ones
Jesus was speaking about in today's Gospel,
but we must be careful not to dismiss his words
when it comes to our own actions.
Jesus offered a difficult challenge to those honor-seekers
that we must also heed when he said,
"The greatest among you must be your servant."
This is not the way the world usually works.
Generally speaking, the idea of being a servant is
considered inferior to being someone who has risen to
high levels of leadership or status.
But Jesus wants people in positions of authority to
selflessly serve those over whom they have influence.
And he insists that the leaders who establish laws, rules,
and guidelines do not excuse themselves from following
their own directives!
"Practice what you preach," as the saying goes.
Whether or not we have extensive public influence,
almost all of us at certain points are in a position to
exercise leadership--with our children and families
, with classmates, coworkers, neighbors, friends, and
sometimes strangers.
When these moments arise,
we are called to step into this role without being
hypocrites.
It's important to be sure we don't issue unrealistic
demands on others that we ourselves would find it
burdensome or even impossible to fulfill.
This requires the virtue of humility.
Instead of reveling in the authority we may have at any
given moment, instead of creating
"heavy burdens hard to carry and lay[ing] them on
people's shoulders,"
we need to be ready and willing to walk a mile in their
shoes, and lead accordingly.
And Jesus tells us clearly that this servant leadership
will be rewarded, for
"whoever humbles himself will be exalted."



School
News

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OCTOBER SCHEDULE

Monday, the 30th
Robin Hood Theater
Production 12:30

Tuesday, the 31st
Happy Halloween –
Classes will notify you of their plans

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

Wednesday, the 1st
ALL SAINTS DAY
Holy Day of Obligation
9:30 MASS

Thursday, the 2nd
ALL SOULS DAY
Banking Day
Palace Theater – gr. 2 field trip
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The Immaculate Conception School
Invites **MILITARY VETERANS** to come to the
School, on Monday, Nov. 6, to attend a
Veterans' Day Tribute and musical concert
performed by grades 5 through 8.
Refreshments will be served.



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

Sunday Mornings 10:00-12 Noon at I. C. School

*November 5 Class #5
November 19 Class #6
 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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150th PREPARATORY MEETING

On Thursday, November 16, 2017
at 7: 00-8:00 PM

in the rectory conference room
we will hold our 3rd meeting to prepare
the 150th Anniversary of our Parish.

For all who are interested
in joining this committee, please attend.
We wish to make this 2018 year a very special
celebratory year for Immaculate Conception.
Your presence, interest, suggestions and
enthusiasm will surely add to what has
already taken place in the last two meetings.

