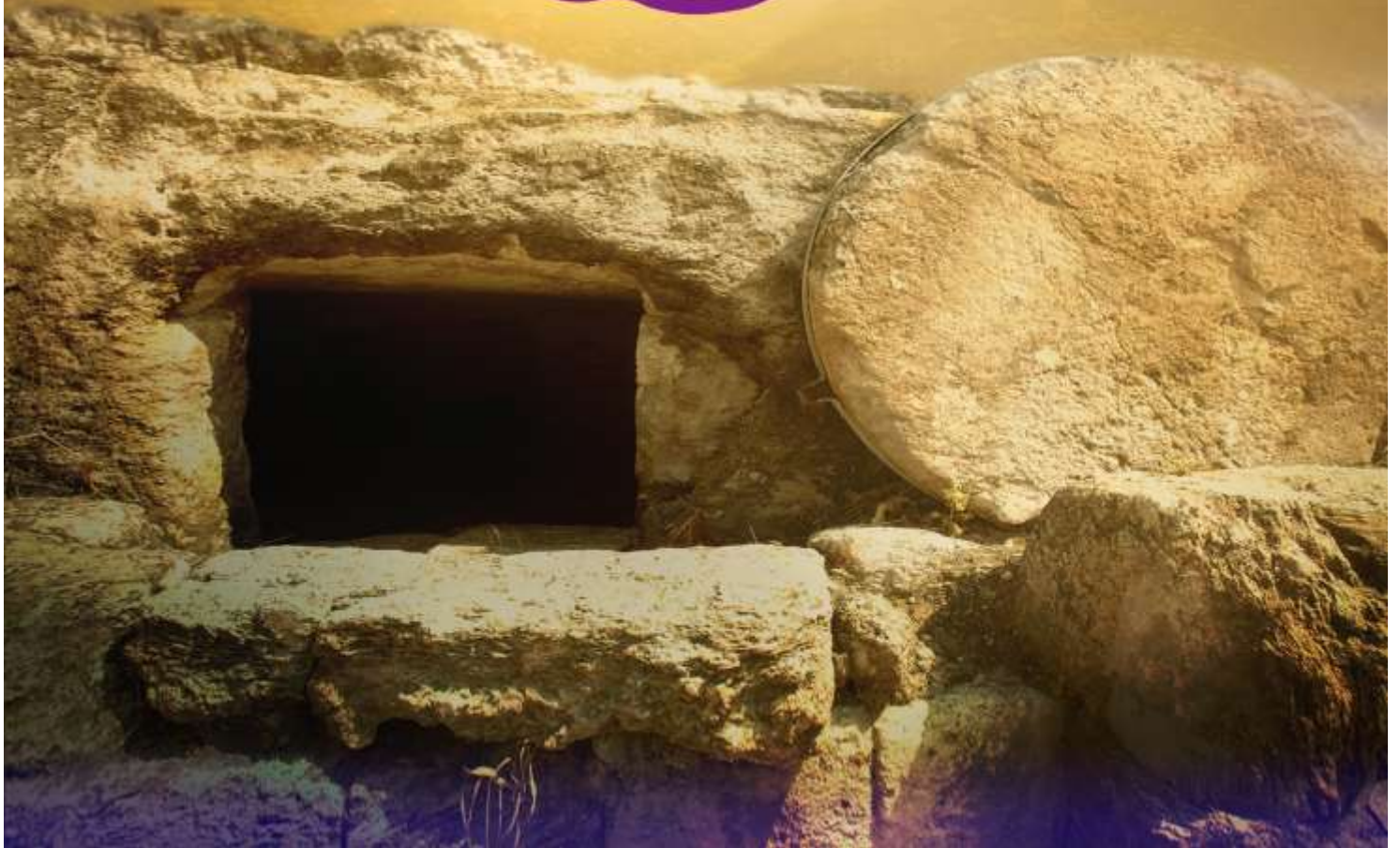


EASTER SUNDAY

the
Resurrection
of the
Lord



*IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
APRIL 1, 2018*

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



144 East Merrimack Street
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Rectory: 3 Fayette Street
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Office Hours: 8:00 to 3:00, Mon.-Thurs. 8 to 12 Noon-Fri.

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
Deacon Carlos Desousa
Sister Irene Martineau, SASV, Secretary & Bulletin Editor
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Pastoral Associate
Director of Religious Education Gr. 1-10

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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.



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 Intentions



March 31, 2018 HOLY SATURDAY
7:00 PM EASTER VIGIL

April 1, 2018 EASTER SUNDAY
OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
7:30 AM For the Parishioners
9:00 AM For the Parishioners
11:30 AM For the Parishioners
NO 5 PM MASS

Monday, April 2, 2018
7:30 AM Mary J. Flanagan

Tuesday, April 3, 2018
7:30 AM Gerald St. Peter

Wednesday, April 4, 2018
7:30 AM

Thursday, April 5, 2018
7:30 AM John J. MacLaughlan, Jr., 1st A.
9:00 AM School Mass
12 :00 NN John J. MacLaughlan, 1st Ann.

First Friday, April 6, 2018
7:30 AM McKenzie/Wisniewski Families
12:00 NN

First Saturday, April 7, 2018
9:00 AM Fr. Laurier J. Martineau, 8th Ann.
4:00 PM Ruth Ellen Ciccarelli, 3rd Ann.

Sunday, April 8, 2018 Sunday of Divine Mercy
7:30 AM For the Parishioners
9:00 AM Edward J. Farley, 3rd Ann.
11:30 AM Edward Cawley, 1st Anniversary

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March 24-25, 2018
Results in next week's
bulletin

EASTER SUNDAY
OF
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
When I was younger and growing up in Alexandria, VA,
I remember one year it actually snowed on Easter.
It was crazy to see it that late in the year.
We got up and dressed in our best spring clothes
so we could venture into the snow
on our way to Easter Mass.
I remember thinking that the day
did not feel much like Easter.
It was hard to really get into the mood of God making
all things new on a day so cold and full of flurries.
If I am honest, I think we rushed home after Mass
just so we could get on warm pajamas and
just watch TV for the rest of the day,
snuggled up on the couch with blankets.
It might as well have been a Sunday in January.

This year the odds are against it snowing on Easter
where I live here in North Carolina.
However, for far too many it might as well snow.
To them, Easter has nothing to do
with the Resurrection of Jesus Christ,
new life, or anything of the sort.
It is just another Sunday.
Some of them don't care and never think of Jesus or
God on any Sunday of the year.
But for others, it will not feel like Easter
because they have been forgotten.
On this day they will sit at home,
just like they sit every single day of their lives.
They might be poor, elderly, disabled, or simply alone.
On this day, there is no resurrection celebration because
they have no real experience of the joy of life.

This is where good Stewards can make a difference. In
the midst of buying candy and decorating eggs for
baskets and buying new clothes to wear to Easter Mass,
find someone who needs to experience
the power of Easter.
Don't tell them Jesus rose from them, but show them.
Instead of the cold of isolation, bring to them
the warmth of new life.



School News

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APRIL SCHEDULE

April 2 - MONDAY
SPRING PICTURES
FOR THOSE WHO WANT THEM
Dress up if you are having your picture done.

April 5 – THURSDAY
MASS at 9 AM

April 8 to April 11

SUNDAY to WEDNESDAY

NEASC ACCREDITATION

April 12 – THURSDAY
Banking

April 13 – FRIDAY
PROGRESS Reports Issued

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

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

*****April 7 First Communion Retreat Gr. 2 students

May 6 First Communion Grade 2 Students

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EASTER WORD SEARCH

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**Our 150th Anniversary event
for the month of April
is less than a month away.**

**ROB SURETTE
The Amazing Hero Artist
has shared his talents
even with the Pope.**

**Set aside Sunday, April 8, 2018
at 2:00 PM to 3:15 PM**

**You will not regret this experience.
Art, music and spiritual reflections
all woven into one presentation.**

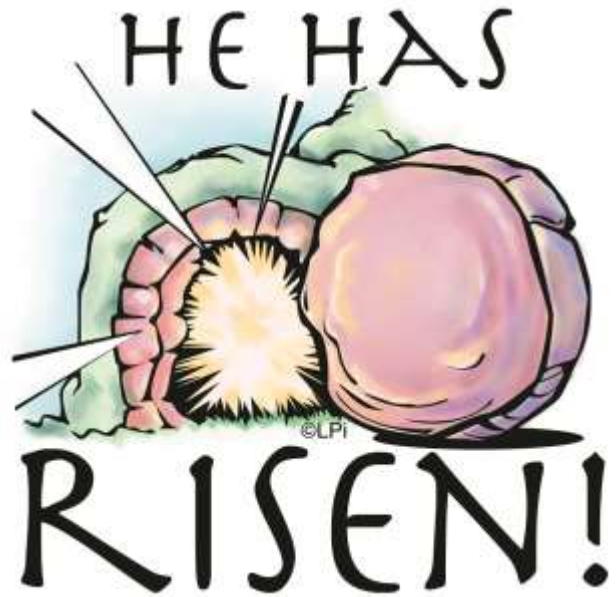
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TAX REPORT

**For those of you who use regular weekly
offertery envelopes for your statement of parish
contributions, please call the Office
978-458-1474 between 9 and 3.**

**When you call be ready to give your envelope
number, full name and street address.
The report will be sent to you ASAP.**



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AN EASTER PROCLAMATION

**The hosts of heaven exult and sing aloud
in mighty triumph!**

**Let the earth be glad as glory alights and
night reigns no more.**

**Let the Church rejoice at the victory of her Lord
and Master,**

**Who paid the debt of Adam,
Who frees those doomed to die,
Who heals the broken-hearted and
binds up their wounds,
Who forgives the sinner and raises up the lowly,
Who destroys death forever,
Whose Kingdom shall have no end.**

**God our Father, eternal is your love for us!
Christ the Son, in victory you reign!
Holy Spirit, set the Easter fire ablaze in our hearts.
Together you live and reign and
ransom your people,
one God forever and ever.**

Amen.

HAPPY EASTER TO ONE AND ALL!



Congratulations to the ICS Varsity
Cheerleaders for winning the

2018 Cheer Championship

THREE CHEERS

Gretchen Breau- Coach

Kaylin Abate, Madys on Bertrand,

Aryana Blake, Madys on Blodgett,

Meghan Bohenko, Madeline Breau,

Madison Butler, Lyvia Camacho.

Julia Canario, Grace Carroll, Kennedy Daly,
Skyler Descoteaux, Hailey Dins more,

Hope Dinsmore, Shannon Dunn,

Tara Duvilaire, Reese Geary, Madeline Golden,
Riley Houth, Mia Laurent, Ella McAnespie,
Kathryn Rzepala, Chloe Smith, Abilalee Torres
and Ashley Valente

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Coed Bowling

Dorothy Distler- Coach

Sean Carroll, Nicole Coven and Sara Boucher



Boys Varsity Basketball

(boys play off game is this Saturday at 7:30 at
UMass Lowell) 19-1

GOOD LUCK, BOYS

Tom King- Coach

Joseph Bazemore, James Bohenko,
Kevin Butler, Evan Finn, Kiernan Foyle,
Colin King, Sean King, Tommy King,
Antonio Martins, Sean McNamara,
Francisco Melendez, Evan Mendonca,
Christian Rainone, Blake Ramos and
Will Rizos

Girls Varsity Basketball

(Girls made it to the second round
and lost last night) GOOD TRY!

Matthew Shepard- Coach

Alyssa Camacho, Kiley Conlon, Victoria Farley,
Sarah-Cate Isaak, Marissa MacPherson,
Shaelyn McDowell, Soleina McDowell,

Casey Mitchell, Maya Petterson and

Anaiyah Rivera