



5<sup>th</sup>

# SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - Jn 15:5

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS  
APRIL 29, 2018



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



**144 East Merrimack 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  
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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

Saturday, April 28, 2018

4:00 PM Michael H. Gavin

Sunday, April 29, 2018 Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM For the Parishioners

9:00 AM For the Parishioners

11:30 AM Pauline Ralls, 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

5:00 PM For the Parishioners

Monday, April 30, 2018 *St. Pius V., Pope*

7:30 AM David Harris

Tuesday, May 1, 2018 St. Joseph the Worker

7:30 AM

Wednesday, May 2, 2018 *St. Athanasius, Bishop  
Doctor of the Church*

7:30 AM

Thursday, May 3, 2018 *St. Philip and James, Apostles*

7:30 AM William Murray, Bday Memorial

12 :00 NN

First Friday, May 4, 2018

7:30 AM McKenzie/Wisniewski Families

12:00 NN

First Saturday, May 5, 2018

9:00 AM Frances A. Keegan

4:00 PM Roger and Denise Nangle

Sunday, April 29, 2018 Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Paul Pouliot, Sr., 9<sup>th</sup> Ann.

9:00 AM FIRST COMMUNION

11:30 AM FIRST COMMUNION

5:00 PM Gerald/Catherine Talty

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April 21-22, 2018

Weekly Collection: \$5,112.00

Building Fund: \$3,025.00



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

When I was a teenager,  
 I had an experience that truly changed my life and  
 helped me to give Jesus all of myself.  
 I had been baptized Catholic and always had faith,  
 but it took a specific event to really shake me out of the  
 comfort of my life and set me on a path devoted to God.  
 I didn't get knocked off a horse  
 or find an open tomb,  
 but for me it was powerful enough  
 to make a huge impact.  
 Testimonies of how people came to live  
 as intentional disciples have great power.  
 Often the stories do not include  
 singular events or people;  
 instead they speak of a gradual unfolding of faith.  
 It is often the culmination of several events  
 and the work of more than one person  
 that brings a person to the point of real decision.  
 Living as good stewards,  
 we can help move people forward  
 in their journey with God.  
 Giving of ourselves freely can move  
 human hearts like few other forces.  
 God working through us can bring others  
 to see that simply saying that Jesus is the Savior of the  
 world does not mean we live our lives differently.  
 It takes more thought and reflection on our part  
 to move past words  
 to intentional acts with intentional results.  
 I don't know if all those involved in that event  
 when I was a teenager knew what an effect  
 their good stewardship would have on me,  
 but I am so thankful they provided a way  
 for God to touch me.  
 I have spent my entire life trying to pay them back  
 by allowing God to touch others through me.  
 Just what person might God touch through you today?

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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**CONGRATULATIONS,  
SISTER CHARLENE FAVREAU**

The Archdiocese of Boston Catholic Schools Office, with support from the Catholic Schools Foundation, Announced the recipients for the prestigious Archdiocese of Boston Excellence in Education Award.

Five elementary school teachers and five secondary school teachers were selected as the first ever recipients of the award.

The recipients will receive \$1,500 and be honored at a luncheon in May with Cardinal Sean O'Malley and Superintendent of the Archdiocese of Boston Catholic Schools KATHY MEARS.

Our very own, Sister Catherine Favreau is one of the 10 recipients of the 2017-18 Archdiocese of Boston Excellent in Education Award Recipient.

**SINCERE FELICITATIONS!**

“This year’s award winners represent extraordinary teachers who go above and beyond every day to educate our students. They are committed to developing saints and scholars,” said Kathy Mears.

“These awards shine a bright light on the incredible work happening in our schools. On behalf of the Catholic Schools Office and the Catholic Schools Foundation, we applaud ‘Sister Charlene’ for ‘her’ initiative, innovation and commitment.”



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

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

**\*\*\*\*April 28 First Communion Retreat  
Gr. 2 students**

**May 6 First Communion  
Grade 2 Students**

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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 April 28, 2018  
7:30 AM to 9:30 AM  
in Immaculate Conception’s Upper Church**





**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
- SN Michael Gendron, USCG, McMurdo Station, Antarctica
- 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\*

**NATIONAL GUARDS**

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**BOOK SALE**

The Friends of the Pollard Memorial Library are looking for donations of your books and other media for our annual book sale. Donations may be dropped off on the ground floor of the library (Use the entrance near the firehouse.) starting Saturday, April 28 and every Saturday forward through June 16, from 10am - 1pm, or email [volunteer@friendsofpml.org](mailto:volunteer@friendsofpml.org) to arrange a special drop-off or pickup time.

Please no videocassette tapes or magazines.

The sale will take place at the Pollard Memorial Library, ground floor meeting room, June 21 to Saturday, June 23, 2018.  
**SALE HOURS:** June 21: 5-7pm, book sale preview - members only;  
 7-9pm - general public. June 22: 10am-5pm - general public;  
 June 23: 9am-2pm - general public.



**ADORATION**

**May 2, 2018**

8:00AM to 6:00PM

3:00PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

6:00PM Rosary, Benediction & Mass

**Rectory Chapel – 3 Fayette Street**

We thank all those who have been faithfully covering their assigned hour.

We do appreciate your commitment and dedication.

Please remember if you cannot make your hour you need to call a volunteer

If you are able to commit to one of the above times, or would like to be a volunteer, please call the Rectory to submit your name.

At this time, the 3 to 4 slot could use an additional volunteer.

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**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

We invite you to attend on the

**First Saturday of each month**

a **Marian Devotion** which will consist of

15 decades of the Rosary

and other prayers to honor Our Lady.

It will be held at Holy Trinity Church

340 High Street, Lowell, MA

at 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

We hope you will consider joining us.

For further information please call

978-454-4395 (Anna or Ted)

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**OUR LADY OF FATIMA  
ON THE FIRST SATURDAY  
OF EACH MONTH**

After the 9 AM Mass, please join us to recite the rosary and reflect on the mystery for 15 minutes at the IC Chapel.



**150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
GOLF TOURNAMENT AND BANQUET**

**Dear Parishioners,**

**HAPPY SPRING TO ALL!**

**Yes, we are having our Annual Fund raiser  
the 14<sup>th</sup> Immaculate Conception Golf Tournament  
and Annual Parish Social  
which will be held on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>  
and we are once again appealing to our generous  
parishioners and school parents  
to help make this year's fundraiser  
our most successful so far!**

**We are asking for donations of bottles of wine  
with a value of \$16 or higher for one of our  
silent auction raffles.**

**This raffle was very successful and we're looking to top  
the money we brought in last year!**

**Bottles may be dropped off at the Rectory  
or at the rear of the church on Sundays.**

**Please indicate the price on the bottle.**

**Also, the wine bottle could be your contribution  
to our parish and school.**

**Since there is no Red Sox ticket raffle this year,  
we are hoping that you will support this fund raiser  
by attending the Banquet.**

**Tickets are \$50.00 and may be purchased  
at the rectory office between 7 AM and 2 PM  
Monday through Friday**

**or after Masses on the weekends in the sacristy  
beginning May 5 and 6 or at the  
hall door the night of the banquet.**

**Thank you again for your continued generosity and  
support of our church and school.**

**Father Nick and the Golf Committee**

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**Easter Season: Contemplative Eucharist**



*I said to the almond tree: speak to me  
of God and the almond tree  
blossomed*

.(Nikos Kazantzakis)

Easter season is the time to celebrate the radiance of  
Christ and the signs of new life. During this Easter  
season, you are invited to join the San Damiano  
Community as we pray the liturgy contemplatively with  
fewer words, leaving more space for silence and  
stillness. Together we will reflect on how Earth and the  
resurrection stories of Mary Magdalene, Thomas, and  
the disciples of Emmaus are calling us to notice the  
gifts of new life all around us.

**Please join us during this Easter season on the  
following Wednesday evenings:**

- **May: 2, 9, 16**
- **Presider: Fr. Norman Comtois, OMI**
- **Time: 7pm**
  - **Place: San Damiano House of Prayer, 333 Pawtucket Street, Lowell**
- **Offering: Free-will offering**

**Please contact Sr. Linda Greenwood at 978-  
441-0988 or [Igosf@netzero.net](mailto:Igosf@netzero.net) if you are  
interested in attending**

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