

LUKE 22:19  
"DO THIS  
IN MEMORY  
OF ME."



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**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**  
**LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS**  
***MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST SUNDAY***  
***JUNE 3, 2018***

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



144 East Merrimack Street  
Lowell, Massachusetts 01852

Rectory: 3 Fayette Street  
Tel: 978-458-1474 ❖ Fax: 978-446-0790  
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  
Ms. Claire Couillard  
Pastoral Associate  
Director of Religious Education Gr. 1-10

Catherine Fiorino, School Principal  
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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



First Saturday, June 2, 2018

4:00 PM Blanche Mullin, 9<sup>th</sup> Ann.

Sunday, June 3, 2018 MOST HOLY BODY/BLOOD OF CHRIST

7:30 AM Edward Hogan, 39<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
9:00 AM Kathryn A. Gillette  
11:30 AM Jose M. Valadao, Anniversary  
5:00 PM Peter C. Sweeney

Monday, June 4, 2018

7:30 AM McKenzie/Wisniewski Families  
12:00 PM Blanche/James Keefe

Tuesday, June 5, 2018 *St. Boniface, Bishop/Martyr*

7:30 AM Peter P. Rogers, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Wednesday, June 6, 2018 *St. Norbert, Bishop*

7:30 AM

Thursday, June 7, 2018

7:30 AM Marilyn McKenzie, Birthday  
12:00 NN

Friday, June 8, MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

7:30 AM Eleanor Dwyer Barrett  
12:00 NN

Saturday, June 9, 2018 THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:00 AM Living /Deceased Members of Women's Guild  
4:00 PM BLUE MASS

Sunday, June 10, 2018 Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Janet Sweeney  
9:00 AM Charles Purtell, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
11:30 AM Robert T. Harrington, 1<sup>st</sup> Ann.  
5:00 PM For the Parishioners

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May 26-27, 2018  
Collections to be announced next week.

## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

What else is there to give when one has already given away their body and their life?  
What more can one say or do to demonstrate love for another when all they have has been given to another?  
This total giving of self to loved ones cannot be trumped by flowery words or material gifts that are fleeting.  
This is the ultimate in love.  
This is the love Jesus had for us on the way to his passion, at the institution of the Holy Eucharist.  
This is the love he has for us daily in the celebration of the Mass on altars in every church, in every city, in every nation on earth.  
No one can give more.  
No one can ask for more.  
This is the true heart of Christian stewardship.  
If you take the time to gaze upon your God in the simplest of forms and begin to reflect on what has actually taken place with bread and wine becoming the presence of the Divine, then you can begin to understand true humility, sacrifice, and love.  
And when you have the privilege to take that Real Presence into your body at the meal where you are an honored guest, you become one with the one who is the embodiment of stewardship.  
Then, you must ask the question of yourself, "How can I even begin to reflect the love that I have encountered at this feast?"  
The answer is  
you can begin with the simple actions of the day:  
where will you go,  
whom will you meet,  
and in what work will you partake?  
Jesus Christ has shown that the greatest gift ever given can be disguised in this world in a piece of bread.  
By joining your body to his, he can now transform human hearts, not by grand acts but by everyday acts, by everyday people, practicing Everyday Stewardship.  
-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



## CONGRATULATIONS FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Madeline Akashian  
Joseph Arinello  
Dylan Bergeron  
Aydan Bilodeau  
Leah Blodgett  
Chloe Broyles  
Miles Broyles  
Connor Burke  
Brody Callahan  
Stephen Camara  
Mateo Carvalho  
Cole Courtemanche  
Evan Crowley  
Olivia Crowley  
Jack Darcy  
Nathan Dos Santos  
Gabriella Dubey  
Elijah Ethem  
Sydney Faria  
Karolina Farnum  
Sophia Faticanti  
Anna Flood  
Teagan Galvagni  
Delaney Graham  
Griffin Graham  
Rory Hanscom  
Giana Ippolito  
Dayanara Lasa  
Hayley Llewellyn  
Joseph Maniscalco

Liam McDonald  
Zoey McDonough  
Aidan McGuinness  
Thomas McKiernan  
Bridget McLaughlin  
Madeline McQuaid  
Mia McVicar  
Brady Meads  
Joshua Morrissette  
Victor Nguyen  
Bronwyn Paquette  
Riley Peirce  
Keilani Peralta  
Sophia Picardi  
Jaselle Rodriguez  
Jayda Rodriguez  
Joseph Ryan  
Jillian Sandler  
Bianca Serra  
Areanna Silva  
Samuel Sodre  
Peighton Southworth  
Catelyn Steen  
Robert Sullivan  
Reed Swiderski  
Callie Teixeira  
Sydney Tighe  
Maura Tobin  
Aidan Waddell  
Zavier Zeidan



### BLUE MASS – JUNE 9, 2018

The Bishop Delany Assembly of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a BLUE MASS on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 4 PM at Immaculate Conception Church in Lowell. Bishop Hennessey will be the main celebrant at the Mass, which recognizes the dedication and self-sacrifice of the Lowell and surrounding Towns' Police, Fire, Corrections, and EMT Personnel.

Blessings will be bestowed upon all who contribute to the public safety and health, and prayers will be offered for those who have given their lives in the line of duty.

All are welcome to attend this celebratory event.

A Blessing of vehicles and a small collation will follow the Blue Mass at the nearby Church School.

For more info contact Paul J. Rigazio at 978-256-4664

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### The Office of Health Care Ministry

is sponsoring a two day workshop on Pastoral Care to the Sick and Homebound at St. Patrick in Lawrence, MA.

The workshop is Saturdays, June 2 and 9, 2018 from 9 AM to 3 PM

Timothy Duff, a certified chaplain will be the instructor.

This workshop serves as a wonderful intro for volunteers new to ministry to the sick, as well as a way to deepen the skills and spiritual foundation of more experienced Pastoral Visitors and Eucharistic Ministers engaged in visiting the sick at home or in nursing homes.

If you do not already have a ministry to the sick and homebound program, this workshop would be a great opportunity to initiate this important ministry in your parish.

The cost is \$40 per person.

Pre-registration deadline is May 30.

We need a minimum number of registrants to sponsor the class, therefore, we must ask for pre-registration.

Registration forms are at the Rectory Office  
3 Fayette Street, Lowell, MA

**MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST SUNDAY**



**ADORATION**

**June 6, 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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**SAVE the DATE!**

**MSGR. Anthony Frontiero will be speaking at St. Patrick's Parish in Pelham on Saturday, June 16, at 10:00 am.**

**His topic will be:**

**MAN, WOMAN, and the PILL: 50 YEARS AFTER HUMANA E VITAE**

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**Father John Hogan is hosting a week-long tour to MYRTLE BEACH**

**September 16-22, 2018**

**The entire trip will cost \$820.00**

**Even if you wish a private room (if available)**

**If interested please call**

**Fr. Hogan at 978-851-7331.**

**Please register by June 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**Packages includes**

**6 nights lodging, including overnights**

**6 Breakfasts and 4 Dinners**

**3 Fabulous Shows at the**

**ALABAMA THEATRE "The Carolina Opry"**

**Special guided tour of the historic area of Charlestown or Georgetown, SC**

**Barefoot Landing – Souvenir gift**

**Visit to Broadway At the Beach**

**Luggage handling in Myrtle Beach**

**All taxes and meal gratuities**

**Motor coach transportation**

**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, U.S. Coast Guard
- Gunnery Sgt. Michael G. Hill U.S. Marines, Camp Lejeune, NC
- 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**

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**The Church Ladies' Bulletin**

**The sermon this morning:**

**'Jesus Walks on the Water.'**

**The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'**

# LOVE THE WORLD RETREAT



St. Kathryn Parish in Hudson, NH presents a very special 2-day event, a Love the Word™ Retreat, featuring Sonja Corbitt, the Bible Study Evangelist in her only upcoming Northeast appearance on Friday, September 21, 2018, beginning at 7:00 PM and on Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Join us for what promises to be a fulfilling and uplifting retreat – all men, women, and couples invited to attend. You’ll laugh, you’ll cry, and through her dynamic and powerful speaking,

Sonja will ignite your Faith through four inspiring talks. Throughout the two days, you’ll encounter Christ through music, Eucharistic Adoration, confession, prayer, and the unique and inspiring way Sonja brings the Scriptures to life with lively study followed by breaks for quiet reflection using her own Love the Word™ technique. Her talks will be on Heroes of the Bible on Friday, and on Saturday, her talks will be on her book Ignite, her latest Series the Fruits of the Spirit, and a devotion to Eucharistic Adoration and the Third Order Carmelites. \$25 Saturday Admission Price. Please call 603-882-7793 or visit [stkathryns.org](http://stkathryns.org) for further details and to purchase tickets.

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## Worldwide Marriage Encounter!

Allow Jesus to be Lord of your marriage relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend is Jun 9-10, 2018 in Medway, MA.

For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

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### MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

The Men of St. Joseph in the Greater Lowell area meet on the second Saturday of every month. Each monthly meeting includes prayer, food, and faith-building fellowship.

Our next meeting is:

Saturday, 9 June 2018 from 7 - 9:00 a.m.

**St. Marguerite D’Youville Parish.**

St. Therese Church, 1340 Lakeview Ave. Dracut MA 01826

Speaker: Rick Talty

Biblical St. Joseph

## Franco-American Day Committee of Lowell

### **Lowell’s Franco-American Festival Week begins Sunday, June 18!**

Brush up on your French, and get ready to pray, party, meet old friends and acquaintances, and *mange bien* when Lowell’s Franco-American Festival Week begins with a 10:00 am French Mass on Sunday, June 17 at St. Mary Magdalen Church in Tyngsboro, *followed by a free pancake breakfast downstairs in the church hall.*

**Spaghetti Supper MONDAY, June 18** at St. Mary Magdalen Parish Hall 4:30-6:30 pm. (Adults, \$9; seniors, \$8; children, \$4; family plan, \$30). Basket raffle will take place during the evening.

**French Canadian documentary film: “Un Reve Americain”** at the Lowell National Historical Park Visitors Center, 246 Market St. at 6:30 PM. **TUESDAY, June 19.** The film lasts 92 minutes and features English subtitles. On-street parking free after 6 PM. Free movie.

**Paint Along with French Canadian Artist Claire Gagnon** at St. Marguerite d’Youville Church Hall, 1340 Lakeview Ave. Dracut, MA 6:30 to 8:30 PM. The cost is \$20.00 but **you must pre-register** by calling Claire Gagnon 1-617-901-3873. If you register at the door, the cost is \$25.00. LIMIT OF 20 PEOPLE. Supplies provided

Enjoy a **Ham and Bean Supper** accompanied by pork pie at St. Mary Magdalen, Tyngsboro on **THURSDAY, June 21** anytime from 4:30-6:30 pm. (Adults, \$9; seniors, \$8; children, \$4; family plan, \$30)

- Play **Bingo in French** at Ste. Marguerite D’Youville in Dracut on **FRIDAY** night, **June 22** from 6:30-8:30 pm.

**SATURDAY, June 23**, A *free performance* of crowd pleasing, foot-stomping music by **La Famille LeBlanc** that evening from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Lowell Senior Center, 276 Broadway St

**St. Jean Baptiste Vespers Service at St. Joseph Cemetery Chapel, SUNDAY, June 24, at 4 PM** following a special honoring of Fr. Andre Garin, OMI with a gravesite memorial service in thanksgiving for the founding of St. Joseph’s Shrine, Immaculate Conception Parish/Lowell and St. Andrew in Billerica.