

EASTER SUNDAY

He is risen



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
APRIL 21, 2019

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



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Rectory: 3 Fayette Street
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Pastoral Staff

Rev. Nicholas A. Sannella, Pastor

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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

EASTER SUNDAY



April 20, 2019 **HOLY SATURDAY**
 7:00 PM **EASTER VIGIL**

Sunday, April 21, 2019 **EASTER SUNDAY of the**
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:30 AM For the Parishioners
 9:00 AM For the Parishioners
 EGG HUNT AFTER MASS
 11:30 AM For the Parishioners
 5:00 PM NO MASS

Monday, April 22, 2019
 7:30 AM Matthew/Mary Staniewicz

Tuesday, April 23, 2019
 7:30 AM Virginia C. Creegan

Wednesday, April 24, 2019
 7:30 AM Fr. John Savage, OMI, 16th Ann.

Thursday, April 25, 2019
 7:30 AM

Friday, April 26, 2019
 7:30 AM Francis X. /Elizabeth Dwyer Barrett

Saturday, April 27, 2019
 9:00 AM
 4:00 PM John E. Levicki, 1st Anniversary

Sunday, April 28, 2019 **Divine Mercy Sunday**
 7:30 AM Kenny Silva/Michelle Silva
 9:00 AM Deceased Members of Creegan F.
 11:30 AM Ted Szczechura, 90th Birthday
 5:00 PM

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April 6-7, 2019
 Weekly Collection: \$5,629.00
 Building Fund: \$3,447.00

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
 April 21, 2019

Can you imagine that moment?
 Can you imagine the stomach drop with dizzying realization: "It's all true. All of it is true!
 The past three years weren't a dream that ended horribly wrong."
 Can you imagine all the doubts and despair of the past days chased away like smoke on the wind by a rolled up burial cloth? By an empty tomb?

It didn't start that way, of course.
 "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."
 This frantic news from Mary Magdalene would have been another unexpected blow. After all that happened, now his body has been stolen? The love and devotion in Peter and John is apparent. They don't wait to collect more information or stop by the tomb when they have a chance . They run to the site.
 When is the last time you ran for something?
 This isn't a run for exercise, but a huffing and puffing bolt fueled by desperation. Can you imagine that moment?
 The fear pounding in their temples, matching their accelerated heart rate. Can you imagine the impatient affection of John, who outruns Peter but refuses to enter the tomb alone? And then, upon entry, "He saw and believed."

This is the drama of our great feast!
 The promise that seemed lost has been found. The dead are raised.
 Long before the Easter eggs and ham, we are invited to meditate on this divine reality . We are invited to feel the desperation and joy of that first Easter Sunday deep in our bones. Because it is not just Mary's story. It's not Peter and John's story. It's our story.
 From the greatest defeat can come the most awe-inspiring victory, and this is true not just for our God, but for each one of us. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



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The Immaculate Conception School APRIL SCHEDULE

April 25

Banking

Cap & Gown Pictures – Grade 8

April 26

Ecumenical League Award Banquet
at Lenzi's

Come celebrate

Teachers, Coach and Student Athlete of the Year

Mrs. Connor,

Mrs. Dalimonte,

Mr. King

Gabriella DiSalvo

April 28

First Communion

Mass – 11:30 AM

April 29 AND ON

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR 2018-2019

Classes meet at the Immaculate Conception School
On the Sunday mornings scheduled below and are
subject to change for inclement weather days...
Classes begin at 10:00 AM and end at 12 Noon.

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION Grade 2

*****April 28 @ 11:30 AM
Immaculate Conception School

*****May 5 @ 11:30 AM
Immaculate Conception
Religious Education Program

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EASTER WORD SEARCH

H	K	B	U	N	O	J	V	P	S	F	B	Z	B	M	
J	J	W	G	H	Q	G	U	S	G	U	U	O	W	Y	BASKET
R	E	S	U	R	R	E	C	T	I	O	N	M	M	V	BONNET
D	V	L	G	U	Z	R	L	O	F	N	N	D	U	F	BUNNY
I	Y	U	L	G	P	C	B	D	E	V	Y	Y	A	D	CANDY
F	J	G	Q	Y	E	M	M	T	K	E	D	O	Q	Y	DINNER
C	Q	R	M	B	B	T	A	J	M	E	P	T	T	M	EGGS
H	Q	S	E	K	S	E	L	K	D	D	P	K	B	M	EASTER
W	W	E	X	T	F	Z	A	A	A	H	A	C	Z	S	JELLYBEANS
G	E	I	Q	B	S	S	R	N	I	R	A	C	U	E	JESUS
F	Q	L	Y	A	O	A	Y	B	S	N	A	R	V		LAMB
O	R	I	A	S	P	W	E	Y	D	L	N	J	N	M	LILIES
G	B	L	L	K	I	C	I	Y	S	U	S	E	J	G	PARADE
B	O	F	R	E	N	N	I	D	D	Z	G	A	Q	B	RESURRECTION
P	Z	E	C	T	Q	J	U	S	P	R	I	N	G	M	SPRING
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St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul is an organization
that provides person to person services
to the needy in our parish.
We are currently seeking new members.
If you are interested in joining or would like
more information, please call the rectory
at 978-458-1474
and leave a message for SVDP
or speak to Richard Sweeney at one of the
week end Masses.



PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL
OUR ARMED FORCES

Lance CPL James Bakanosky U.S. Marines AFGHANISTAN
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Gunnery Sgt. Michael G. Hill U.S. Marines, Camp Lejeune, NC
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SPC Pieter Lobscher U.S. Army AFGHANISTAN
AST 3 Michael Linehan U.S. Coast Guard
A/C Emily McPhillips Air Force
Master Sgt. Nicholas Owens USAF MacDill AFB
Platoon Sgt. John J. Rogers U.S. Army Korea

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TRIP TO ROME



Father Sannella will be in Rome and will hopefully be celebrating Mass at the Vatican June 25 or 26, 2019. If you are interested in attending this Mass, please contact Father at the rectory 978-458-1474.

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EASTER SUNDAY EGG HUNT
AFTER 9 AM MASS ONLY

La Salette Retreat Center

947 Park Street, Attleboro, MA 02703
Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Dedicated to Divine Mercy: A Day with St. Faustina

Presenter: Joy Jennings

You are invited to celebrate

the life of St. Faustina Kowalksa, the humble Polish nun to whom the "Divine Mercy" devotion was entrusted.

Come savor the graces, and learn how the **Feast of Divine Mercy** became a tradition to celebrate on the Sunday after Easter.

We will examine St. Faustina as a young woman, the influences on her spiritual formation, and the extraordinary visions which gave rise to her fervor and determination to make this "vibrant feast of the faithful" so well-known in our time.

This Day of Recollection will prepare for the **Feast of Divine Mercy** on Sunday, April 28th.

9:15 AM – 4:00 PM

(Registration begins at 8:30 AM

Lunch and Mass included in the program.

Suggested Donation: \$45 per person

Call 508-222-8530 to register.

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This Easter, in churches all over the world, people will be fully initiated in the Catholic Church. Those who have come from another Christian denomination have already begun their journey with Jesus Christ. But for those who are baptized at the Easter Vigil, a new reality has come to pass. Each newly baptized man, woman, and child have become new creations in Jesus Christ. They have died and risen with the one who rose on the third day and whose empty tomb we celebrate every Easter. Easter Sunday morning, they awake after many months of RCIA and all have the same question before them: "Now what?"

When one finds themselves having journeyed through various thresholds of conversion and now they bear the name of Christian, the time comes to chart the course of life as a disciple. Stewardship is that course of life. How one lives out their life from now on is the life of stewardship. The less one understands true stewardship and the value of their gifts and talents to the Body of Christ, the harder the journey.

Those of us who were baptized many years ago can easily fall into a false sense of comfort. We forget that sense of excitement those coming into the Church experience at the Easter Vigil.

However, the story of that empty tomb reminds us of the power behind our baptism. Today, we, too, are called to discipleship and a stewardship way of life. Jesus continues to provide the answer to our, "Now what?"

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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(continued from last week's bulletin)

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