



17<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." - Lk 11:9

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*IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS  
JULY 28, 2019*

# 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  
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  
School Tel: 978-454-5339  
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Parish Website: [www.iclowell.org](http://www.iclowell.org)

## 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



Saturday, July 27, 2019

4:00 PM Patricia A. Mahoney, 4<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
Thomas J. Welch, 23<sup>rd</sup> Ann.

Sunday, July 28, 2019 *17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 AM Francis Gorges, M.M. Mass  
9:00 AM  
11:30 AM  
5:00 PM

Monday, July 29, 2019 *Saint Martha*

7:30 AM

Tuesday, July 30, 2019 *St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

7:30 AM Mary Morrill, Mass of Healing

Wednesday, July 31, 2019 *St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*

7:30 AM

Thursday, August 1, 2019 *St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

7:30 AM Mary Morrill, Mass of Healing  
12:00 NN

First Friday, August 2, 2019 *St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest*

7:30 AM McKenzie/Wisniewski Families  
12:00 NN

First Saturday, August 3, 2019

9:00 AM Frances A. Keegan  
4:00 PM Dr. Joseph Sweeney, 56<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
Helen (Callahan) Sweeney, 49<sup>th</sup> A

Sunday, August 4, 2019 *18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 AM  
9:00 AM Louise Paquette  
11:30 AM Marguerite Farley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann.  
5:00 PM

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July-20-21, 2019

Collection results will be in next week's bulletin.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 28, 2019 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Are you guilty of spiritual stockpiling?  
Spiritual stockpiling isn't an endless rotation of rosaries and novenas.  
It's accumulating emotional "goods" to meet your needs. Perhaps it's a collection of material objects you treasure. Maybe it's a preoccupation with money.  
It could also be relationships, making sure there's always enough friends and connections to never really feel alone.  
It's our tendency to let things add up so that we won't quite need God to fulfill our inner life.  
Yet in this Sunday's Gospel, we have that inescapable petition from the Our Father. "Give us each day our daily bread."  
This life isn't an immediate arrival. And as much as we might try to shore up possessions and pleasures, we know the journey is unpredictable.  
Give us this day our daily bread implies enough for the next set of steps, but not enough to stockpile.  
So here's the big question: Do we trust God to give us what we need?  
After all, "What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish?... how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"  
At the Last Supper, Jesus said he would never leave us orphaned. God will not abandon us. And surely He wouldn't ask us to pray for what He does not intend to give. Of course, sometimes our prayers for daily help can seem to go unanswered. Today's Gospel has advice for that, too. "I tell you... he will give up to him whatever he needs because of his persistence."  
Our spiritual stockpiling increases our self-reliance and decreases our openness to God's possibilities.  
Be persistent in your pursuit of God!  
Trust that He will keep His promises to provide for us, today and always.



# Immaculate Conception School

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## The Immaculate Conception School

**Seats are filling up fast.  
 The Immaculate Conception School  
 is now taking applications  
 for the 2019-2020 school year.  
 If you are looking for an excellent  
 spiritual and academic foundation  
 for your child,  
 call the Immaculate Conception School  
 at 978-454-5339  
 to set up a tour.  
 There are a few seats left in our full day  
 PK 3 year old,  
 4 year programs and  
 Kindergarten programs.**

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### SUMMER TUTORING

Spelling Skills/Reading Skills/Math Skills/

Organizational Skills

Help with summer work

\$210 for a Six Week Session

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Six-week Session – choice of

Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday

at various times

week of June 24, July 8, 15, 22, 29 and August 12

If interested please e-mail

[mrslawton@iclowell.com](mailto:mrslawton@iclowell.com)

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### Summer Tutor available:

Certified teacher available to tutor this summer.

Grades K through Grade 5.

All subjects. Sessions held at a library.

Flexible schedule. 45 dollars per hour.

Call Julie Chachus if interested at 781 856 6833.

## 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.

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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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### CHOIR PRACTICE

New Members are welcome.  
 We sing at the 9 AM Sunday Mass.  
 Please join us at our new time for  
 Choir practice.  
**TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 7:00 PM**  
**in Immaculate Conception Church sanctuary**

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**Do not ask the Lord to guide your footsteps  
if you're not willing to move your feet.**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL  
OUR ARMED FORCES**

Lance CPL James Bakanosky U.S. Marines AFGHANISTAN  
 Sgt. James R. Boudreau U.S. Army Newport, RI  
 Capt. Christopher Buck, U.S. Army Clarksville, TN  
 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  
 A1C Emily McPhillips Air Force  
 Master Sgt. Nicholas Owens USAF MacDill AFB  
 Staff Sgt. John J. Rogers U.S. Army Fort Bliss, Texas

**NATIONAL GUARDS**

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**ONE-DAY RETREAT FOR  
GRIEVING PARENTS**

Saturday, September 14, 2019

Saint John the Evangelist Old Parish Hall  
115 Middlesex Road

North Chelmsford, MA 01879

TIME: 9:00 AM TO 6:30 PM

Spiritual Support For Grieving Parents  
Who have experienced the Death of a Child  
No Matter The Age or Reason

For more information or registration contact:

[phasset99@gmail.com](mailto:phasset99@gmail.com)

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**New at MERRIMACK COLLEGE**

Earn a Master's Degree in **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**

- Spirituality (M.A)
- Spiritual Direction (M.A.)
- Spiritual Direction (Certificate)
- Interfaith Spirituality (Certificate)

Acquire the knowledge and ministerial experience needed to enhance the spiritual journeys of others and meet the changing needs of the spiritual community.

**LEARN MORE:** [Merrimack.edu/pilot](http://Merrimack.edu/pilot)

This new program is a year old and has several members in the first cohort. They have enjoyed learning at Merrimack College. The classes have been excellent and enjoyable. The first cohort is anxiously awaiting their next class. If you know someone who might be interested in this program, please let them know personally.



On June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Father Sannella celebrated Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, at the Vatican City in Rome Msgr. Francis Kelly, a Canon at St. Peter's, and former rector at Pope St. John XXIII Seminary concelebrated with his former seminarian. The location of the Mass was at the Chapel of the Choir at the altar of the Immaculate Conception.

It is also known as the Chapel of the Canons. Many parishioners and friends were in attendance and gathered for this blessed pilgrimage

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**WELCOME TO ALL**

**WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED IN OUR CHURCH**

**From March 17, 2019 to May 19, 2019**

- Margaret Estella Pirrotta
- Madison Martell-Vega
- Lola Louise Cheney
- Owen Broday Cheney
- Sadie Claire Hoey
- Paige Elizabeth Parkhurst
- Conor Aris Karas
- Caleb Michael Hannigan
- Catherine Louise Giliberti
- Lucia Teresa Robaina
- Vivian Mary Farley
- Natalie Anne Zipps
- Daniella Sofia Huertas
- Andrew John DiBenedetto
- Ethan John Carroll
- Greyson Joseph Espinola
- Jayvian Joel Frias
- Julian Eugene Desir
- Eve Francis Boisvert
- Summer Elizabeth Paulina Boyle



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.

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La Salette Retreat Center

947 Park Street, Attleboro, MA 02703  
Saturday, August 3, 2019

*Introduction to the Spiritual Exercises  
Of St. Ignatius of Loyola in Daily Life*

Presenters: Fr. Flavio Gillio & Joy Jennings

You do not have to go on a retreat and leave your "real world" to experience the classic 30-day Ignatian Retreat. This experience may be yours regardless of your age, work or stage of life. The Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life are an acknowledged tool to reconnect with Jesus of Nazareth and with yourself and become more Christ-like in your daily life. 9:15 am to 4 pm (Registration begins at 8:30 am) Lunch and Mass included in the program. Suggested Donation: \$45 a person

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Doors open at 8 AM, day ends at 6 PM  
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HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Deacon John Hunt invites you to join him on a TEN DAY PILGRIMAGE throughout the Holy Land on September 8 to 17, 2019.

This is a wonderful opportunity to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and experience scripture as it comes alive, while you visit the holy sites in Israel.

If you are interested please call Deacon John Hunt at Saint Francis Parish, 978-452-6611 or via e-mail at [deacon@saintfrancis.net](mailto:deacon@saintfrancis.net)

For more information you can check the trip website at

[www.pilgrimages.com/denhunt](http://www.pilgrimages.com/denhunt)

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Deacon Steve of Holy Trinity Church in Lowell

is sponsoring a 12 day/10 night trip

to Poland in the fall,

from September 23 to October 4, 2019.

The tour visits Warsaw, Sopot, Gdynis, Gdansk, Torun, Wroclaw,

Wadowice (home of St. John Paul II) Krakow, Auschwitz, Zakopane, and, of course, Czestochowas, home of the Black Madonna.

For more info, contact Deacon Steve at

978-459-2873 or at [papik1@comcast.net](mailto:papik1@comcast.net)

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SHRINES OF NORTHERN ITALY AND ROME

Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY, to Northern Italy and Rome on this 9 night experience. September 19-27, 2019. Your included destinations while on this Journey are: Milan, Italy, Turin, Pavia, Sirmione, Padua, Pomposa, Ravenna – Rome, Italy. Plus, Mass and Rosary will be offered throughout your journey.

Land prices begin at \$589 per person, based on double occupancy. Deposits of only \$400 per person will reserve your space. Space is VERY LIMITED. For further info or to register, Contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785 or

[Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com](mailto:Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com)