



18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] said to the crowd, “Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.” - Lk 12:15

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*IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
AUGUST 4, 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
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Pastoral Associate
Director of Religious Education Gr. 1-10

Catherine Fiorino, School Principal
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School Fax: 978-454-6593
Parish Website: 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, August 3, 2019

4:00 PM Dr. Joseph Sweeney, 56th Ann.
Helen (Callahan) Sweeney, 49th A

Sunday, August 4, 2019 *18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 AM Catherine/Henry Brooks
9:00 AM Louise Paquette
11:30 AM Marguerite Farley, 2nd Ann.
5:00 PM

Monday, August 5, 2019 *Dedication of Basilica Of Mary Major*

7:30 AM

Tuesday, August 6, 2019 *The Transfiguration of the Lord*

7:30 AM Mary Morrill, Mass of Healing

Wednesday, August 7, 2019 *St. Sixtus II, Pope/Martyr*

7:30 AM

Thursday, August 8, 2019 *St. Dominic, Priest*

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

Friday, August 9, 2019 *St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*

(Edith Stein) Virgin and Martyr

7:30 AM Simonne B. Gauthier
12:00 NN Helen Buczek, 95th Birthday

Saturday, August 10, 2019

9:00 AM Special Intention
4:00 PM Bertha M. Curran, 39th Ann.

Sunday, August 11, 2019 *19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 AM John T. /Mary F. Gorman
9:00 AM
11:30 AM Craig Maxfield, 1st Anniversary
5:00 PM Deceased Members of Chandler/
Sweeney Families

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July-20-21, 2019

Weekly Collection: \$4,818.00
Building Fund: \$2,545.00

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 4, 2019 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The cake is frosted, the guests have arrived,
and the gifts are piled high.

One by one, the packages are opened,
and one by one, the child reaches for another.

Who among us hasn't seen a child who appears
crestfallen when the gifts run out?

Even the abundance isn't quite enough.

Today's Gospel tackles a key question in the spiritual life
- grateful or greedy?

"There was a rich man whose land produced
a bountiful harvest."

We all recognize the need to be practical.

Raising a family,
there's need to save for all sorts of things beyond normal

day-to-day costs - medical bills, family vacations,
private school, rainy day funds, retirement.

Jesus doesn't critique the rich man for simply
having an abundant harvest.

It's his mentality.

Does the rich man sell off the extra
to make the needed repairs to the back fence or

to invest in some additional livestock

to grow the business?

Perhaps donate some of the excess to the poor?

No."You have so many good things stored up
for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!"

The man wants to hoard and indulge
with no concern for others.

Jesus doesn't condemn prudent saving or
owning necessary items.

He calls us to purify our attitudes.

"Guard against all greed... one's life does not consist of
possessions." We are called to be good stewards.

This means being practical.

It also means remaining open to God's invitation with
our resources. Are we tithing to our parish?

Do we give alms to the poor?

Does our weekly entertainment far outstrip what we
offer to others?

Life is not about "stor[ing] up treasure for [our]selves."

The more we grow in gratitude and generosity,
the more we become "rich in what matters to God."



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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

Orton Gillingham certified

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

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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.



ADORATION

August 7, 2019

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.

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Feast of Our Lady of Beauraing

The annual Celebration of Our lady of Beauraing will be held on the

Feast of the Queenship of Mary

Thursday, August 22, 2019

St. Mary Magdalen Church, 93 Lakeview Ave., Tyngsboro

6:30PM

A special rendition of the Luminous Mysteries will be recited in
church followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

A 30 minute skit on the Apparitions of Our Lady of Beauraing, which
took place in Belgium between 1932-1933, will be given by a group of
children who will be taking the parts of the five seers who witnessed

the 33 apparitions of the Queen of the Golden Heart.

For more information contact

Irene Tremblay at 978-649-1813.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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Our book club is reading a best seller: THE BIBLE!



**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
1st 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

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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

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New at MERRIMACK COLLEGE

Earn a Master's Degree in SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

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- Spiritual Direction (Certificate)
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meet the changing needs of the spiritual community.**

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**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 25th, 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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 **BAPTISM**

WELCOME TO ALL

WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED IN OUR CHURCH

From May 19, 2019 July 14, 2019

Shawn Michael Melusky
William Jerry Saab
Kieran Thomas Saab
Aidan Nangle Sheehan
Charles Robert Druckman
Jackson Paul Malcuit
Andrew William Crowell
Owen Michael Beaudry
Aurora Trinidad
Simon Henry Ballard
Easton Michael Cailler
Brendan Charles Carroll
Ryan William Florence
Arthur William Tobin



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 10, 2019

**One of Three Workshops on Scripture/Well-being
“At the Feet of the Master”**

Presenters Fr. Flavio Gillio & Dr. Sally Riconscente
A Christ-centered way of living promotes a fulfilling life. With Scripture, Spirituality/Psychology, we will pursue a Journey of human development and spiritual enrichment. This is a three-part series. You can choose 1 or all.

ALSO

Workshop on Grateful Living

This one-day workshop will cover the following themes:

- 1-Whiners and Worshipers
 - 2-Transforming Our Journeys into a Lived Thank You
 - 3- Looking ahead: Practical Wisdom for Everyday Living
- 10:00 am to 4 pm (Registration begins at 9:30 am)

Lunch and Mass included in the program.

Suggested Donation: \$45 a person

The dates for the other two workshops in the series are September 28th and October 20th

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Group pricing available

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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

For more information you can check the trip website at

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

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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