



# 29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” - Lk 18:8

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS  
OCTOBER 20, 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  
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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





# Immaculate Conception School

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH Religious Education Calendar 2019-2020

Classes meet at the Immaculate Conception School  
on the Sunday mornings scheduled below  
and are subject to change for inclement weather days...  
The \* indicates Sundays that are two in a row.  
Due to this year's scheduling with school events  
there are a few months with two in a row.

### Classes begin at 10am and end at 12 NOON.

October 27	Class 4
November 3	Class 5
November 17	Class 6
*November 24	Class 7
December 15	Class 8
January 5	Class 9
*January 12	Class 10
February 2	Class 11

#### FIRST PENANCE PARENT MEETING

Sunday, February 9 at 6:30 PM School Cafeteria

*February 9	Class 12
March 1	Class 13

#### FIRST PENANCE March 14 at 10 AM in Church

March 15	Class 14
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#### FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

Sunday, March 15 at 6:30 PM School Cafeteria

March 29	Class 15
*April 5	Class 16

#### FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT-Grade 2

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM to 2:00 PM

#### May 3<sup>rd</sup> IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

#### FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION

Please contact Claire Couillard at 978-458-1474 X21  
for any questions.

#### Our Religious Education Program

is in dire need of teachers.

Please call Claire Couillard.

## The Immaculate Conception School 2019-2020



### HOLIDAY PIES AND SERVICE PROJECT

#### The Graduating Class of I.C.S. 2020

Fall has officially begun and when you think of family meals a fresh baked pie usually accompanies it. Thanks to the generosity of the Melendez Family, we will once again have fresh pies available just before Thanksgiving!

This fundraiser is really two-fold: a portion of the proceeds go towards this year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip, the remainder is donated to the Senior Citizens of Andover.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls will be personally delivering any pies purchased for donation on Wednesday, November 27 to the fire stations, police stations and hospitals of Lowell.

If possible, please consider helping in our endeavors. Thank you for your ongoing support!

#### Pie Choices:

Pumpkin Pie	\$14.00
Ready-to-eat Blueberry Pie	\$16.00
Prebake Pecan Pie	\$16.00
Old Fashioned Ready-to-eat Apple Pie	\$16.00
Corn Bread	\$13.00

Please make check payable to IC Class Trip  
Pies will be ready for pick up on Tuesday,  
November 26, 2019 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM

**All orders must be place by November 14, 2019**



**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

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**A Parishioner's Request**  
**St. Jude's Novena**

**May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved  
and preserved throughout the world now and forever.**

**Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us.**

**St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us.**

**St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us.**

**Say this prayer nine times a day.**

**By the eighth day, your prayers will be answered.**

**It has never been known to fail.**

**Publication must be promised.**

**Look to the Son, you will see no shadow.**

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**Join Catholic Charities**  
**Merrimack Valley**

as we reflect and recognize our  
History during our Centennial Celebration  
Wednesday, October 23, 2019  
at the Tewksbury Country Club.

For more information visit

[www.ccab.org](http://www.ccab.org)

or e-mail: [CCMV\\_2019Eventccab.org](mailto:CCMV_2019Eventccab.org)

or call 978-452-1421.

**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**

**October 26, 2019**

**beginning with the Rosary -**

**7:30 AM to 9:30 AM**

**in Immaculate Conception's Upper Church**

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**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE**

**for children lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, or**  
**in early childhood.**

**DATE: November 2, 2019 (Saturday)**

**TIME: 9:30 am**

**PLACE: St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St.**  
**Andover, MA**

If you have lost a baby through miscarriage,  
stillbirth, or in early childhood  
you may feel a very deep loss  
which few others seem to understand.

The St. Augustine community prays for you and  
invites you to our annual Mass of Remembrance.

On Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, please join us  
to honor your child (or children) and heal from  
the tremendous loss of their death.

Whether this is your first time attending  
or you have attended before,  
we welcome with love and open arms.



**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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**FAUSTINA: LOVE AND MERCY**

*Film* playing at the

Burlington AMC Cinema \$12.75

Showing ONLY October 28 at 7 PM  
at the AMC Burlington Cinema .

It could be found at other AMC Cinemas all across

Tickets can be bought on line

@FANDANGO.COM

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- Joan M. Barrett
  - Maureen A. Barter
  - Eleana Brennan
  - Marylou Carota
  - Elizabeth Cassella
  - Maureen A. Cohen
  - Mrs. Ann Craven
  - John and Jeannine Dunn
  - Mary E. Eyres
  - Mr. & Mrs. Edward Jump
  - The Graffeo Family (Jeannie)
  - Jeannine & Claude LaRoche
  - Betty Luz
  - James F. and Mary Ann McMahan
  - Mary P. McOsker
  - Frances A. and Robert W. Moore
  - S. Thomas and Suzanne M. Pitera
  - Virginia Powers
  - Ms. Sandra Rossi (Hudson High)
  - Ted and Peggy Ryan
  - Judy, Susan and Stephen Tully
- For their generous donations In Memory of  
MARGO R. McANESPIE**



**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today's second reading provides us with some good advice.

It is advice given by Paul to Timothy who is working in the ministry of evangelization as the church grows and spreads throughout the world.

This work, taken up by the apostles and their converts, was often difficult.

It could involve ridicule, indifference, persecution, even martyrdom.

Paul's message is "remain faithful, proclaim the word, be persistent "never give up".

We have a powerful example of persistence "never giving up"

In our reading from Exodus.

Under the leadership of Moses,

The chosen people are on their journey from slavery

In Egypt to the freedom of the Promised Land.

The trip is getting difficult and interminable.

The people complain to Moses,

"Why did you ever make us leave Egypt?"

In addition, they now are being attacked by the Amalekites, whose territory they are passing through.

Moses remains steadfast. He doesn't give up!

He tells Joshua to get an army together to resist the Amalekites. And the battle begins.

As long as Moses keeps his hands up over the battlefield,

The army of Israel is victorious.

But, when his hands drop, the enemy forces prevail.

So he must keep his hands raised up.

Eventually he needs the help of Aaron and Hur

To keep his position.

But he does not give up.

His persistence helps to bring about a resounding

Victory.

Moses' tenacity and steadfastness

win the day for Israel.

We get the point:

"be persistent"