

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

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John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." - Jn 1:29

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***THE BAPTISM OF JESUS***  
***IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH***  
***LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS***  
***JANUARY 12, 2020***

# 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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Director of Religious Education Gr. 1-10

Catherine Fiorino, School Principal  
School Tel: 978-454-5339  
School Fax: 978-454-6593  
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**

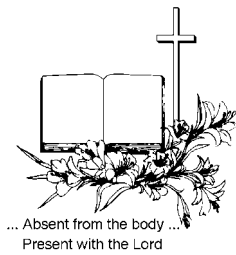
## Parish Meetings

**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

**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**The Baptism of Jesus**

**"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."**

**John the Baptist had an important message to impart. He was called by God to prepare the people of Israel to recognize Jesus' true identity.**

**In a sense, he helped establish credibility for Christ by confirming that he was in fact the Messiah.**

**Jesus didn't just have to claim it on his own; John also "testified" to the fact.**

**We, of course, also benefit from the witness of John the Baptist recorded for us in the Gospels.**

**And we have additional witnesses from the rest of the people throughout the Gospels who knew and recognized Jesus as the Son of God.**

**But we also have the benefit of two thousand years of Church history! We have countless testimonies of saints and believers throughout the centuries who have known Jesus in their own lives and acted accordingly.**

**This raises two questions.**

**First, are we willing to believe these testimonies from those who have gone before us?**

**Consider how much credence we give to the experiences and the stories of our forefathers and foremothers in the faith-whether they are blood relatives or members of the larger communion of saints.**

**Sometimes these personal accounts of coming to know the Lord are much more powerful than any "proof" or intellectual proposal about Christianity.**

**They do require a degree of faith and trust, but they nonetheless provide us with real evidence about the impact of being close to Christ.**

**Secondly, let us consider whether or not we are willing to give testimony to who Christ is to us?**

**It's one thing to believe in Jesus; it's another thing to share that faith with others.**

**But like John the Baptist, we are called to share the truth so that others may come to believe.**

**Saturday, January 11, 2020**

**4:00 PM**

**Sunday, January 12, 2020 The Baptism of Jesus**

**7:30 AM Donald J. Bickford, 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**9:00 AM Catherine E./Thomas D. Maguire**

**11:30 AM**

**5:00 PM Anthony J. Cassella, Jr., 7<sup>th</sup> Ann.**

**Monday, January 13, 2020 *St. Hilary, Bishop/Doctor of the C***

**7:30 AM**

**Tuesday, January 14, 2020**

**7:30 AM Mary V. McKenzie, Bday Rem.**

**Wednesday, January 15, 2020**

**7:30 AM Stephen L. Gervais, Sr., 5<sup>th</sup> Ann.**

**Thursday, January 16, 2020**

**7:30 AM Mary Morrill, Mass of Healing**

**12:00 NN**

**Friday, January 17, 2020 *St. Anthony, Abbott***

**7:30 AM**

**12:00 NN**

**Saturday, January 18, 2020**

**9:00 AM**

**4:00 PM James J. Kirwin, Sr., 24<sup>th</sup> Ann.**

**Sunday, January 19, 2020 Second Sunday in Ordinary T.**

**7:30 AM**

**9:00 AM Anne Cronin McAnespie, 30<sup>th</sup> A.**

**11:30 AM William J. O'Brien, Jr., 3<sup>rd</sup> Ann.**

**5:00 PM Kathryn Lucier, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

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**December 28-29, 2019**

**Weekly Collection: \$4,698.00**

**Building Fund: \$2,973.00**





# Immaculate Conception School

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## THIS WEEK'S SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Monday - January 6, 2020

School Re-opens

Wednesday - January 8, 2020

NO PM BUS

Thursday – January 9, 2020

Banking

Friday – January 10, 2020

## PROGRESS REPORTS ISSUED

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Let the ICS 8<sup>th</sup> grade class take your worries and Christmas Tree away for a mere \$10. Simply put your tree out the night before and we will pick it up and bring it to the Recycling Area. LAST Pick up date 01/11/2020 Payment Types: Cash or Check Payable to ICS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Contact Melissa 978-590-3586 to schedule your pick up



## 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.

*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 still in need of teachers.  
Please call Claire Couillard.



**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,
SPC Pieter Lobscher	U.S. Army	AFGHANISTAN
AST 3 Michael Linehan	U.S. Coast Guard	
SN Nicholas Ludwig	U.S. Navy	
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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**THE SCOURGE OF ABORTION**

**HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE**

**Every year in January, Holy Hours are held  
Throughout the diocese to pray for an end  
To the scourge of abortion.**

**The parishes of  
Immaculate Conception**

**Holy Trinity and  
St. Anthony**

**Will have the Holy Hour this year at**

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

**On Sunday, January 26 at 3 PM**

**In 1973 the Supreme Court legalized abortion  
throughout the United States. Since that time millions of  
children have lost their lives and millions of women and  
families have been wounded by abortion.  
The Church asks us to pray for the legal protection of  
unborn children.**

**COME TO THE HOLY HOUR  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020**



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**The Immaculate Conception School  
Twentieth Annual Distinguished Graduate Dinner**

**We invite you to reserve your seat and space in the program book for the Immaculate Conception School Development Committee's Twentieth Annual Distinguished Graduate Dinner being held on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at Lenzi's Millhouse. A cocktail reception starts at 6:30 with dinner following at 7:30.**

**This year's Distinguished Graduate honoree is Joe McNamee Class of 1980. Additionally, Joe's father, John "Jack" McNamee, Sr. will be posthumously recognized as an Honorary Distinguished Graduate. In view of their many years of support and contribution to the school, parish and community, we are honored to recognize these two men.**

**Please honor Joe and Jack by reserving your table/seat and space in our program book today. It is a fitting way to honor our Distinguished Graduates and support the school. Tickets are 65.00 each and advertisements in the booklet are available in various sizes and locations within the program. All checks are made payable to: **ICS Development Committee.****

**Contact Marisa Veiga at 978-804-1633 or [Marisa.Veiga@comcast.net](mailto:Marisa.Veiga@comcast.net) for tickets and Leo Sheridan at 978-459-7845 if you have questions regarding sponsorships or advertisements for the event.** Ads can be emailed to [Ljsheridan@aol.com](mailto:Ljsheridan@aol.com) in any image format (most preferred tiff, gif, bmp) or pdf.

**We can also create ads for you.**

**We look forward to your participation at the event honoring Joe and John "Jack" McNamee, Sr., support of our school, children, and honorees is greatly appreciated. Reserved seating is required. Thank you for your consideration.**

**Sincerely,  
Development Committee**



**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 weekend Masses.

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**TAX REPORT**

For those of you who use regular weekly offertory envelopes for your statement of parish contributions, know that a new system had to be installed as mandated by the DIOCESE and your TAX REPORT will not be ready before the end of January.

Please call the Office

978-458-1474 between 9 and 3.

if you want a tax report and I will prepare a list then your report will be mailed to you according to when you called.

Be ready to give your envelope number, full name and street address.

The report will be sent to you ASAP.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

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**BAPTISM**

**WELCOME TO ALL**

**WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED IN OUR CHURCH**

**From September 28, 2019 to December 29, 2019**

- Skylar Marilyn Karpinski
- Maxwell Rae Curran
- Chase Charbel Dahbour
- Adriel Christian Sabater
- Liam Grzegorzcyk
- Emma Margaret Tessier
- Rylee Elizabeth Lenzi
- Kennedy Elizabeth Gignac
- Reagan Kelly Mastas
- Jaxson Alexander Guzman
- Fiona Grace Rooney
- Lilly Rose Morales
- Declan George Belley
- Henry Shawn LeCornec
- Jalia Marie Scott
- Casimir Oz Mekdeci
- Bentley Russell McGibbon
- Sean Daniel Williams
- Cameran Catherine Bain
- Chase David Linnehan
- Anjika Kyra Delva
- Genevieve Mary Cantrell
- Leah Rose Taylor
- Leylah Cenaya

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**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**

**January 25, 2020**

**beginning with the Rosary -**

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

**in Immaculate Conception's Upper Church**