



*IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS  
MARCH 1, 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. Cristiano G. Barbosa, 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  
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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions



Saturday, February 29, 2020

9:00 AM

4:00 PM Robert P. Tighe, Sr., 19th Ann.
Leo F. Tighe, Jr., 4th Anniversary

Sunday, March 1, 2020 First Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Charles Morin, Sr., 32nd Ann.
9:00 AM
11:30 AM Richard Frain, Jr., 6 months
5:00 PM

Monday, March 2, 2020

7:30 AM

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

7:30 AM Bernard Martineau, Mass of H.

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

7:30 AM Mary Sain
12:00 Noon James Chisholm

Thursday, March 5, 2020

7:30 AM J. Stephen Mangan, 7th Ann.
12:00 NN

First Friday, March 6, 2020

7:30 AM John William McKenzie, 6th B.
12:00 NN

First Saturday, March 7, 2020

9:00 AM Living/Deceased members of WG
4:00 PM Robert Duffy

Sunday, March 8, 2020 Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM
9:00 AM
11:30 AM Paul and Claire Moll
5:00 PM Gerald R. St. Peter, 2nd Ann.
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February 15-16, 2020
Weekly Collection: \$4,863.00
Building Fund: \$2,947.00
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LENTEEN 2020 GUIDELINES

Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days for fast and abstinence.

Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence.

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FASTING is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older. Who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday.

On a fast day, one full meal is allowed.

Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal.

Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

ABSTINENCE is observed by all 14 years of age and older.

On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed.

Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent.

The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

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Prayer for Lent

Gracious and Merciful God, throughout our Lenten journey, we are asked to be more gracious and merciful ourselves.

Yet we often avoid looking into our own hearts for fear of learning the extent to which we have lost our way. As we continue our travels, help us, we pray, to sacrifice our own comforts in order to help those in need. May we appreciate that your limitless love, compassion and forgiveness always journey with us. AMEN



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**The Immaculate Conception School in Lowell**  
**is now accepting registrations for the**  
**2020-2021 school year!**

**FEBRUARY/ MARCH SCHEDULE**

**February 26**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**9AM Mass**

**February 27**  
**Banking Day**

**March 2**  
**CLASSROOM GROUP PICTURE DAY**  
**Wear School Uniform**

**March 4**  
**Lenten Prayer Service**  
**7:45 am Grade 1**

**March 6**  
**Grades close**

**March 11**  
**Lenten Prayer Service**  
**7:45 am Grades 2-3**  
**11:30 Dismissal –NO PM BUS**  
**Kids Club Open.**

**Bring a lunch if you are attending.**  
**Dress Down Day in Jean/Sweatpants**  
**Pay \$1 for St. Jude Organization**

**March 13**  
**REPORT CARDS ISSUED**

**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.**

**March 1                      Class 13**

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

**March 15                     Class 14**

**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
Captain Jeremy LaBranche	U.S. Army	Fort Huachuca,AZ
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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**Franco-American Day Committee of Lowell**

**Please Help Nominate Our Franco-American of the Year!**  
Each year the FADC of Lowell selects a deserving citizen of Greater Lowell/the Merrimack Valley for recognition as Franco-American of the Year. Established in 1975, the award celebrates contributions by a Catholic individual of high moral standards and integrity to preserving and promoting the language, culture and heritage handed down by our French-Canadian forebears. As always, we ask for your recommendations in helping us make our selection. Please write a letter providing as much information as possible about someone you feel has made significant contributions to Franco-American life here in the Merrimack Valley. **Send your letter by May 14 to:**

**Franco-American Day Committee  
Attn: Nominating Committee  
P. O. Box 635  
Lowell, MA 01853**

We thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration.  
For more information, contact:  
Mr. Lucien Dalpe 978-957-1710



**PENNSYLVANIA AMISHLANDS TOUR**

Father Hogan, O.M.I., of St. William’s will host a Pennsylvania Amish lands Tour  
**May 11-14, 2020.**

The highlight of the Tour will be a live performance of “Queen Esther” at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster.

Experience one of the most riveting Bible stories of the Old Testament as it comes to life with magnificent sets, special effects and live animals in this brand-new original stage production.

The tour will include a guided tour of the Amish Countryside and also a performance of “Britain’s Best” at the American Music Theatre.

**For Tour Group information, please call Father Hogan at 978-851-7331.**

**Because of the popularity of this tour, please register by March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**The tour cost will include motor coach transportation from St. William’s in Tewksbury on May 11<sup>th</sup>.**

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**WOMEN’S GUILD**

The Women’s Guild  
Is sponsoring its annual Communion Brunch  
Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

We hope that you can make it to the  
11:30 AM Mass

Followed by Brunch and good company in  
The Immaculate Conception Lower Church Hall.

Our guest speaker will be  
Ms. Claire Couillard,  
Pastoral Associate and  
Director of Religious Education



**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, your tax report is ready. Please call the Office 978-458-1474 between 9 and 3.

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**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**AT ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER SHRINE, LOWELL**

Fr. Gene Tremblay, OMI, S.T.L. is offering A series of classes on the truths of our Catholic faith. The spring 2020 offering will be the 21<sup>st</sup> in this on-going series.

For detailed information, please check the flyers in the church entrances.

The population served by such a program might be:

- DRE's and Youth Ministers
- Catholic School Faculty Members
- on-going education for Deacons
- Catechists
- Collegians
- Oblate Associates

A full set of class noes is provided and a Certificate of completion is awarded at the end of the 7 week session.



**CAN YOU HELP US  
RAISE SOME DOUGH?  
Doughnut Sales Order Form**

**Immaculate Conception School  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip Fundraiser**

Doughnut Sales begin on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Pick up date of Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> in the School Cafeteria from 2 to 5:30 PM ALL DOUGHNUT ORDERS MUST BE PRE-ORDERED and PRE-PAID \$12 a dozen - \$20 for two dozens

For more information Contact:  
Claire at the Rectory  
978-458 1474

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**SENIOR CELEBRATION**

Please join us for the Annual Dinner honoring you, Our SENIOR CITIZENS

Hosted by the Immaculate Conception Parish

Date: Saturday, March 7, 2019

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Immaculate Conception School Hall  
218 E. Merrimack St., Lowell, MA

A delicious Roast Turkey Dinner with dessert and coffee will be served.

If you are a Senior Citizen living within the parish, please call the Immaculate Conception Rectory

At 978-458-1474

No later than March 1, 2019 to reserve your seat.

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