



## 3rd Sunday of Lent

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." —Jn 4:10

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**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS  
MARCH 15, 2020**

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



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Office Hours: 8:00 to 3:00, Mon.-Thurs. 8 to 12 Noon-Fri.

## Pastoral Staff

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## 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

## 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.

# Mass Intentions



## Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 14, 2020

9:00 AM Frances A. Keegan  
4:00 PM Mildred M. Gavin, 38<sup>th</sup> Ann.

Sunday, March 15, 2020 Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Claire Lannon  
9:00 AM Michael John McDermott, 1<sup>st</sup> Ann  
11:30 AM Claire Ouimette  
5:00 PM

Monday, March 16, 2020

7:30 AM Jessica Bernstein

Tuesday, March 17, 2020 *St. Patrick, Bishop*

7:30 AM

Wednesday, March 18, 2020 *St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

7:30 AM Fr. James Erving, O.M.I., 6<sup>th</sup> Ann.

Thursday, March 19 *St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin*

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

Friday, March 20, 2020 ABSTINENCE (MEATLESS DAY)

7:30 AM Kathleen Emerson, 1<sup>st</sup> Ann.  
12:00 NN

Saturday, March 21, 2020

9:00 AM George Cunha  
4:00 PM Dumont/Labelle Families

Sunday, March 22, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM  
9:00 AM Edward Holak, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
11:30 AM Ottavio Gallotto  
5:00 PM

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March 7-8, 2020  
Weekly Collection: \$

### REMINDER

PLEASE USE THE EXTRA ENVELOPE IN YOUR PACKAGE FOR THE BUILDING FUND 3/29/20  
THANK YOU

"I am he, the one speaking with you."  
Jesus reveals his true identity to an anonymous woman, and a Samaritan at that. She speaks about the Messiah only to discover that she is speaking with the Messiah!  
How does this woman, this non-disciple and non-Jew, this perfect stranger earn the right to such a direct revelation?  
Why does Jesus choose her?  
For the same reason he chooses us. Out of love. The "woman at the well" did not earn her place at the side of Christ. She did nothing to merit this life-changing encounter. In fact, the reading implies she was a sinful woman. Yet Jesus approached her first. He asked her for a drink, and then looked for an opportunity to offer her the "living water" that would quench her deepest thirst. This is what Jesus has done for us.  
As Saint Paul says, "God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8). He offers us the gift of salvation, the "spring of water welling up to eternal life." We don't earn this gift; Jesus paid for it on the cross. In other words, we get to drink without having to dig the well. As Jesus tells his disciples, "others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work."  
Of course, we must be willing to "drink" by accepting the gift Christ offers, orienting our lives around it. Like the woman who "left her water jar and went into the town" to testify, we are called to leave behind our old life of sin and selfishness once we accept our new life in Christ. Indeed, Lent is the season that prepares us for such a dramatic rebirth.  
We pray and fast and give alms, not to earn the joy of Easter, but to be ready to drink it in.



# Immaculate Conception School

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

## FEBRUARY/ MARCH SCHEDULE

### 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

### March 17

St. Patrick's Day

Dress Down – wear GREEN

### March 18

Lenten Prayer Service

7:45 AM Grade 3-1

### March 19

Feast of St. Joseph

Mass at 9:00 AM

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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.

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.



**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

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**LITURGICAL DIRECTIVES**

These directives are effective as of now until Determined otherwise by the Archbishop.  
 The Office of Worship, in consultation with local health authorities and the Archdiocesan Office of Risk Management,  
 continues to encourage the clergy and faithful to observe necessary standard precautions to protect the health of others during this time.  
 The best was to prevent the spread of contagious disease is to practice good hygiene.  
 In addition to practicing good hygiene, the Archbishop directs the following for the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy and for flu prevention:  
**THE HOLY WATER FONTS**  
 are to be drained.  
 The distribution of the Precious Blood for the faithful is suspended.  
 The distribution of the Body of Christ, the **HOST** will be given in the hand only.  
 The exchange of the sign of peace is to be offered Without any physical contact.  
 If the priest celebrant chooses to extend the invitation For the sign of peace, the faithful, instead of a handshake, may bow to the persons nearby.



**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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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**6:00 PM**

(Light meal available immediately afterwards in Parish Hall at  
**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**  
 Fridays, March 6, 20, April 3 – English  
 Fridays, March 13, 27 – Polish



**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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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**FROM NOW UNTIL**

**MARCH 25, 2020**

you are encouraged to bring your religious items

**NO CARDS/PRAAYER CARDS.**

The Mission from Lancaster, PA

Will come to pick up whatever

Was given after that until

March 25.



**WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO:**

Jodi Freedman

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For their generous donations in memory of  
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