



*THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
APRIL 26, 2020*

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



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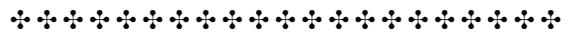
Sacraments

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

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.

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

The last few months in our community and our nation have been unique in many ways. For many charitable institutions the financial challenges have also been not only unique, but also very real and significant. Weekly offertory as well as sacramental offerings are no longer available for parish expenses. The Golf Tournament has been cancelled. For over 15 years it has been our only fundraiser; it covers the deficit and partially funds the ongoing restoration. It has been our Grand Annual collection.

So many have continued their weekly offerings by mail for which I am very grateful. It is my hope that all of our parishioners will continue to support Immaculate Conception Parish at this difficult time.

May the Risen Christ bless you and your families and our community abundantly with gifts of health and peace during this Joyous Easter Time.

THANK YOU!

Father Sannella



The Third Sunday of Easter

The road to Emmaus is one of my favorite Gospel stories because it shows a

Jesus that is masterful at reaching people.

First, when he comes upon those walking on the road, he asks them what they are talking about and then asks them to explain.

How often are we too eager to just start talking at people when we feel they need to hear what we have to say?

Jesus offers an invitation for them to share first.

Allowing them to share first opens them up for what Jesus will do next.

Second, Jesus takes time to interpret for them the words of the prophets.

He gave them their turn and now it is his.

Not only wise, but a movement of respect.

After a long walk, they invite Jesus stay with them and dine.

Third and finally, Jesus breaks bread with them and they are able to see that he is no ordinary traveler.

He is the risen One.

He could have just told them who he was, but allowing them by their experience to uncover who he was had the greater impact.

Jesus demonstrated to us in these actions how to be gracious and impactful when sharing the good news.

If we are to be good stewards and fruitful disciples then we must imitate him in this regard.

This Easter season let us practice the following:

- 1) Allow others first to share what they have to say.
- 2) Then be willing to take the time to explain fully or to the best of our ability our faith.

And 3) help others find a way to experience firsthand the message you have shared.

No one can understand love without witnessing love.

In this way, your words and deeds will become a pathway to Jesus for others.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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**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
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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 GUARD

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 For their generous donations
IN MEMORY OF JOHN F. CASEY

As I was reviewing the records I realized that the above announcement had not been published in our bulletin at that time a few years back.

THE DISCIPLES OF EMMAUS

What does it take for our eyes to be opened? Every day, a man laboriously walks down Main Street of town. With great difficulty but graceful determination, he places one foot in front of the other, uses a crudely made staff for support, and walks. His pace is slow, but he walks. What does he hope to see? Where does he want to go? What does he find? We all walk through life. The type of “walking” life requires is not always physical but is most assuredly emotional and spiritual. We walk, we look, we encounter, and we seek. How we do these things and what we actually find is determined by what we carry and what we allow ourselves to discover along the way.

If walking is too challenging for us, we may choose to isolate and stay alone. If we are afraid to walk, we may become overly dependent on others providing for us and abandon the journey. We can walk and pay attention only to what is in front of our feet and never notice the immensity of what is happening around us. The road is never the same twice. The journey is always different. What kinds of things do you notice as you walk through life? It seems that the disciples of the Road to Emmaus missed a lot at first. We do as well.

We are called to walk with purpose, to listen, and to notice things that may not at first be apparent. We have to allow the One who has a special claim on our soul to enlighten, instruct, and inspire us. The incarnate mystery of God is pulsating in and through all of creation, where the presence of the Word who became flesh can be discovered. He has been with us all along. How could we have missed Him? Our journey brings us back to the breaking of the bread, and something begins to stir within us. We begin to understand, and things look differently. Bread, body, wine, and blood bring us to see that everyone and everything is a “Eucharistic” encounter. We become what we eat and we see what we eat. We continue to walk. Our eyes are now opened, and we recognize Him. Our hearts burn. Stay with us. Please stay with us. C. LPI



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

PARENTS AND CHILDREN

If you have grandparents who would appreciate the bulletin make them a copy of this bulletin if they usually attend Mass and read it.

There will be no hard copy it will be on line only.

Thank you.

Go to: iclowell.org

Year of the Eucharist

Feast of Corpus Christi 2020 to Feast of Corpus Christi 2021



Almighty and Everlasting God, We dedicate this year of the Eucharist and come before You with humbled hearts.

We are grateful that You gave us Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be one with us by sharing in our human ways.

Let His sacrifice on the cross, His Passion, Glorious Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven give us the strength to follow in his footsteps.

Your Son, is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

He comes in the form of bread and wine to nourish us and to fulfill our need to be one with You.

We praise Him for giving us Himself as the most profound symbol of His love for all of us.

O God, by the light of the Holy Spirit, encourage us to reflect on the Blessed Sacrament, renew our devotion in the Eucharist and provide witness to Your presence in our daily lives to others.

Send forth Your Holy Spirit, to embolden us through the spiritual nourishment of the Eucharist. This holy year, Loving God, may we become more like You every time we share in the Eucharist and pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

We ask this in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

AMEN.