

Epiphany OF THE LORD

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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

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

Mass Schedule

Weekends:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MISSION STATEMENT

**We at Immaculate Conception Church
are a welcoming community of faith
that strives to carry out the mission of Jesus
by journeying in faith, sharing in joy,
and living in hope. Come join us.**

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.**



Immaculate Conception School

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*The Immaculate Conception School
in Lowell is now accepting registrations
for our Preschool and Kindergarten
Programs for the
2021-2022 school year.*

The Immaculate Conception School administration and teachers believe that every child is unique and that he or she has identifiable characteristics and needs. The Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten program is designed to support those needs by discovering each child's special qualities and his or her importance in God's creation.

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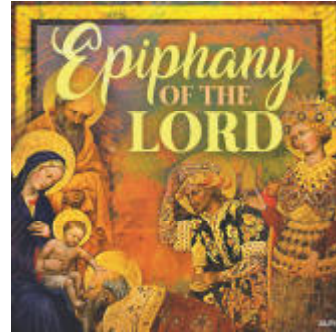
Before and After School Care programs

Hot lunch program for Kindergarten

**Financial Aid is available for Kindergarten
students who qualify**

OUR MISSION

**Immaculate Conception School
fosters students in a
Catholic Community with a highly dedicated
Staff, centered on outstanding
Academic excellence,
ongoing commitment to service and a
Love for lea**



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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

My mother-in-law was the best gift-giver I ever knew.
One could say my parents spoiled me growing up,
but there was something about her gifts to me
that made me feel overwhelmed.
I guess it was that after several years I still was
surprised that she would think enough of me
to get me something no one else would.
She was able to make me feel special every time.
Of course, I believe she honored me in this way because
I accepted her greatest gift to me, her daughter.

Sadly, my mother-in-law did not live long in this world.
She passed away over a decade ago
due to an aggressive cancer.
Some of her material gifts to me remain,
while others are long gone.
But the memories and the effect of those gifts remain
because it was never all about the gifts themselves.
It was about relationship.
It was about her and me.
It was about love.

What we offer Jesus is never about the gift itself.
It is about the motivation behind the action
and the effect that action has on the body of Christ.
Many of the gifts we give today to God and his people
will fade away like the mist of the early morning,
but the effects of those actions will last forever.
It is about relationship.
It is about God and us.
It is about love.
-Tracy Earl Welliver,

SATURDAY– January 2, 2021

4 pm Mass For the Parishioners

SUNDAY–January 3, 2021

10 am Mass Mrs. Louise Tantillo, 2nd Ann.

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The following has been pinned on the sacristy door since I began working here, as we begin the New Year, It's time for all of us to realize the value of our priests.

WHO WILL REPLACE HIM...

If a priest preaches over 10 minutes,
He's long-winded.

If his sermon is short, he didn't prepare it.

If the parish funds are high, he's a businessman.
If he mentions money, he's money-mad.

If he visits his parishioners, he's nosy.
If he doesn't, he's being snobbish.

If he has fairs and bazaars, he's bleeding the people.
If he doesn't, there isn't any life in the parish.

If he celebrates liturgy in a quiet voice, he's boring.
If he puts feeling into it, he's an actor.

If he starts Mass on time, his watch is fast.
If he starts late, he's holding up the people.

If he decorates the church, he's wasting money.
If he doesn't, he's letting it run down.

If he's young, he's not experienced.
If he's old, he ought to retire.

But...if he dies...*there may be no one to replace him.*

Let us all count our blessings
and thank God for our priests:

Reverend Nicholas A. Sannella, Pastor

Reverend Kenneth Healey, SM, Parochial Vicar

Reverend Raju Muringayil, O. Praem, Assisting Priest

2021 CORI FORM
to be completed by all
volunteers

MORE THAN 1/3 OF
OUR VOLUNTEERS
HAVE NOT BEEN TO
THE RECTORY TO
SIGN THEIR CORI.

PLEASE
COME BEFORE 1/31/21.

**Please wear masks when you
come to the rectory
to fill out your forms. We may
not be needing
your assistance yet, but the
Diocese still wants
us to have you complete these
for the 2021 year
Thank you.**

MASSES
Every Saturday at 4 pm
and Sunday at 10 am
until further notice

As we slowly continue to re-open the church the following steps must be strictly observed.

1. We are offering a 4 PM **MASS on Sat. and a 10:00 AM MASS on Sunday**
2. **Social Distancing** must be observed at all times within the church
3. **Hand Sanitizer** will be available at all doors and must be used. If you prefer to use your own, bring it with you.
4. MASKS ARE MANDATORY AND MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES.
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN.
5. The floor is marked with the appropriate distancing.
PLEASE OBSERVE.
6. All Holy Water Fonts and Missalettes have been removed.
7. There will be No Singing, No Processions and No Baskets passed at the Offertory.
8. **Baskets for the Offertory Collection will be placed at the Entrances of our Church.**
9. We appreciate all of your continued cooperation and we will only be able to provide Mass if all of you comply.
10. We are under strict restrictions from the Archdiocese of Boston in this re-opening of churches during this Pandemic
11. This is truly a fluid situation and we will update you before each Mass if necessary,



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF

George and Mary Byron
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John L. McInerney
Eileen (McInerney) Soulard
Mary Catherine (Mary Kate) Morrill
Sheehan and Waterhouse Families
Eugene F. Welch, Jr.
Ann C. (Flood) White
Wayne White, Jr.



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Prayer for Epiphany

Dear Jesus,
though a newborn, the wise men knew your greatness.
On a hint from the heavens,
they traveled far from their places of comfort
so that they could honor you.
From their belief in your divinity,
they gave amazing gifts, offerings that symbolized
your life, power, and even your death.
And because of a dream in the night,
they altered their well-laid plans to return home
in order to protect you.
May we be so willing to honor, sacrifice, and obey,
all for love of you,
as we meditate on the meaning of this day.
Amen.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL
OUR ARMED FORCES**

Lance CPL James Bakanosky U.S. Marines AFGHANISTAN
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 SN Nicholas Ludwig U.S. Navy
 A1C Emily McPhillips Air Force
 Master Sgt. Nicholas Owens USAF MacDill AFB

NATIONAL GUARD

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ATTENTION

**If you scheduled announced Masses
from March 15 to January 3rd
please feel free to call the
Rectory between 8 and 2 Mon./Fri.
so that we can reschedule
your paid Masses.
Know that we will allow more
than one intention at the Masses
if necessary.**

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Successful New Year!



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 to the Immaculate Conception Church
 has been received in loving memory of the people of
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 honored to have served from
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It is the hope of Jim O’Donnell and the staff of the
 O’Donnell Funeral Home that the support of family,
 friends and faith may guide these families through this
 holy season and bring them blessing into the New Year.
 May their deceased loved ones, whom we name here,
 rest in the peaceful and loving embrace of Jesus Christ:

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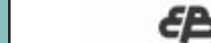


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