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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
JANUARY 5, 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
Ms. Claire Couillard
Pastoral Associate
Director of Religious Education Gr. 1-10

Catherine Fiorino, School Principal
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Parish Website: 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

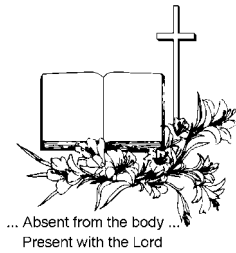
Parish Meetings

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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



The Manifestation of the Magi

Saturday, January 4.

4:00 PM Henry LeDoux, 10th Anniversary

Sunday, January 5, 2020 Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 AM Henry J. Sousa, 23rd Anniversary

9:00 AM

11:30 AM Patricia Raye Dubois, 1st Ann.

5:00 PM Dan Stagnone

Monday, January 6, 2020 *St. Andre Bessette, Religious*

7:30 AM

Tuesday, January 7, 2020 *St. Raymond, Priest*

7:30 AM

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

7:30 AM Dale J. Arseneault, Month's Mind M.

Thursday, January 9, 2020

9:00 AM Mary Morrill, Mass of Healing

12:00 NN

Friday, January 10, 2020

7:30 AM

12:00 NN

Saturday, January 11, 2020

9:00 AM Frances A. Keegan

4:00 PM

Sunday, January 12, 2020 The Baptism of Jesus

7:30 AM Donald J. Bickford, 9th Anniversary

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

11:30 AM

5:00 PM Anthony J. Cassella, Jr., 7th Ann.

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December 22-23, 2019

Weekly Collection: \$5,955.00

Building Fund: \$3,549.00

December 25, 2019

Clergy Fund Collection: \$19,006.00

Throughout Germany at this time of year, you will find most main doorways inscribed with the following: 20+C+M+B+09.

Children known as Sternsinger (star singers) dress up as the Magi and go door to door, requesting candy for themselves and money for the Church.

As they leave, the house is blessed, and the inscription written in chalk.

The 20 and 09 refer to the year, the CMB are said to represent either Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar

-the Magi

-or the Latin

Christus Mansionem Benedicat,

which means "Christ, bless this home."

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, in which we remember the adoration of the newborn Christ by three wise men from the East.

This should leave no doubt in anyone's mind just how far and wide

the promise of a Savior had spread.

These representatives of pagan religions from other lands

were determined to pay their respects;

it was as if they were born to do this- to acknowledge in some way

the beginning of the greatest reign of the greatest king of all.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that the Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and savior of the world (CCC 528).

In the three wise men from different lands and different religions, we understand that in Jesus Christ, all are welcome.

The Epiphany is the third manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation, following the Annunciation and the birth of Christ. Today is truly the beginning of the paschal mystery.

Perhaps your pastor will bless a piece of chalk for you, or better yet, invite him over for dinner

and ask him to bless your home.



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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 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 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



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.

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| January 5 | Class 9 |
| *January 12 | Class 10 |
| February 2 | Class 11 |

FIRST PENANCE PARENT MEETING
Sunday, February 9 at 6:30 PM School Cafeteria

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| *February 9 | Class 12 |
| March 1 | Class 13 |

FIRST PENANCE March 14 at 10 AM in Church

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| March 15 | Class 14 |
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FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING
Sunday, March 15 at 6:30 PM School Cafeteria

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| March 29 | Class 15 |
| *April 5 | Class 16 |

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT-Grade 2
Saturday, April 4th, 9:00AM to 2:00 PM

May 3rd 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
1st 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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Let the ICS 8th 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.
Pick up dates are 12/28, 01/04, and 01/11.
Payment Types: Cash or Check
Payable to ICS 8th Grade Class
Contact Melissa 978-590-3586 to schedule your pick up.

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**A THOUSAND TIMES IN HISTORY
HAS A BABY BECOME A KING,
BUT ONLY ONCE DID A KING
BECOME A BABY.**



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**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL
SCHEDULE
January 2020**

**6
School Re-opens**

**8
NO PM BUS**

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Banking**

**10
Progress Reports Issued**

CONGRATULATIONS

To our Volleyball Teams as the Varsity and JV
Teams played in the EAA Division Championship.
Our Junior Varsity team won the championship and
the Varsity came in 2nd.

Thanks to Mr. Diaz and Mrs. Breau for
coaching the children.

Thank you to Mrs. Galvagni for coaching our
Cross Country team.
Congratulations to Logan Dos Santos for placing
2nd in the invitational.



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 week end Masses.

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THIRTY-ONE



ANNUAL CALENDAR RAFFLE

Thank you to all who have supported our Annual January Calendar Raffle.

If you did not receive the tickets in the mail and you would like to support us, it's not too late. please contact the rectory office 978-458-1474.

We will begin the daily drawing on January 6 for the first 6 days of January.

Every morning after the 7:30 Mass, we draw the ticket of the day.

You are welcome to join us for the drawing.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

A very generous donation from the 'O'Donnell Funeral Home' to the Immaculate Conception Church has been received in loving memory of the people of Immaculate Conception Church whose families The O'Donnell Funeral Home was privileged and honored to have served from December 1, 2018 to December 19, 2019.

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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| Ann M. O'Donnell | Robert V. Gervais |
| Maria F. Sousa | George D. Kouloheras |
| Mary "Kathy" O'Connor | Teresa K. Hogan |
| Walter E. Dartley, Jr. | Joseph D. Meehan |
| Denis W. King, MD | Margo R. McAnespie |
| Mary Ann Marakewicz | Ann Marie King |
| Chalres L. (Reardon) Wells | Virginia M. Geary |

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Dear Immaculate Conception,

We express our sincere appreciation for your kind support of the Baby Bottle Campaign during Respect Life. Thank you very much for showing your respect for life, through your wonderful donation of \$504.46. Because of your support, we can come alongside women, children and families to build relationships and help meet needs both physically and spiritually.

The funds you provided will help supply new moms and their families with material services (formula, diapers, cribs), education (unplanned pregnancy, infant care, healthy relationships) and the love and support of our client advocates.

Thank you again,

The Pregnancy Care Center
978-373-5700