

Catholic Schools Week



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS

JANUARY 26, 2020

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



**144 East Merrimack Street
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Office Hours: 8:00 to 3:00, Mon.-Thurs. 8 to 12 Noon-Fri.**

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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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 25, 2020

4:00 PM Paul E. Musto, 9th Anniversary

Sunday, January 26, 2020 Third Sunday in Ordinary T.

7:30 AM Lorraine Panagopoulos

9:00 AM Virginia C. Creegan

11:30 AM Paul Carota, 3rd Anniversary

5:00 PM

Monday, January 27, 2020 *St. Angela Merici, Rel. Founder*

7:30 AM

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 *St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

7:30 AM

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

7:30 AM

Thursday, January 30, 2020

7:30 AM Mary Morrill, Mass of Healing

12:00 NN

Friday, January 31, 2020 *St. John Bosco, Priest*

7:30 AM Thomas Quinlan

Allan Littlefield

12:00 NN

First Saturday, February 1, 2020

9:00 AM Living/Deceased Members of W.G.

4:00 PM Francis Masterson, 25th Ann.

Barbara Conlin, 10th Anniversary

Sunday, February 2, 2020 Presentation of the Lord

7:30 AM John S. McKenzie, Birthday

9:00 AM

11:30 AM

5:00 PM

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January 1, 2020

Solemnity of Mary Offering: \$1,507.00

January 11-12, 2020

Weekly Collection: \$5,990.00

Building Fund: \$3,622.00



Catholic Schools Week

Is it a school with a parish, or is it a parish with a school?

It is a question I always consider when people ask me about Catholic Schools Week, though you might look at that opening question and ask, "What?"

It is a good question, because our parish communities have a mandate from the Gospel to preach the good news. Moreover, that is exactly what a good Catholic school does.

It is another one of the ministries of a parish: to educate well-rounded individuals in Gospel values, preparing those young individuals to take their eventual place in the larger secular community.

All the educational efforts of the parish school are focused on the life of faith.

That faith is formed in knowledge of the teachings of the Church and of the Gospel, and those qualities are demonstrated through a life of service to the community.

A Catholic school is a community of faith, knowledge, and service, as a ministry of the parish community; and Catholic Schools Week

provides a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect on whether we have "a school with a parish, or a parish with a school," and make sure our parish school is living its mandate from the Church.

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Immaculate Conception School

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

There is an Open House on Sunday,
January 26, 2020
from 10 a.m. to Noon

Arrangements for other tour dates
Can be made by calling the Office at
978-454-5339

We offer:

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Spanish

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Art

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Hot Lunch Program

Extra-curricular activities:

(Athletic Program, Ski Club, Dance,

Art Club, Drama Club and Homework
Club)

Financial Aid is available for K-8 students
who qualify.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

GOD BLESS YOU!

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.

February 2 Class 11

FIRST PENANCE PARENT MEETING

Sunday, February 9 at 6:30 PM School Cafeteria

*February 9 Class 12
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 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.



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OUR ARMED FORCES**

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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

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THE SCOURGE OF ABORTION

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

Every year in January, Holy Hours are held throughout the diocese to pray for an end to the scourge of abortion.

The parishes of
 Immaculate Conception
 Holy Trinity and
 St. Anthony
 will have the Holy Hour this year at
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
 on Sunday, January 26 at 3 PM

In 1973 the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States. Since that time millions of children have lost their lives and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion. The Church asks us to pray for the legal protection of unborn children.

**COME TO THE HOLY HOUR
 SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020**



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him."
 James and his brother John dropped everything to follow Christ.

In leaving their boat, they also left their livelihood.
 In leaving their father, they said farewell to the comforts of home and family. They embarked on this unknown journey with Jesus, traveling "around all of Galilee," with neither stability nor security.

All they had was trust.
 How remarkable this is!
 They had such great faith in this man who "called them" on the seashore.

Clearly, their encounter with Christ was life-changing, even before they knew the full truth of who Jesus was. We, on the other hand, already know.

We have the benefit of being on the other side of Christ's life.

We know about his miracles, his resurrection, and the whole history of Christian faith. In a sense, it should be easier for us to "leave our nets" than it was for the sets of brothers in today's Gospel.

We have so many reasons to believe that Jesus was truly the Son of God. But yet how often do we resist the call to surrender our lives to Christ?

How attached we are to our regular routines and our predictable plans.

Yet, where would we be today if the apostles had tried to part-time it with the Lord?

What if they had only followed him on the weekends? Would the Christian message have spread at all? So much was accomplished through the sincere faith of these humble fishermen.

What could we accomplish if we trusted in Jesus as they did?



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, know that a new system had to be installed as mandated by the DIOCESE and your TAX REPORT will not be ready before the end of January.

Please call the Office

978-458-1474 between 9 and 3.

if you want a tax report and I will prepare a list, then your report will be mailed to you according to when you called.

Be ready to give your envelope number, full name and street address.

The report will be sent to you ASAP.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

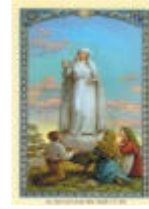
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BIRTHRIGHT VOLUNTEERS

A most heartfelt thanks to all the Parishioners for their most generous outpouring of gifts during our Advent Giving Tree project.

Those who benefit from your generosity will keep you in prayer for your support.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA
ON THE FIRST SATURDAY
OF EACH MONTH**



After the 9 AM Mass, please join us to recite the rosary and reflect on the mystery for 15 minutes at the IC Chapel.

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

We invite you to attend on the First Saturday of each month

a Marian Devotion which will consist of 15 decades of the Rosary and other prayers to honor Our Lady. It will be held at Holy Trinity Church 340 High Street, Lowell, MA at 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

We hope you will consider joining us.

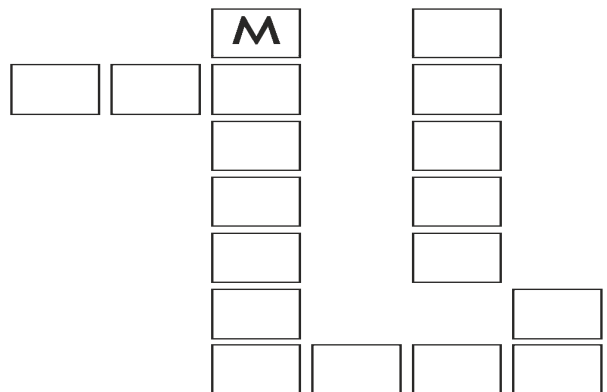
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