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“You have heard that it was said
to your ancestors, *You shall not kill;*
and whoever kills will be liable
to judgment. But I say to you,
whoever is angry with his brother
will be liable to judgment.”

~Mt 5:21-22a



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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
FEBRUARY 16, 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

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

Saturday, February 15, 2020
4:00 PM Louise Paquette, 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, February 16 Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Ella Hogan/Edward Hogan
9:00 AM
11:30 AM
5:00 PM Deceased Members of Chandler
and Sweeney Families

Monday, February 17, 2020 *The Seven Holy Founders of the
Servite Order*
7:30 AM Little Billy Creegan, 75th Ann.

Tuesday, February 18, 2020
7:30 AM

Wednesday, February 19, 2020
7:30 AM

Thursday, February 20, 2020
7:30 AM Mary Morrill, Mass of Healing
12:00 NN

Friday, February 21, 2020 *St. Peter Damian, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church*
7:30 AM
12:00 NN

Saturday, February 22, 2020
9:00 AM
4:00 PM Thomas Paul Kelleher, 1st Ann.

Sunday, February 16 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary T.
7:30 AM
9:00 AM
11:30 AM Mary Geoffroy
5:00 PM John W. Mahoney, 3rd Ann.

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February 15-16, 2020

Weekly Collection: \$

School Support: \$

To be published next week.

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But I say to you,
whoever is angry with his brother will be
liable to judgment."

In today's Gospel,
Jesus takes the Ten Commandments to a deeper level.
Instead of focusing merely on external actions,
like murder or adultery,
Jesus wants us to examine what is in our hearts,
like anger or lust.

These internal dispositions are
the root cause of the outward sins.
Jesus is teaching us to take responsibility
for our attitudes as well as our actions.
Some may say that we cannot control
our internal thoughts and feelings,
or that it's unrealistic to expect us to eliminate
anger and lust from our inner selves.
But, as Saint Thérèse of Lisieux put it,
Christ would not command the impossible.
So it must be possible to purify our hearts and control
our thoughts.

But we don't have to do this on our own power.
Jesus expects great things of us,
but he doesn't expect us to do them alone!
Through the presence of his Spirit in our hearts,
we have divine assistance to accomplish this task.
When we pray to God for the gift of the Holy Spirit,
he responds by filling our hearts
with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit-
wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge,
piety, fear of the Lord, love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness,
modesty, self-control, and chastity.

When these wonderful things are present within us,
the bad things have nowhere to settle.
Thus we can be transformed into people
who don't just live the commandments,
but who love them as well.



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

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

February 6 – Thursday

BANKING

February 9 – Sunday

FIRST PENANCE

MEETING 6:30 pm
IN CAFETERIA

February 12

NO PM BUSSING

February 14

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Wear red – pink – white TODAY

February 17 to 21

Winter Vacation

February 26
ASH WEDNESDAY
9AM Mass



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 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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Franco-American Day Committee of Lowell

Please Help Nominate Our Franco-American of the Year!
Each year the FADC of Lowell selects a deserving citizen of Greater Lowell/the Merrimack Valley for recognition as Franco-American of the Year. Established in 1975, the award celebrates contributions by a Catholic individual of high moral standards and integrity to preserving and promoting the language, culture and heritage handed down by our French-Canadian forebears. As always, we ask for your recommendations in helping us make our selection. Please write a letter providing as much information as possible about someone you feel has made significant contributions to Franco-American life here in the Merrimack Valley. **Send your letter by May 14 to:**

**Franco-American Day Committee
Attn: Nominating Committee
P. O. Box 635
Lowell, MA 01853**

We thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration.
For more information, contact:
Mr. Lucien Dalpe 978-957-1710



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
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**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 1st.**
**The tour cost will include
motor coach transportation from
St. William's in Tewksbury on May 11th.**

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WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild
Is sponsoring its annual Communion Brunch
Sunday, March 8th.
We hope that you can make it to the
11:30 AM Mass
Followed by Brunch and good company in
The Immaculate Conception Lower Church Hall.
Our guest speaker will be
Ms. Claire Couillard,
Pastoral Associate and
Director of Religious Education



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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MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

The Men of St. Joseph

Immaculate in Collaborative meet on the fourth Saturday of every month. Each monthly meeting includes prayer, faith-building fellowship, and food.

SAVE THE DATE

February 22, 2020

beginning with the Rosary -

7:30 AM to 9:30 AM

in Immaculate Conception's Upper Church.



**CAN YOU HELP US
RAISE SOME DOUGH?
Doughnut Sales Order Form**

**Immaculate Conception School
8th Grade Class Trip Fundraiser**

Doughnut Sales begin on February 1st.
Pick up date of Thursday, March 12th
in the School Cafeteria from 2 to 5:30 PM
**ALL DOUGHNUT ORDERS MUST BE
PRE-ORDERED and PRE-PAID**

For more information Contact:
Claire at the Rectory
978-458 1474

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

AT ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER SHRINE, LOWELL

Fr. Gene Tremblay, OMI, S.T.L. is offering

A series of classes on the truths of our Catholic faith.
The spring 2020 offering will be the 21st in this on-going series.

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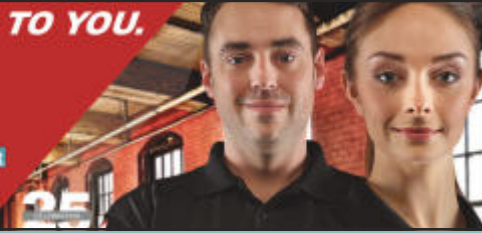
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