



ASH WEDNESDAY

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
FEBRUARY 23, 2020

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



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

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Director of Religious Education Gr. 1-10

Catherine Fiorino, School Principal
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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 22, 2020
4:00 PM Thomas Paul Kelleher, 1st Ann.

Sunday, February 23 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary T.
7:30 AM
9:00 AM
11:30 AM Mary Geoffroy
5:00 PM John W. Mahoney, 3rd Ann.

Monday, February 24, 2020
7:30 AM Lucille Martineau, Month's M. M

Tuesday, February 25, 2020
7:30 AM

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 ASH WEDNESDAY
7:30 AM In church – Virginia C. Creegan
9:00 AM School Mass

Thursday, February 27, 2020
7:30 AM

12:00 NN

Friday, February 28, 2020
7:30 AM Richard Martineau, 12th Ann.
12:00 NN

Saturday, February 29, 2020
9:00 AM
4:00 PM Robert P. Tighe, Sr., 19th Ann.
Leo F. Tighe, Jr. 4th Anniversary

Sunday, March 1, 2020 First Sunday of Lent
7:30 AM Charles Morin, Sr., 32nd Ann.
9:00 AM
11:30 AM Richard Frain, Jr., 6 months
5:00 PM

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February 15-16, 2020
Weekly Collection: \$5,037.00
School Support: \$2,812.00

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LENTEN 2020 GUIDELINES

Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence:
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days for fast and abstinence.

Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence.

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FRIDAYS OF LENT

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FASTING is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older. Who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday.

On a fast day, one full meal is allowed.

Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal.

Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

ABSTINENCE is observed by all 14 years of age and older.

On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed.

Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent.

The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

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Prayer for Lent

Gracious and Merciful God, throughout our Lenten journey, we are asked to be more gracious and merciful ourselves.

Yet we often avoid looking into our own hearts for fear of learning the extent to which we have lost our way. As we continue our travels, help us, we pray, to sacrifice our own comforts in order to help those in need. May we appreciate that your limitless love, compassion and forgiveness always journey with us. AMEN



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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.

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.



PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL
OUR ARMED FORCES

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| 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 |
| 1 st 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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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 of "Queen Esther" at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster.

Experience one of the most riveting Bible stories of the Old Testament as it comes to life with magnificent sets, special effects and live animals in this brand-new original stage production.

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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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.

For detailed information, please check the flyers in the church entrances.

The population served by such a program might be:

- DRE's and Youth Ministers
- Catholic School Faculty Members
- on-going education for Deacons
- Catechists
- Collegians
- Oblate Associates

A full set of class notes is provided and a Certificate of completion is awarded at the end of the 7 week session.



**CAN YOU HELP US
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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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SENIOR CELEBRATION

Please join us for the Annual Dinner honoring you,
Our SENIOR CITIZENS

Hosted by the Immaculate Conception Parish

Date: Saturday, March 7, 2019

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Immaculate Conception School Hall
218 E. Merrimack St., Lowell, MA

A delicious Roast Turkey Dinner
with dessert and coffee will be served.

If you are a Senior Citizen living within the parish,
please call the Immaculate Conception Rectory

At 978-458-1474

No later than March 1, 2019 to reserve your seat.

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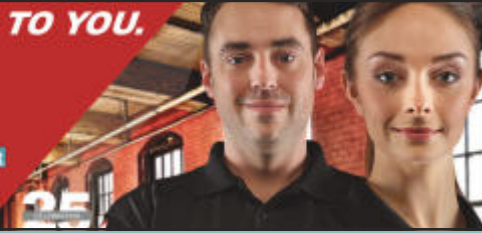
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