

**2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**SUNDAY OF LENT**

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." —Mt 17:5

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*IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS  
MARCH 8, 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, March 7, 2020

4:00 PM Robert Duffy

Sunday, March 8, 2020 Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM

9:00 AM

11:30 AM Paul and Claire Moll

5:00 PM Gerald R. St. Peter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann.

Monday, March 9, 2020 *St. Frances of Rome, Religious*

7:30 AM Laura Lee Angove, 1st Ann.

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

7:30 AM Mary Morrill, Mass of Healing

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

7:30 AM Lester Waterhouse, Mass of Healing

Thursday, March 12, 2020

7:30 AM James Stinebiser, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

12:00 NN

Friday, March 13, 2020 ABSTINENCE (MEATLESS DAY)

7:30 AM Joanne McKenzie, Birthday

12:00 NN

Saturday, March 14, 2020

9:00 AM Frances A. Keegan

4:00 PM Mildred M. Gavin, 38<sup>th</sup> Ann.

Sunday, March 15, 2020 Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Claire Lannon

9:00 AM Michael John McDermott, 1<sup>st</sup> Ann

11:30 AM Claire Ouimette

5:00 PM

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February 22-23, 2020

Weekly Collection: \$5,141.00

Churches all around the World: \$2,413.00

February 29-March 1, 2020

Weekly Collection: \$5,173.00

Building Fund: \$3,103.00



## 2nd Sunday of Lent

Today we are following Jesus up on a high mountain with Peter, James, and John.

There they see Jesus "transfigured," his face like the sun and his clothes as white as light. Jesus is there conversing with Moses and Elijah.

What are we to make of this image of Jesus, the earthly teacher of this small band of disciples? They were merely followers of a teacher, a rabbi. When they see this and hear a voice proclaiming, "This is my beloved Son..."

they begin to realize this man is more than just a rabbi.

However, Jesus tells them to keep this a secret until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.

Well, they have no idea what this means. Therefore, they continue to follow him as if he was just a human, a teacher.

However, we live in the time after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.

Now it is we who must proclaim the good news of Jesus, the Son of God the Father.

Take this week and think about how, in your own way, can proclaim through your words and deeds the Jesus is your savior, your teacher, and rabbi.





# Immaculate Conception School

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

## FEBRUARY/ MARCH SCHEDULE

### March 11

Lenten Prayer Service

7:45 am Grades 2-3

11:30 Dismissal –NO PM BUS

Kids Club Open.

Bring a lunch if you are attending.  
Dress Down Day in Jean/Sweatpants  
Pay \$1 for St. Jude Organization

### March 13

REPORT CARDS ISSUED

### March 17

St. Patrick's Day

Dress Down – wear GREEN

### March 18

Lenten Prayer Service

7:45 AM Grade 3-1

### March 19

Feast of St. Joseph

Mass at 9:00 AM

BANKING



## 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 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM to 2:00 PM

May 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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**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  
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**For Tour Group information, please call  
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**Because of the popularity of this tour,  
please register by March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**The tour cost will include  
motor coach transportation from  
St. William's in Tewksbury on May 11<sup>th</sup>.**

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**WOMEN'S GUILD**

The Women's Guild  
Is sponsoring its annual Communion Brunch  
Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

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 in the Greater Lowell area meet on the second Saturday of every month. Each monthly meeting includes prayer, food, and faith-building fellowship.

Our next meeting is: Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 7 - 9:00 a.m. held at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Tyngsboro, MA

Guest Speaker: Father Christopher Lowe of St. Michael Parish in Lowell, MA.

**CAN YOU HELP US  
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Doughnut Sales Order Form**

**Immaculate Conception School  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip Fundraiser**

Doughnut Sales begin on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Pick up date of Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> in the School Cafeteria from 2 to 5:30 PM **ALL DOUGHNUT ORDERS MUST BE PRE-ORDERED and PRE-PAID**  
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For more information Contact:  
Claire at the Rectory  
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**YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST**

To help us live this year with knowledge and devotion, we will have a reflection on the Eucharist periodically in the bulletin. Since most of us have been receiving this Sacrament since our young age of 7 and more the following would be helpful Communion prayers for our worship.

**BEFORE COMMUNION:**

1. Dear Lord, may I receive you in this Communion with open arms. And a loving, contrite heart. So that I may be filled with your grace, For my good and Your glory. Amen.
2. O my God, help me to make a good Communion. Mary, my mother, pray to Jesus for me. All you holy Angels and saints, pray for me, My dear Guardian Angel, lead me to the altar of God. Amen.

Next week will be prayers  
**AFTER COMMUNION**

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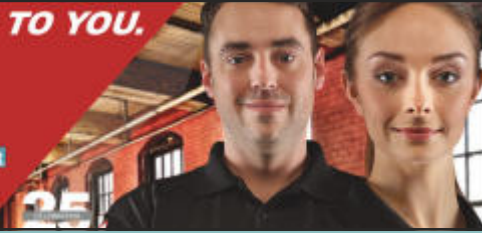
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