



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." - Jn 13:34

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***IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS  
MAY 19, 2019***

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



144 East Merrimack Street  
Lowell, Massachusetts 01852

Rectory: 3 Fayette Street  
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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  
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Deacon Carlos Desousa

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## 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



Saturday, May 18, 2019 St. John I, Pope/Martyr
4:00 PM Dorothea Stevens, 16th Ann.
Sunday, May 19, 2019 Fifth Sunday of Easter
7:30 AM Living/Deceased Members of Collins Family
9:00 AM Doris A. Spinney, 4th Ann.
11:30 AM Judith, Manuel, Deborah Pacheco
5:00 PM Walter E. Dartley
Monday, May 20, 2019 St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest
7:30 AM Francis X./Eleanor Dwyer Barrett
Tuesday, May 21, 2019 St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest//Martyr
7:30 AM Mary Morrill, Mass of Healing
Wednesday, May 22, 2019 St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
7:30 AM
Thursday, May 23, 2019
7:30 AM Richard Cain Family
12:00 NN
Friday, May 24, 2019
7:30 AM
12:00 NN
6:00 PM Lowell Catholic H.S. Graduation
Saturday, May 25, 2019 St. Bede the Ven., Priest/Dr. of the Church
9:00 AM
4:00 PM Paul F. Stanton
Sunday, May 26, 2019 Sixth Sunday of Easter
7:30 AM Virginia C. Creegan
9:00 AM Michael Spinney, Anniversary
11:30 AM Ted Szczechura, 90th Birthday
5:00 PM

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
Fifth Sunday of Easter
I was recently reading an article about the real aspects of true love.
The psychologist writing the piece said that many people hide behind the words "I love you."
They can start believing that if they say it enough times, it simply becomes true.
Jesus claimed that the world would know his disciples by the fact that they loved one another.
In the Church, we speak of loving one another quite frequently.
I hope that someone can tell that I am a disciple of Jesus by the way I love others.
However, that hope is something I have to keep in the center of my mind because I fear too often that I speak more of love than act out of love.

As Christians, we can find ourselves hiding behind our words.
History, unfortunately, has shown us that our witness of action has not always been profound enough.
The world will surely know whom it is we serve if we love like Jesus, we act like Jesus, and we serve others like Jesus.
Our stewardship will bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ, and we will bring others to him.
Our love will be an instrument of our evangelization.
Our words will become true, not because we said them enough, but because they are true.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

May 12, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Easter
Weekly Collection: \$5,827.00
Building Fund Collection: \$4,338.00







# Immaculate Conception School

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## The Immaculate Conception School

### MAY SCHEDULE

May 24– Friday

**NO SCHOOL**

**FACULTY**

**RETREAT DAY**



**The Immaculate Conception School  
MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

will be presenting a Memorial Day performance  
on **THURSDAY, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30PM**  
in our school cafeteria.

We would like to invite **ALL VETERANS** who have  
served to come to our school  
for this celebration.

**ALL ARE INVITED.**

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### Summer Tutor available:

Certified teacher available to tutor this summer.  
Grades K through Grade 5.

All subjects. Sessions held at a library.

Flexible schedule. 45 dollars per hour.

Call Julie Chachus if interested at 781 856 6833.

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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      May 25, 2019**

**beginning with the Rosary -**

**7:30 AM to 9:30 AM**

**in Immaculate Conception's Upper Church**



## 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH GOLF TOURNAMENT AND BANQUET

Dear Parishioners,

### **GOLF NEWS!**

Yes, we are **PLANNING** our Annual Fund raiser  
the 15<sup>th</sup> Immaculate Conception Golf Tournament  
and Annual Parish Social

which will be held on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

We are looking for items for the  
**LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION.**

This is a great way for you, our parishioners,  
to participate.

### **SUGGESTIONS:**

Donations of gift cards to restaurants!

Gift cards to places where you do business or  
own a business!

Movie tickets!

Donate a weekend to your summer or winter home!

Theme gift baskets (fun to do with a friend)!

We are asking for donations of bottles of wine  
with a value of \$16 or higher for one of our  
silent auction raffles.

Please indicate the price on the bottle.

This raffle was very successful and we're looking to top  
the money we brought in last year!

Also, the wine bottle could be your contribution  
to our parish and school.

All of the above can be brought to the  
Church rectory

Since there is no Red Sox ticket raffle this year,  
we are hoping that you will support this fund raiser  
by attending the Banquet.

Tickets are \$50.00 and may be purchased  
at the rectory office between 7 AM and 2 PM  
OR at the hall door the night of the banquet.

Thank you again for your continued generosity and  
support of our church and school.

Questions? Contact the Rectory Office!

Father Nick and the Golf Committee

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**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, CO
- SPC Pieter Lobscher U.S. Army AFGHANISTAN
- AST 3 Michael Linehan U.S. Coast Guard
- A/C Emily McPhillips Air Force
- Master Sgt. Nicholas Owens USAF MacDill AFB
- Platoon Sgt. John J. Rogers U.S. Army Korea

**NATIONAL GUARDS**

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**TRIP TO ROME**



Father Sannella will be in Rome and will hopefully be celebrating Mass at the Vatican June 25 or 26, 2019. If you are interested in attending this Mass, please contact Father at the rectory 978-458-1474.

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**FRANCO-AMERICAN DAY COMMITTEE**

**Please Help Nominate Our Franco-American of the Year**

Each year the Franco-American Day Committee of Lowell selects a deserving citizen of the Greater Lowell and 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.

Please write a letter providing as much information as possible about someone you feel has made significant contributions to Franco-American life here.

Send your letter by May 24 to: Franco-American Day Committee, Attn: Nominating Committee, P.O. Box 635 Lowell, MA 01853.

**St. Joseph the Worker Shrine**

37 Lee St., Lowell, MA

will sponsor a Mass and Healing Service on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 PM  
Father Richard McAlear, a Lowell native known for his world-wide Ministry of Hope and Healing, will celebrate. 978-458-6345

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**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Be transformed by Jesus' love in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend is June 8-9, 2019 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

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**MASS IN HONOR OF PATRON SAINT  
OF CANCER PATIENTS**

on Wednesday, May 29, 2019  
(Ascension Thursday Eve)

a liturgy will be celebrated at 6:30 P.M.  
in honor of St. Peregrine

at the Immaculate Conception Church  
on East Merrimack Street in Lowell.

Saint Peregrine is the

Patron Saint of cancer patients,  
and is the Saint many cancer patients,  
family members, and friends pray to for  
comfort and strength.

Saint Peregrine, who lived in the 14<sup>th</sup> century,  
was a member of the Order of the  
Servants of Mary.

He was afflicted with cancer of the leg  
and was miraculously cured the evening  
prior to an operation to amputate his leg.

During this Mass,  
the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick  
will be offered to cancer patients and any  
who wish to partake of this  
Sacrament of God's healing.  
All are invited to come and pray with and  
for those afflicted with cancer.



### 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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### CARE AND COMPANIONSHIP

If you are seeking a compassionate, seasoned, dedicated Person for elderly care, look no further!

I am a licensed RN who has been working in the home health care industry for over 15+ years.

--Able to provide care in homes, hospice settings, Nursing homes, assisted living facilities.

--Carries full liability insurance.

--Can provide numerous client references/testimonials.

--Resume/references available upon request.

--Preferred coverage areas:

Lowell, Dracut, Tewksbury, Chelmsford.

Contact Rachel Schaffner – 978-319-1847

[rachel9511@comcast.net](mailto:rachel9511@comcast.net)

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### SAMARITANS

is looking for caring volunteers!

- You must be a good listener
- You must be at least 18 years of age
- You must have transportation to & from the cell center
- You must agree to do one 5-hour shift per week for a period of one year
- You must be able to listen 80% of the time and only talk 20%
- You must be able to listen non judgmentally, and without giving advice.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering must attend 12 hours of classroom training.

Classes are held at various times throughout the year.

After successfully completing this training, potential volunteers will shadow a senior volunteer for between 16 and 20 hours.

If you feel you are a good listener and wish to make a difference, please call or e-mail Bryan at the Samaritans

Office at 978-327-6674 or

[blandgren@fsmv.org](mailto:blandgren@fsmv.org) to arrange a short interview

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### FRIENDS OF THE POLLARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Donate your books and other media to our annual book sale!

Drop them off on the ground floor of the Pollard Memorial Library every Saturday from May 4<sup>th</sup> through June 15<sup>th</sup> between 10 AM and 1 PM or e-mail [volunteer@friendsofpml.org](mailto:volunteer@friendsofpml.org) to arrange a special drop off or pickup time.

### ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Will take place at the Pollard Memorial Library, Ground Floor Meeting Room

401 Merrimack St., Lowell, MA 01854

THURSDAY, June 20 to SATURDAY, June 22.

--please no videocassette tapes, magazines or textbooks—

--all donations are tax-deductible/greatly appreciated.

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### MEMORIAL DAY MASSES

St. Joseph Cemetery in Chelmsford, MA will be held on Monday, May 27 at 10 AM  
Mass Celebrant/Homilist  
Father Michael O'Hara, OMI

St. Patrick Cemetery in Lowell, MA will be held on Monday, May 27 at 10 AM  
Mass Celebrant  
Father Nicholas A. Sannella

St. Mary Cemetery in Tewksbury, MA will be held on Saturday, May 25, 2019 at 12 Noon  
Mass Celebrant  
Father Nicholas A. Sannella