

PENTECOST

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me."

- Jn 15:26

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LOWELL, MA

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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

Mass Schedule

Weekends:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MISSION STATEMENT

**We at Immaculate Conception Church
are a welcoming community of faith
that strives to carry out the mission of Jesus
by journeying in faith, sharing in joy,
and living in hope. Come join us.**

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.**



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**Immaculate Conception School
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Catholic Community with a highly dedicated
Staff, centered on outstanding
Academic excellence,
ongoing commitment to service and a
Love for learning.**



Monday, May 24

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Birthday of the Church

On this Pentecost Sunday,
if you come to Mass at my parish
you will see a sea of red all around.

The choir, the lectors,
the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion,
the people in the pews,
and of course the celebrant and our deacon,
will all be wearing red.

We are one of those parishes that strive
to reflect the color of the liturgy in our dress.

It can be a sight to see.

What we put on our bodies serves only as a reminder of
what is really important
during these liturgical celebrations.

At Pentecost, it was the Spirit of God that filled those in
the first Christian community.

We wear red to call to mind that very Spirit,
often depicted as a fire or flame.

However, if we just use red as a reminder of the power of
the Spirit without letting it change us,
then our actions become merely sentimental.
We are filled with the Holy Spirit through the
sacraments of the Church.

God touches us and enters into us in a profound way,
just like in that upper room at Pentecost.
That first powerful movement of the Spirit
led to a Church that grew and flourished
and remains alive today.

What is the movement of the Spirit within
calling you to do today?

Do we allow God to move us
and do great things through us?

Red is a bold color to wear at any time.
But our actions should be even bolder.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

MASSES

Saturdays – 4 PM

Sundays - 8 AM and 10 AM

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**PARISH
ANNOUNCES**

**VACATION BIBLE
SUMMER SCHOOL**



MON., JULY 26 to FRI., JULY 30

8:30 am TO 12 NOON

More information to be given soon.

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***WHICH WILL BE HELD
TUESDAY - JUNE 1st***

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Month of May
and auction bidding can be entered
at any time from now until June 1st***

Below is the auction website address

https://www.32auctions.com/IC_Auction

**Thank you
for your support.**

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MASSES
Every Saturday at 4 pm
and Sunday 8 am and 10 am
for now.

As we slowly continue to re-open the church the following steps must be strictly observed.

1. We are offering a 4 PM **MASS on Sat. and 8 & 10 AM MASSES on Sunday**
2. **Social Distancing** must be observed at all times within the church
3. **Hand Sanitizer** will be available at all doors and must be used. If you prefer to use your own, bring it with you.
4. **MASKS ARE MANDATORY AND MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN.**
5. The floor is marked with the appropriate distancing. **PLEASE OBSERVE.**
6. All Holy Water Fonts and Missalettes have been removed.
7. There will be No Singing, No Processions and No Baskets passed at the Offertory.
8. **Baskets for the Offertory Collection will be placed at the Entrances of our Church.**
9. We appreciate all of your continued cooperation and we will only be able to provide Mass if all of you comply.
10. We are under strict restrictions from the Archdiocese of Boston in this re-opening of churches during this Pandemic
11. This is truly a fluid situation and we will update you before each Mass if necessary,

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS
May 8-9 2021
Weekly Collection: \$4,587.00
Building Fund: \$2,697.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT TO YOUR
PARISH

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
GOLF TOURNAMENT AND BANQUET

Dear Parishioners,

HAPPY SPRING TO ALL!

Yes, we are having our Annual Fund raiser the 16th Immaculate Conception Golf Tournament and Annual Parish Social

which will be held on **Tuesday, June 1st** and we are once again appealing to our generous parishioners and school parents to help make this year's fundraiser our most successful so far!

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

This raffle was very successful and we're looking to top the money we brought in two years ago!

Bottles may be dropped off at the Rectory or at the rear of the church on Sundays.

Please indicate the price on the bottle.

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

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 Monday through Friday

or after Masses on the weekends in the sacristy beginning May 9 and 10 or at the hall door the night of the banquet.

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

Father Nick and the Golf Committee

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY–May 22, 2021

4 pm Mass Edward Gath, 2nd Anniversary

**Dorothea Stevens, 18th Ann.
Mary Marshall, 24th Anniversary**

SUNDAY MAY 23, 2021

8 am Mass For the Parishioners

10 am Mass For the Parishioners



**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL
OUR ARMED FORCES**

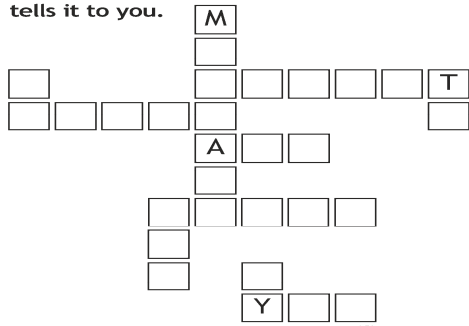
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NATIONAL GUARD



Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

The Spirit takes my message and tells it to you.



THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



**Thanks to Mr. Hubert “Pete” Perry,
our Maintenance man,
the above statue of St. Joseph
in front of the podium
in our beautiful church
was refurbished.**

**St. Joseph, pray for him, his family
and
for all Immaculate Conception
Parishioners.**

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