

PENTECOST SUNDAY

[Jesus] breathed on them and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive
are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are
retained." - Jn 20:22-23

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MAY 31, 2020
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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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

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.

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



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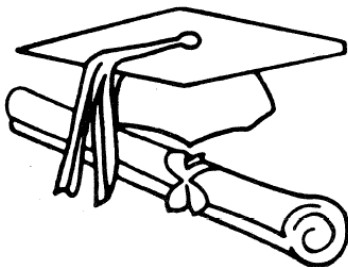
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The Immaculate Conception School in Lowell
is now accepting registrations for the
2020-2021



CONGRATULATIONS,
CLASS OF 2020

MADÉLINE RAE BREAU

LILY BELLE BRODEUR

JULIA CLARINDA CANARIO

ANNIKA SOPHIA-DENYSE COUILLARD

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ELLA PAIGE MCANESPIE

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FIA HESS OLIVEIRA

"God is always more."
Have you ever heard that?
If we truly believe that He is infinite,
then this statement is worth exploring.
Today, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit
in power upon the early Church.
But Pentecost wasn't the first time
the disciples received the Holy Spirit.
The Gospel actually occurs chronologically before
Pentecost. Soon after the Resurrection,
Jesus already "came and stood in their [the
disciples'] midst... he breathed on them and said to
them,
'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

God is always more.
Sometimes we might think the grace of God as one
and done. God might break through in people's
lives,
but it's a one-time event on a retreat or preceding
a dramatic conversion of life.
But there's always more to come.
Even today's Gospel isn't the first time
the breath of God stirred. In Genesis,
it's God's breath that stirs life into Adam in the
garden. Jesus breathes on the Apostles,
giving them the Holy Spirit in the quiet and silence.
Later, that breath will stir into a "driving wind",
and the Spirit will descend with flame...
not unlike Moses on Mount Sinai.

God is always more.
He has spoken throughout salvation history,
and continues to speak into our lives through His
Church and through the Holy Spirit alive in our
hearts.

This Pentecost Sunday,
let us come before Him with expectant hearts!
Like the disciples in the Gospel and first reading,
let us await what "more" God will do.

RE-OPENING OF CHURCH FOR MASS

Sunday, May 31st

On Sunday May 31st we will be happy to welcome you back to our church

HOWEVER: the following steps must be strictly observed.



1. There will only be **ONE MASS AT 10:00 AM.**
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 will be 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. Sheets with further information will be available to you at the doors.
10. We appreciate all of your continued cooperation and we will only be able to provide Mass if all of you comply.
11. We are under strict restrictions from the Archdiocese of Boston in this re-opening of churches during this Pandemic
12. This is truly a fluid situation and we will update you before each Mass.

Thank you for your continued and faithful support to your parish

Collections deposited on May 2, 2020

School Fund: \$2, 192.00

Collections deposited on May 8, 2020

Weekly Collection: \$9,915.00

Building: \$1,505.00

Holy Land: \$155.00

Collections deposited on May 16, 2020

Weekly Collection: \$5,767.00

Building Fund: \$2,874.00

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**PLEASE REMAIN
CONNECTED TO OUR
WEBSITE:
iclowell.org
AND
FACEBOOK
FOR FURTHER ACTION
DECIDING
TIME FOR FUTURE MASSES AT
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
CHURCH.**

**Thank you for your continued
patience with how we
have to proceed to respect
all our parishioners' needs.**



**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
Captain Jeremy LaBranche	U.S. Army	Fort Huachuca, AZ
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

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THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

Since we are unable to receive Jesus
in the Sacrament of the Eucharist,
as we watch the Mass on TV
here is a prayer you could say:

My Jesus,
I believe that you
are present in the most Holy Sacrament
I love you above all things
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive
You sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and
unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN

We are Never Alone

My children want my help sometimes,
And other times, not so much.
I remember being a teenager and young adult
myself. At times, I thought I knew everything.
I didn't need help because I was just so darn smart.
Truth is, I needed to find my own way.
I needed to stretch my wings and prove to myself
and my family I could fly.
I assume that is what is happening with my own
children as well.
It just seems so different now that I'm the parent.
Human beings need help.
We need community, and we need to rely on one
another.

At PENTECOST, we reflect on Jesus sending to the
Church a helper, the Holy Spirit.

God interacting with us in this manner means we
are never truly alone.

We focus most of the time on the Spirit of God as
the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure

However, since it is that very same Spirit
that turned us into "Church from a band of people
looking to carry as after Jesus' ascension, at
Pentecost we gained more than divine help:
we gained each other.

Today, the Church needs help in a profound way.
We need to learn on the Holy Spirit to blow through
the Church with a profound renewal.

But we cannot forget that we have been given each
other to lean on as well.

We are a gift to each other, and together with the
Spirit's help, we are the Body of Christ here on
earth.

We must be strong and stand for one another.
If we do that, this Pentecost will bear fruit that will
be with us for many Pentecosts to come.

---Tracy Earl Williver, MTS

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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.

A TIMELY REMINDER

It is no secret that St. Vincent de Paul in our parish has been working over time and, you, generous parishioners have provided some assistance during this unbelievable pandemic situation.

Please try to assist these families who have been hit as much as you have but with much less than you have and open your hearts and your wallets to help the families and St. Vincent de Paul volunteers to assist all who present themselves to this organization. Thank you.

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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.



Hail Mary Word Search

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Directions: Find all 17 of the words that are in bold print below in the Hail Mary prayer in the word search above.

Hail Mary,
Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, **Jesus.**

Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of death.
Amen.

