

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
JUNE 21, 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.

# 144 East Merrimack Street Lowell, Massachusetts 01852

Rectory: 3 Fayette Street

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Fax: 978-446-0790

Office Hours: 8:00 to 3:00. Mon.-Thurs. 8 to 12 Noon-Fri.

#### Pastoral Staff

Rev. Nicholas A. Sannella, Pastor

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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



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# CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2020

Students wrote an essay on

"How they have reached out to the local
community and school by helping others."

Students submitted essays that were coded by
numbers and the Polcari Family picked the
winning number essays.

I am pleased to announce this year's two recipient winners who are:

#### HAILEY ELIZABETH DINSMORE MYA MARIE JEAN

This year we have several students who qualify for the

#### Presidential Education Award.

This certificate is awarded to students who have High Honor roll or Honor roll status for their final grade in all academic subjects.

#### **HIGH HONOR STATUS**

Julia Clarinda Canario Kennedy Hynes Daily Reese Katherine Geary Mya Marie Jean Ella Paige McAnespie HONOR STATUS

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Annika Sophia-Denyse Couillard Hailey Elizabeth Dinsmore Emily Yvonne LaBranche



#### Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was a teenager,
after a homecoming dance one year I took my date
for a walk on the Potomac in downtown Alexandria.
The moon was out and I was struck by how the
light shimmered on the water.
I remember focusing to try to see all the details
of the dancing rays on the ripples.
My date didn't see it and didn't really get it.
She thought it was no big deal.
It was a great date and a fun night,
but for that one moment
we saw the world from two completely
different vantage points.

Two of the greatest gifts from God to each of us are life and time.

Without taking care,
we can easily miss the grandeur and beauty of both.
Being mindful as an everyday steward means pausing to see the detail in all that exists around us.

God's creation is not something created with a broad brush,
but instead with the intricacies of a master painter.

God created all things with purpose and a complexity only the divine could fully comprehend. Every single hair on our head has been counted! But when we take a moment to reflect on the beauty that is created by that complexity, we allow ourselves to revel in God's generosity. There is so much to give thanks for in this life. But you and I can't give thanks to God unless we really stop to take notice.

When was the last time you stared in awe at the moon?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © Liturgical Publications Inc

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!** 

# MASS Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>

#### All went smoothly last week, let's try again.

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

- 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 reopening of churches during this Pandemic
- **12.**This is truly a fluid situation and we will update you before each Mass.

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Thank you for your continued
patience with how we
have to proceed to respect
all our parishioners' needs.
Please feel free to continue watching the
Sunday Mass on Facebook or on our website
iclowell.org.

If you are 65 and older or are compromised with any health condition, you are advised to remain at home.

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# SAINT MARY'S MISSION LANCASTER, PA IF YOU HAVE MORE RELIGIOUS ITEMS

They will be returning in September and hope there will be even more!



# 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

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#### NATIONAL GUARD



#### What is a FATHER?

A father is a man who loves without cost to his children and tries to raise them to be fully human creatures with the abilities to make a difference in our world.

Some fathers are successful, some are not.

However, almost all try their best.

This Father's Day,
let your dad know that you appreciate all his efforts.

Strength--Your strength in helping me to tell right from wrong was a great gift.

Honor--You taught me that to honor myself was a way to honor the God who made me.
Faith—Thanks, Dad, for having faith in me, when I was not sure I had faith in myself.

Love--You loved me even when I did not love myself.

For that I am grateful.



#### THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

Almighty and everlasting God,
we dedicate this year to the Eucharist and come
before you with humbled hearts.
We are grateful that you gave us
Your only Son, Jesus Christ
to be one with us by sharing in our human ways.

Let His sacrifice on the cross, His Passion, Glorious
Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven
give us the strength to follow in His footsteps.
Your Son, is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and
Divinity in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
He comes in the form of bread and wine to nourish
us and to fulfill our need to be one with You.
We praise Him for giving us Himself
as the most profound symbol for His love
for all of us.

O God, by the light of the Holy Spirit encourage us to reflect on the Blessed Sacrament, renew our devotion to the Eucharist and provide witness to Your presence in our daily lives to others.

Send forth Your Holy Spirit, to embolden us through the spiritual nourishment of the Eucharist.

This holy year, loving God,
may we become more like You every time we share
in the Eucharist and pray in the presence of the
Blessed Sacrament.
We ask this in the name of the
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
AMEN

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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.

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#### 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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#### THANK YOU





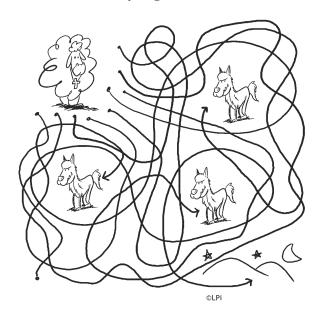
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