

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS AUGUST 15, 2019

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Mass Schedule

Weekends:

Saturday 4:00 p.m. 7:30 a.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. Family Mass 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Weekdays: Mon. - Fri. 7:30 a.m. (Rectory Chapel) 9:00 a.m. (Rectory Chapel) Saturday 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.

144 East Merrimack Street Lowell, Massachusetts 01852

Rectory: 3 Fayette Street Tel: 978-458-1474 * 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

Rev. Kenneth Healey, SM, Parochial Vicar Rev. Raju Muringayil, O. Praem, Assisting Priest Deacon Stephen M.Papik Deacon Carlos Desousa Sister Irene Martineau, SASV, Secretary & Bulletin Editor Ms. Claire Couillard Pastoral Associate Director of Religious Education Gr. 1-10

> Catherine Fiorino, School Principal School Tel: 978-454-5339 School Fax: 978-454-6593 Parish Website: <u>www.iclowell.org</u>

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.

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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, August 10, 2019						
4:00 PM	Bertha I	M.	Curran,	39 th	Ann.	

- Sunday, August 11, 201919th Sunday in Ordinary Time7:30 AMJohn T. /Mary F. Gorman9:00 AM11:30 AM11:30 AMCraig Maxfield, 1st Anniversary5:00 PMDeceased Members of Chandler/Sweeney Families
- Monday, August 12, 2019 St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Rel. 7:30 AM Maurice Martineau
- Tuesday, August 13, 2019 Sts. Pontian, Pope,
Hippolitus, Priest/Martyrs7:30 AMFather Lucien Marquis, MMM
- Wednesday, August 14, 2019 St. Maximilian Kollbe, Priest/M.7:30 AM6:00 PMFrancis X./Eleanor Dwyer BarrettVigil of the Holy Day
- Thursday, August 15, 2019 ASSUMPTION OF MARY
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION7:30 AM
12:00 NNJeffrey McKenzie/Birthday Mem.
- Friday, August 16, 2019 St. Stephen of Hungary 7:30 AM Bernard Martineau, Mass of Healing 12:00 NN
- Saturday, August 17, 2019 9:00 AM Living/Deceased members of WG 4:00 PM David Cwiklik/Rita Major
- Sunday, August 18, 2019 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 AM 9:00 AM Thomas P. Mulligan
 - 11:30 AM Raymond/Florence Rourke
 - 5:00 PM David Camire, Month's Mind M.

<u>July-27-28, 2019</u> Weekly Collection: \$5,127.00 Building Fund: \$2,613.00 *_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_





<u>GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER</u> <u>UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE</u>

August 11, 2019 **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Tickets booked, packing list double-checked, itinerary set - how do you know you're prepared for a trip? Being ready requires plenty of practical preparation. Do we give the same care to our spiritual preparedness? "Your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom," Jesus tells us. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us to have the right attitude for the gifts and callings he wants to give us! **Clear out your clutter!** "Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Jesus reminds the disciples that earthly standards of security and success will wear out in time. If our lives are structured around values that don't align with the kingdom of God, we'll miss opportunities to receive God. If we're so concerned with our child's success in sports that we miss Sunday Mass for their tournaments, we're missing out receiving the sacraments and building a consistent community of faith. If our quest for the promotion takes us away from family commitments, we won't be able to fully receive the love intended in our closest relationships. Set faith-based priorities. "Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival." Our conflicting commitments can cause any routine to slip from time to time. All the more reason to make sure faith is a priority. Pray as a family before meals. Bring your children regularly to the sacrament of confession. Make room in the schedule for faith enrichment activities offered by your parish. Volunteer once a month. "At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." When will the call come to care for an ailing parent? To take on a new leadership position? God speaks to us through the circumstances of our lives. He calls each of us to greater love, sometimes in very concrete ways. This week, take some time to consider: Will you be ready?



Immaculate Conception School

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The Immaculate Conception School

Seats are filling up fast. **The Immaculate Conception School** is now taking applications for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are looking for an excellent spiritual and academic foundation for your child, call the Immaculate Conception School at 978-454-5339 to set up a tour. There are a few seats left in our full day PK 3 year old, 4 year programs and Kindergarten programs. * * * * * * * * * * SUMMER TUTORING Spelling Skills/Reading Skills//Math Skills/ **Organizational Skills** Help with summer work \$210 for a Six Week Session **Orton Gillingham certified** Six-week Session - choice of Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday at various times week of June 24, July 8, 15, 22, 29 and August 12 If interested please e-mail mrslawton@iclowell.com *_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_



CHOIR PRACTICE

New Members are welcome. We sing at the 9 AM Sunday Mass. Please join us at our new time for Choir practice. TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 7:00 PM in Immaculate Conception Church sanctuary.



Feast of Our Lady of Beauraing

The annual Celebration of Our lady of Beauraing will be held on the Feast of the Queenship of Mary Thursday, August 22, 2019 St. Mary Magdalen Church, 93 Lakeview Ave., Tyngsboro 6:30PM A special rendition of the Luminous Mysteries will be recited in church followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

A 30 minute skit on the Apparitions of Our Lady of Beauraing, which took place in Belgium between 1932-1933, will be given by a group of children who will be taking the parts of the five seers who witnessed

the 33 apparitions of the Queen of the Golden Heart.

For more information contact Irene Tremblay at 978-649-1813. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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COME AND JOIN US ONCE AGAIN FOR THE <u>ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC</u>

DATE: <u>Saturday, September 21</u> <u>12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM</u> Rain Date: Sunday, September 22, from 1:00 to 5:00 PM

ADMISSION: <u>\$5.00 PER PERSON/\$15 PER FAMILY</u>

ACTIVITIES: Rock Wall (Saturday only) 30' Logger Jammer Slide, Pony Rides Obstacle Course, Basketball Cannon Ball Blaster, Sand Art, Games Sand Art, Prizes Snow Cones, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and **MOre**!!!!



PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR ARMED FORCES

Lance CPL James Bakanosky U.S. Marines AFGHANISTAN Sgt. James R. Boudreau U.S. Armv 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** A1C Emily McPhillips Air Force Master Sgt. Nicholas Owens USAF **MacDill AFB** Staff Sgt. John J. Rogers U.S. Army Fort Bliss, Texas NATIONAL GUARDS

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ONE-DAY RETREAT FOR GRIEVING PARENTS Saturday, September 14, 2019 Saint John the Evangelist Old Parish Hall 115 Middlesex Road North Chelmsford, MA 01879 TIME: 9:00 AM TO 6:30 PM Spiritual Support For Grieving Parents Who have experienced the Death of a Child No Matter The Age or Reason For more information or registration contact: phassett99@gmail.com

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New at MERRIMACK COLLEGE Earn a Master's Degree in SPIRITUAL DIRECTION - Spirituality (M.A) - Spiritual Direction (M.A.) - Spiritual Direction (Certificate) - Interfaith Spirituality (Certificate) Acquire the knowledge and ministerial experience

Acquire the knowledge and ministerial experience needed to enhance the spiritual journeys of others and meet the changing needs of the spiritual community.

LEARN MORE: Merrimack.edu/pilot This new program is a year old and has several members in the first cohort. They have enjoyed learning at Merrimack College. The classes have been excellent and enjoyable. The first cohort is anxiously awaiting their next class. If you know someone who might be interested in this program, please let them know personally.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." Discover how much your marriage matters to God by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Sep 14-15, 2019 in Medway,

MA and Oct 18-20, 2019 in LACONIA, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <u>https://wwmema.org/</u>.

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Plan Wisely

What would happen if you found out right now that relatives of yours were coming into town tomorrow, and they hoped to stay with you? You can either tell them they can't stay with you, or you immediately begin a process of furiously cleaning, straightening up, and grocery shopping in anticipation of your guests. If you don't have to do anything to prepare because your home is perfect, clean, and fully stocked, perhaps you don't live in your home or you are obsessive compulsive. I suspect most people reading this would go into panic mode!

We spend much time putting off things until later. Then when something unexpected happens, we swing into action to deal with it or prepare for its effects. We would have acted differently if we knew what was coming down the road.

What does your way of life look like? Are you living as if you have forever, or are you living as if Jesus could return any moment and your life here on earth could end tomorrow? The gift of time is often taken for granted. If we live more mindfully of that gift, we waste less of it and maximize the moments in which we find ourselves. We give of ourselves in ways that are more meaningful and productive. The gift of tomorrow is not promised to you, but the gift of today has already been given. Use this day wisely because who knows what tomorrow may bring. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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SATAN CALLED. HE WANTS HIS WEATHER BACK.



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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La Salette Retreat Center

947 Park Street, Attleboro, MA 02703 Saturday, August 10, Sept. 28, & Oct. 20th, 2019 <u>One of Three Workshops on Scripture/Well-being</u>

"At the Feet of the Master

<u>Presenters Fr. Flavio Gillio & Dr. Sally Riconscente</u> A Christ-centered way of living promotes a fulfilling life. With Scripture, Spirituality/Psychology, we will pursue a Journey of human development and spiritual enrichment. This is a three-part series. You can choose 1 or all.

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Workshop on Grateful Living

This one-day workshop will cover the following themes: 1-Whiners and Worshipers 2-Transforming Our Journeys into a Lived Thank You 3- Looking ahead: Practical Wisdom for Everyday Living 10:00 am to 4 pm (Registration begins at 9:30 am) Lunch and Mass included in the program. Suggested Donation: \$45 a person

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<u>A CATHOLIC CONFERENCE</u> <u>focused on the</u> <u>INFINITE MERCY OF GOD</u> <u>info@hopeconferences.com</u> <u>OCTOBER 5, 2019</u> A powerful Day of Grace including four extraordinary speakers, Music, Holy Mass, Confession and Adoration \$40 per ticket if purchased by September 1st Group pricing available Doors open at 8 AM, day ends at 6 PM LOWELL MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell, MA 01852

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Deacon John Hunt invites you to join him on a TEN DAY PILGRIMAGE throughout the Holy Land on September 8 to 17, 2019. This is a wonderful opportunity to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and experience scripture as it comes alive, while you visit the holy sites in Israel. If you are interested please call Deacon John Hunt at Saint Francis Parish, 978-452-6611 or via e-mail at <u>deacon@saintfrancis.net</u> For more information you can check the trip website at <u>www.pilgrimages.com/denhunt</u> *_*_*_*_*_*_*

Deacon Steve of Holy Trinity Church in Lowell

is sponsoring a 12 day/10 night trip

to Poland in the fall,

from September 23 to October 4, 2019.

The tour visits Warsaw, Sopot, Gdynis, Gdansk, Torun, Wroclaw,

Wadowice (home of St. John Paul II) Krakow, Auschwitz, Zakopane, and, of course, Czestochowas, home of the Black Madonna.

For more info, contact Deacon Steve at

978-459-2873 or at papik1@comcast.net

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Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY, to Northern Italy and Rome on this 9 night experience. <u>September 19-27, 2019.</u> Your included destinations while on this Journey are: Milan, Italy, Turin, Pavia, Sirmione, Padua, Pomposa, Ravenna – Rome, Italy. Plus, Mass and Rosary will be offered throughout your journey. Land prices begin at \$589 per person, based on double occupancy. Deposits of only \$400 per person will reserve your space. Space is VERY LIMITED. For further info or to register, Contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785 or *Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com*