



Like Jesus we belong to the world  
living not for ourselves but for others.

*—St. Teresa of Kolkata*

**23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2019**

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



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: [www.iclowell.org](http://www.iclowell.org)

## 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

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**September 8, 2019 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

We are all called to be accountable to one another.  
As brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,  
we have a responsibility to reach out in love when we see  
someone lost and to offer support  
when the need is the greatest.

In that same regard,  
we must never stand between a loved one and him.  
Our goal when it comes to those we love is to lead them  
toward heaven and eternal life with the source of all love,  
Jesus Christ.

This is the "why" of our stewardship.  
Our generosity and our giving of very selves back to  
God need to bear witness  
to the transforming power of Jesus.  
It is easy to fall into the trap of loving someone so much  
that we place them before God.  
We make our human relationships the main thing and  
ultimately make decisions that keep our loved ones away  
from that which they need the most.  
If we truly love another,  
we will offer them the example of how  
we love God even more than them.

We live in a world where romantic and parental love  
are seen as the highest forms of affection.  
Stories are often told in books and on the screen of how  
nothing will keep someone from his or her beloved.  
Although we are called to love one another,  
we must never be trapped into the portrayal of love that  
comes from the world.

We are gifts from God to one another,  
and like all other gifts given to us,  
we are accountable to God for that which He has given.  
If you can give a loved one back to God completely,  
then you are worthy of their love in the first place.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**Saturday, September 7, 2019**  
**4:00 PM**      **Theresa/Charles Consensi and  
Vidal Bangit**

**Sunday, September 8, 2019** *23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
**7:30 AM**      **Living/Deceased Members of  
Collins Family**  
**9:00 AM**      **Eleanor Harrington, 5<sup>th</sup> Ann.**  
**11:30 AM**      **Eileen Stowell, 14<sup>th</sup> Ann.**  
**5:00 PM**

**Monday, September 9, 2019** *St. Peter Claver, Priest*  
**7:30 AM**

**Tuesday, September 10, 2019**  
**7:30 AM**      **Mary Morrill, Mass of Healing**

**Wednesday, September 11, 2019**  
**7:30 AM**  
**6:00 PM**

**Thursday, Sept. 12, 2019** *The Most Holy Name of Mary*  
**7:30 AM**  
**12:00 NN**

**Friday, September 13, 2019** *St. John Chrysostom, Bishop  
and Doctor of the Church*  
**7:30 AM**      **Marian E. MacLaughlan**  
**12:00 NN**      **Robert J. Powers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ann.**

**Saturday, September 14, 2019** *Exaltation of the Cross*  
**9:00 AM**      **Special Intention**  
**4:00 PM**      **Paul P. Stanton**

**Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019** *24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
**7:30 AM**      **Janet Sweeney**  
**9:00 AM**      **Martha Foley Lucey, 23<sup>rd</sup> Ann.**  
**11:30 AM**      **Thomas M. Creegan, 22<sup>nd</sup> Ann.**  
**5:00 PM**      **Peter C. Sweeney, 18<sup>th</sup> Ann.**

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**August 24-25, 2019**  
**Weekly Collection: \$4,460.00**  
**Building Fund: \$2,503.00**



**Immaculate Conception School**

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**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**

**Religious Education Calendar 2019-2020**

Classes meet at the Immaculate Conception School

on the Sunday mornings scheduled below  
and are subject to change for inclement weather days...

The \* indicates Sundays that are two in a row.

Due to this year's scheduling with school events  
there are a few months with two in a row.

**Classes begin at 10am and end at 12 NOON.**

September 22 First Class/ongoing registration for new  
Students

*September 29	Class 2
* October 6	Class 3
October 20	Class 4
November 3	Class 5
November 17	Class 6
*November 24	Class 7
December 15	Class 8
January 5	Class 9
*January 12	Class 10
February 2	Class 11

**FIRST PENANCE PARENT MEETING**

Sunday, February 9 at 6:30 PM School Cafeteria

*February 9	Class 12
March 1	Class 13

**FIRST PENANCE** March 14 at 10 AM in Church  
March 15 Class 14

**FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING**  
Sunday, March 15 at 6:30 PM School Cafeteria

March 29	Class 15
*April 5	Class 16

**FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT-Grade 2**  
Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM to 2:00 PM

May 3<sup>rd</sup> **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
**FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION**

Please contact Claire Couillard at 978-458-1474 X21  
for any questions.

*Our Religious Education Program*  
*is in dire need of teachers.*  
*Please call Claire Couillard.*

**The Immaculate Conception School**  
**2019-2020 Schedule**

**SEPTEMBER 2019**

**11-OPEN HOUSE 6:00-6:30pm (Gr. 6-8)**  
**6:30-7:30 pm (Gr. 1-5)**

**18-Half Day Dismissal 11:30 am**

**27-Picture Day 8:00am DRESS UP**

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**ICS Class of 2020 Trip**  
**to Washington/New York FUND RAISER**

Buying MUMS this season????

We have them 9 inch pot \$9.00

Pre-order your MUMS

**Pick-up at Immaculate Conception School Cafeteria**

Saturday - September 21 from 9:00 am to Noon

Order forms can be found in school/rectory

Orders begin August 24 to September 12

Colors:

White, Burgundy

Yellow, Bronze

Orange, Pink and Lavender

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**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  
1<sup>st</sup> 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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**A Parishioner's Request  
St. Jude's Novena**

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved  
and preserved throughout the world now and forever.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us.

St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us.

St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us.

Say this prayer nine times a day.

By the eighth day, your prayers will be answered.

It has never been known to fail.

Publication must be promised.

Look to the Son, you will see no shadow.

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**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Put God first in your marriage by attending a  
Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Weekends are  
September 14-15, 2019 in Medway, MA  
October 18-20, 2019 in Laconia, NH

For more information,  
call Stephen and Michelle O'Leary  
at 800-710-9963  
or visit them at

<https://wwmema.org/>.

**CORI TIME 2020  
CORI FORM**

to be completed by all volunteers

MA State law mandates that any person 17 years of  
age and older, who serves as a volunteer in any  
parish ministry, must complete a CORI form  
(Criminal Offense Record Info.).

This form requires verification of identity with a  
photo document

(e.g. MA Driver's License or passport)

There are no exceptions to this requirement.

The CORI form is available at the Rectory Office

Monday-Thurs. 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Fridays: 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM (Noon)

beginning 9/8 to 9/30, 2019.

**I WILL BE AVAILABLE AT FRONT  
ENTRANCE AFTER EVERY MASS  
THE WEEKEND OF SEPT. 14-15.**

**Sister Irene**

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society members  
need to speak to**

**Mr. Richard Sweeney to arrange to fill the Cori  
form**

**Know that we are truly grateful that you are willing  
to serve our parish community as a volunteer.**

**This is our way of showing you that we are  
committed to protect all our parishioners and all  
who visit with us...especially the children and the  
elderly.**

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**COME AND JOIN US ONCE AGAIN FOR THE  
ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC**

**DATE: Saturday, September 21  
12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM**

**Rain Date: Sunday, September 22, from 1:00 to 5:00 PM**

**ADMISSION: \$5.00 PER PERSON/\$15 PER FAMILY**

**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!!!!**



**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, Sept. 28, & Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**One of Three Workshops on Scripture/Well-being**

**“At the Feet of the Master**

**Presenters Fr. Flavio Gillio & Dr. Sally Riconscente**

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.

**ALSO**

**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

**Wednesday, September 18, 2019**

**Our Lady’s Message at La Salette:**

**Still relevant for Our Times**

**Presenters: Fathers Bernie Baris, Flavio Gillio, Donald Jeffrey, Andre Patenaude & Bro. D. Winiski**  
Mary’s Message at La Salette is as relevant today as

it was in 1846.

The five presenters, all Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette, will present and explain various aspects of the apparition and the message:

The historical and geographical context, the Biblical parallels of the message, the Mission and rapid spread of the “Good News”, today’s Shrine in France and the role of the Laity and La Salette.

10:00 am to 4 pm (Registration begins at 9:30 am)

Lunch and Mass included in the program.

Suggested Donation: \$45 a person

**BABY BOTTLES TO SUPPORT  
THE PREGNANCY CENTER AND  
THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE**

Today, you will find baskets at every entrance containing baby bottles from the Pregnancy Care Center.(PCC) PCC offers loving, confidential support to women who are facing unplanned pregnancies.

In addition, they provide sexual integrity education, post abortion counseling and material assistance (baby items/food). The services are free thanks to the support from individuals and local churches.

Please take a bottle home. Then as a family, fill them with checks (made payable to PCC) cash or coins and return them to the church/rectory no later than September 29<sup>th</sup>.

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**A CATHOLIC CONFERENCE**

**focused on the**

**INFINITE MERCY OF GOD**

**[info@hopeconferences.com](mailto:info@hopeconferences.com)**

**OCTOBER 5, 2019**

A powerful Day of Grace including four extraordinary speakers, Music, Holy Mass, Confession and Adoration \$40 per ticket if purchased by September 1<sup>st</sup>  
Group pricing available

Doors open at 8 AM, day ends at 6 PM  
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**SHRINES OF NORTHERN ITALY AND ROME**

Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY, to Northern Italy and Rome on this 9 night experience. **September 19-27, 2019.** 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](mailto:Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com)**