



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
SEPTEMBER 22, 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

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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, September 21, 2019
4:00 PM Daniel Driscoll, 13th Anniversary

Sunday, Sept. 22, 2019 *25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 AM Timothy D. Sullivan
9:00 AM James J. Mullin, 26th Ann.
11:30 AM Edward Bemis, 12th Ann.
Loretta Bemis, 14th Ann.

5:00 PM

Monday, September 23, 2019 *St. Pius (Padre Pio)*

7:30 AM Ruth McKenzie, Birthday M.

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

7:30 AM Mary Morrill, Mass of Healing

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

7:30 AM Joseph A. Quinlan

Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019 *Sts. Cosmas/Damian, Martyrs*

7:30 AM Virginia C. Creegan
12:00 NN

Friday, September 27, 2019 *St. Vincent de Paul, Priest*

7:30 AM J. C. Mangan
12:00 NN

Saturday, September 28, 2019

9:00 AM Living/Deceased Members of WG
4:00 PM Robert Duffy, 1st Anniversary

Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019 *26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 AM Lillian Marie (Mullen) Parry
Arthur Eugene Parry, Sr.
9:00 AM Clinton E. Barter, 12th Ann.
11:30 AM Margaret P. Farley, 8th Ann.
5:00 PM Ruth/ Arthur Ferraioli, 26th Ann

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September 14-15, 2019

Weekly Collection: \$5,447.00

Clergy Health/Retirement Fund: \$2,685.00

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 22, 2019 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Compartmentalization or consistency?

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a strange story of a sneaky, savvy steward that raises questions about our personal virtue.

"How much do you owe? Here is your promissory note, write one for eighty."

This parable isn't advice for money management.

Historically, there were many positions that acted on behalf of their masters regarding money, like customs agents, household stewards, and tax collectors. Often these workers over-charged and skimmed off the top.

Usurious practices like this were not in line with the traditional Jewish understanding of money lending, which strictly forbade them from taking interest or making a profit off of their own people.

As the steward reduced the debt, he was likely writing out the amount he originally intended to take for himself.

Before the steward can be commended, he needs to right the wrong done.

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones."

This parable contains an important self-check.

We have a great many things we're responsible for that seem to have nothing to do with the kingdom of God.

How do we interact in those spaces?

Are we trustworthy in our dealings at work and at home?

Are we honest and faithful to our commitments to family and friends? Are we honest with our money and prudent with how we spend our time?

Jesus calls his disciples to consistency.

How often do we expect that we can be one person one place, yet shrug off that persona in a new situation?

"No servant can serve two masters."

These week, take stock of your life. All of your life.

Are you living the Gospel values wherever you go?



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The Immaculate Conception School 2019-2020 Schedule

SEPTEMBER 2019

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

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A CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

focused on the INFINITE MERCY OF GOD

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 1st
Group pricing available

Doors open at 8 AM, day ends at 6 PM
LOWELL MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
50 East Merrimack St., Lowell, MA 01852

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 4th, 9:00AM to 2:00 PM

May 3rd 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.



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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The Men of Saint Joseph

Present

RELICS of the Saints

Come venerate Relics related to the Passion of Our Lord and of various Saints.

Documented Relics that will be available for Veneration:

- Veil of Mary
- Most Holy Wood of the True Cross
- The Pillar of His Scourging
- Purple Robe Crown of Thorns
- Piece of the Sponge Wooden Title
- Holy Shroud
- Clothing Worn by Jesus
- St. Francis of Assisi
- St. Peregrine

A talk and reflection will be provided by
JIM ROBSON.

Learn from the saints and Holy Scripture how these sacred items are such a profound part of our Catholic Journey.

Questions may be e-mailed to
JRobson4@icloud.com

THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH
will meet in Immaculate Conception
Chapel at 7:30 AM on
Saturday - September 28, 2019

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 29th, 2019

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Bruce W. and Kathleen M. Akashian
"Nancy" Ann L. Beane
Robert W. and Dawn L. Boehm
Martin and Cynthia Bolcome
Norman and Claire Lacerte
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Mann
Daniel J. Mansur
Kathleen M. Sheehan
Thomas and Deborah C. Thornton
For their generous donations In Memory Of
RITA CONLON NEAL



Terrence and Kathleen McCarthy
Maureen Mondou
Mary Sayet
For their generous donations In Memory Of
JOSEPH MEEHAN



Ann E. Craven
James MacLaughlan
Terrence and Kathleen McCarthy
For their generous donations In Memory Of
MAUREEN (MURPHY) SWENSLEY