

Epiphany OF THE LORD

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
JANUARY 6, 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:



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

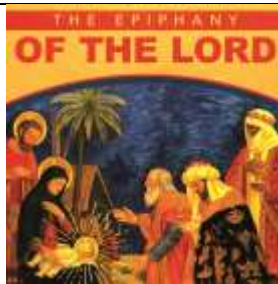
Parish Meetings

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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Saturday, January 5, 2019
4:00 PM M/M William J. Quinn/Family
Rev. Joseph P. Quinn, O.M.I.
Sunday, January 6, 2019 The Epiphany of the Lord
7:30 AM Anthony Correa, 1st Anniversary
Mary Correa, 11th Anniversary
9:00 AM George W. Spinney, Sr., 18th Ann.
11:30 AM Richard P. Rourke
5:00 PM
Monday, January 7, 2019 St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest
7:30 AM Bridget Kirwin
Tuesday, January 8, 2019
7:30 AM Yvette Mayrand, 1st Anniversary
Wednesday, January 9, 2019
7:30 AM Mary Murphy
Thursday, January 10, 2019
7:30 AM Mildred Pitts
12:00 NN
Friday January 11, 2019
7:30 AM Francis X./Eleanor (Dwyer) Barrett
12:00 NN
Saturday, January 12, 2019
9:00 AM Living/Deceased Members of W. Guild
4:00 PM
Sunday, January 13, 2019 The Baptism of the Lord
7:30 AM Donald J. Bickford, 12th Ann.
9:00 AM James J. Kirwin, Sr., 23rd Ann.
11:30 AM William J. O'Brien, 2nd Ann.
5:00 PM

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 6, 2019 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The song "We Three Kings" details the gifts of the Magi, but do you know what you're singing? "Born a king on Bethlehem's plan, gold I bring to crown Him again." This one is the most straightforward - gold symbolizes the Kingship of Christ. "Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom." Myrrh is an embalming spice. Already at Christ's birth, we have the symbolic reminder of his death. "Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a deity nigh." In many religious traditions, incense symbolizes prayers rising to heaven. In some pagan traditions, it is thought to help "call down" the deity. The gift of frankincense symbolizes Jesus' role as the Great High Priest, sanctifying the world through his sacrifice.

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December 24-25, 2018

Clergy Trust Fund: \$17,108.00

Thank you for your generosity!



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JANUARY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, 9th
11:30 Dismissal
No PM Bus
Kids Club Open

Thursday, 10th
ICSPA Meeting
6:00 PM

Friday, 11th

PROGRESS REPORTS ISSUED

Thursday, 17th
Banking

Monday, 21st
NO SCHOOL
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Wednesday, 23rd
Learning Day @
Tsongas Center

Sunday, 27th to Friday, 1st of February

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Sunday, 27th
Opening Mass
9:00 AM
Followed by
Open House:
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR 2018-2019

Classes meet at the Immaculate Conception School
On the Sunday mornings scheduled below and are
subject to change for inclement weather days...
Classes begin at 10:00 AM and end at 12 Noon.

January 6 Class 9
*January 13 Class 10
February 3 Class 11
February 10 Class 12

WINTER VACATION

March 3 Class 13
March 17 Class 14
March 31 Class 15
April 7 Class 16

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

Grade 2
***April 14 (snow make-up day if needed)
*****April 28 @ 11:30 AM
Immaculate Conception School
First Communion Celebration
*****May 5 @ 11:30 AM
Immaculate Conception
Religious Education Program
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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.



**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
 1st Lt. Jeremy LaBranche U.S. Army AFGHANISTAN
 SPC Pieter Lobscher U.S. Army AFGHANISTAN
 AST 3 Michael Linehan U.S. Coast Guard
 A/C Emily McPhillips Air Force
 Master Sgt. Nicholas Owens USAF MacDill AFB
 Platoon Sgt. John J. Rogers U.S. Army Korea

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*Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion*

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

needed to bring the Eucharist to the homebound.

If interested please call the Rectory.

If you have a loved one who is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive communion, please call the rectory to inform us.

We would be happy to visit that individual.

Call 978-458-1474

ALSO

Saints Medical Center

is in need of Extraordinary Eucharistic

Ministers

Please call Mary Iannuzzo – 978-788-7763

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"The Story of the Other Wise Man"
 by Henry Van Dyke was first published in 1895.
 It tells the fictional story of Artaban,
 a fourth wise man who began a journey to visit Jesus,
 the newborn King.
 Unlike his fellow Magi,
 he failed to make it there for the birth of Jesus
 because he kept pausing to help various people in need.
 In fact, it took him about 33 years of searching
 before his quest comes to an abrupt end
 when he is hit in the head with a falling roof shingle.
 His final breath takes place in Jerusalem
 near the place where Jesus is being crucified.
 As he lies dying, he hears the voice of Jesus
 telling him that the gifts he has given all along the way to
 "the least of these"
 he has actually given to Jesus himself.

If you have never read this story
 or seen the made-for-television movie based on the tale,
 you really should seek it out.

It is a story that reminds us of a profound truth:
 Jesus himself rests in the lives of all those around us in need.

In the story,
 it was the wise man's constant response to a stewardship call
 that prevented him from getting where he wanted to go.

In the end,
 where he needed to go
 was more significant than where he thought he should go.

If we live lives of generosity and graciousness,
 we may find ourselves on constant detours
 from the road on which we are traveling.
 It is in the detours and the unexpected circumstances
 of our journey that often times
 we find our true purpose in life.
 We think God is somewhere we must travel to,
 when in reality,
 God is closer than we think in the least likely of places.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL
Nineteenth Annual Distinguished
Graduate Dinner

 Read the Gospel and Color

We invite you to reserve your seat and space in the program book for the Immaculate Conception School Development Committee's Nineteenth Annual Distinguished Graduate Dinner being held on Saturday, February 9th, 2019 at Lenzi's Millhouse. A cocktail reception starts at 6:30 PM with dinner following at 7:30 PM.



This year's Distinguished Graduate honorees are Arthur B. Brown and Patricia N. (Sullivan) Brown, Class of 1948.

In recognition of their many years of support and contribution to the school and community, we are honored to present this award to Arthur and Patricia.

Please honor Arthur and Patricia by reserving your table/seat and space in our program book today.

It is a fitting way to honor our Distinguished Graduates and support the school. Tickets are \$65.00 each and advertisements in the booklet are available in various sizes and locations within the program.

All checks are made payable to: ICS Development Committee.


Contact Laurie King at 978-337-1432 or e-mail her at laurienking@gmail.com for tickets and Leo Sheridan at 978-459-7845 if you have questions regarding sponsorships or advertisements for the event.

Ads can be e-mailed to Ljsheridan@aol.com in any image format (most preferred tiff, gif, bmp) or pdf.

We can also create ads for you.

We look forward to your participation at the event honoring Arthur and Patricia Brown. Your support of our school, children and honorees is greatly appreciated. Reserved seating is required. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Immaculate Conception School
Development Committee

 Puzzle

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

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| child | star | gifts |
| born | worship | dream |

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