



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS  
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# 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

## 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







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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 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

**NATIONAL GUARDS**

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**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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**BIRTHRIGHT VOLUNTEERS**

A most heartfelt thanks to all the  
Parishioners for their most  
generous outpouring of gifts during our  
Advent Giving Tree project.  
Those who benefit from your generosity  
will keep you in prayer for your support.



**MEN OF ST. JOSEPH**

The Men of St. Joseph

Immaculate in Collaborative

meet on the fourth Saturday of every month.

Each monthly meeting includes prayer,  
faith-building fellowship, and food.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**January 26, 2019**

**beginning with the Rosary**

**7:30 AM to 9:30 AM**

**in Immaculate Conception's Upper Church**

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Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JOHN	WATER	HOLY SPIRIT
MESSIAH	POWERFUL	FIRE
BAPTIZING	SANDALS	JESUS

A	J	T	U	A	R	B	Y	W	E	N
H	O	L	Y	S	P	I	R	I	T	O
E	H	A	I	T	O	S	U	F	A	M
J	N	E	G	Y	W	A	T	E	R	E
I	Y	B	E	H	E	U	P	L	M	S
H	S	I	N	U	R	M	O	A	Y	S
J	U	P	A	W	F	I	R	E	C	I
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U	D	Y	T	O	E	A	N	G	E	D
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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL  
Nineteenth Annual Distinguished  
Graduate Dinner

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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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



What have been the most significant moments in your life?

You probably celebrate your birthday every year, so the day you were born must be pretty important.

How about elementary, high school, or college graduations?

Hopefully you do something special on or around your wedding anniversary if you are married.

Do you have children?

The birth of each child is probably near the top on the list of moments you will never forget.

Then there are the sad moments of life: deaths, breakups, and tragedies.

As you reflect on all these moments, you can see that you would not be who you are today without having experienced them.

Of course as a Christian, you have one moment in time that has had an even greater impact on you \and perhaps it didn't even come to mind: your Baptism.

You might say you don't remember it because you were an infant.

Perhaps you do not even know the date it took place. You might not feel like it has had much impact on you at all.

However, it has made all the difference.

Whether you feel the difference or not, on that day you were made a new creation in Jesus Christ.

You were marked for Him with an indelible mark that no one can remove, not even you. On that day, you inherited a tradition and lineage of faith that has changed the face of the earth.

Today, that baptismal grace beckons you to a real and substantial relationship with the One whose name was invoked on that day.

It also calls you to respond with a stewardship way of life, where your gifts make a difference and glorify God. If today is the day you start taking all this seriously, you get to add a new moment to your list.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS