



There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” - Jn 2:1-3

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*SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS  
JANUARY 20, 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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, January 19, 2019

9:00 AM

4:00 PM Francis A. Grand, 20<sup>th</sup> Ann.

Sunday, January 20, 2019 *Second Sunday in Ord. Time*

7:30 AM Donald J. Bickford, 12<sup>th</sup> Ann.

9:00 AM James J. Kirwin, Sr., 23<sup>rd</sup> Ann.

11:30 AM William J. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann.

5:00 PM Lawrence Cavanaugh

Monday, January 21, 2019 *St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr*

7:30 AM Carmela Sampson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

Tuesday, January 22, 2019 *Protection of unborn children*

7:30 AM Mary Morrill, Mass of Healing

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 *St. Vincent, Deacon/Martyr*

7:30 AM

Thursday, January 24, 2019 *St. Francis de Sales, Bishop  
and Doctor of the Church*

7:30 AM Dorothea Morin

Friday January 25, 2019 *Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle*

7:30 AM James E. Creegan

12:00 NN

Saturday, January 26, 2019 *Sts. Timothy/Titus, Bishops*

9:00 AM Virginia C. Creegan

4:00 PM Paul E. Musto, 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Sunday, January 27, 2019 *Third Sunday in Ord. Time*

7:30 AM

9:00 AM

11:30 AM Paul Carota, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

5:00 PM Robert J. O'Neil, 15<sup>th</sup> Ann.

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January 12-13, 2019

Weekly Collection: \$5,763.00

Building Fund: \$3,247.00

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**THE 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
COMMEMORATIVE ORNAMENT**

**is still available at the Rectory Office  
3 Fayette Street**

**between 8 to 2 – Monday through Friday  
or in the sacristy after the Masses.**

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 20, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When you think of being Catholic, what do you think of?

Perhaps you grew up with your only associations  
being fasting, nuns with rulers, and "Catholic guilt."

Our faith can sometimes have the connotation of  
restriction and absence, not abundance.

Who is God in your life?

Is He the divine law-giver,  
the judge punishing the rule-breakers?

These are certainly attributes of God.

But the laws don't exist for themselves alone.

They exist to help us love one another  
as God loves us.

And this loving God is the author of abundance and joy.

Did you hear today's Gospel?

"There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee."

Here at this wedding, Jesus would perform

"the beginning of his signs...and so reveal his glory."

This first sign isn't a miraculous healing.

He didn't raise someone from the dead.

He kept a party going!

"There were six stone water jars there for Jewish  
ceremonial washings,

each holding twenty to thirty gallons...the water...had  
become wine." The wine has run out.

Jesus creates somewhere between 120 and 180 gallons to  
help his friend save face.

We may not have such momentous miracles in our lives,  
but God is watching out for us.

The string of green lights when you're running late.

The sale on the replacement appliance you need.

The friend who calls at just the right time.

These are the little moments of God's abundance.

We just need to look for them!

Not only does Jesus surprise,

but the guests point out to their host:

"You have kept the good wine until now."

The divine wine is better than the earthly variety.

God's goodness is better than

what we can grasp at for ourselves.

Isn't that how it always goes?



## Immaculate Conception School

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The Immaculate Conception School in Lowell is now accepting registrations for the 2019-2020 school year.

There is an Open House on Sunday, January 27 from 10 AM to Noon. Arrangements for other tour dates can be made by calling the office at 978-745-5339.

We offer:

Full-day Pre-Kindergarten for 3 and 4 year olds

Full-day Kindergarten

Academic program for grades 1-8

Physical Education

Spanish

Music

Art

Technology Classes

Before and After School Care programs

Hot lunch program

Extracurricular activities

(athletic teams, ski club, dance, art club and homework club)

Financial Aid is available for K-8 students who qualify

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> of February

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup>

Opening Mass

9:00 AM

Followed by

Open House

10 AM to 12 NOON



## 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.

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  
 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**

**Saints Medical Center  
is in need of Extraordinary Eucharistic  
Ministers  
Please call Mary Iannuzzo – 978-788-7763**

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**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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**WELCOME TO ALL**

**WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED IN OUR CHURCH**

**From April 7, 2018 to July 14, 2018**

- Jaylynn Marie Foote  
 Patrick Norman Morin  
 Natalia Pavloski  
 Brooke Meadow O'Brien  
 Jaxson Jude Fougere  
 Brogan Thomas Sheehan  
 Ryan James Steen  
 Savannah Chantel Rubert  
 Autumn Rose Brodeur  
 Sedona Rose McVicar  
 Emmett Cole Thomas  
 Margaret Joanne Hartigan  
 Julian Americo Colon  
 Joseph Michael, Jr. Shaw  
 Emiliana Argentina De Leon  
 Vivienne Grace Couto  
 Logan Richard Maurais  
 Vienna Mincelle Vasquez  
 Elizabeth Eileen Weza  
 Catherine Priscilla Rourke  
 Shane Francis Rooney  
 Tucker Joseph Gagne  
 Griffin Joseph Ryan  
 Aubrey Rose Christian  
 Margo Charlotte Turner  
 Jaeda Joanne Pestana

**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.

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**Liquor leaves you breathless;  
Drugs leave you senseless;  
Jesus won't leave you regardless.**

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



WELCOME TO ALL  
WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED IN OUR CHURCH  
From July 14, 2018 to December 30, 2018

- Annabel Mary Doole
- Beckett Elijah Grossman
- Ezra Abram Lipomi
- Angela Grace Girolamo
- Luce Cole Girolamo
- Gabriel David Onoroski
- Ronald Charles Beauchesne
- Lenny Charles
- Lara Patricia Zyla
- Madilyn Eleanor Lappin
- Blair Gallagher Martin
- Tess Gallagher Martin
- Blake Daniel Martin
- Lyla Marie Martin
- Brooklyn Elizabeth Daniels
- Nathaniel James Petropoulos
- Emma Rae Descheneaux
- Miah Lynn Nereus
- Alex Michael Zannoni
- Evelyn Mae McManus
- Mason Anthony Lebel
- Anna Therese Caisse
- Scarlett Meghan LeCornec
- Massimo Jon Rothschild
- Finnley Donovan Ryan
- Blake Eleanor Hibino
- Luana Celi Alves
- Josephine Paul Patton
- Colton Matthew McCarthy
- Kai Samuel Hawes
- Zoe Evelyn Hawes
- Franki Sky Burgos
- William Uldege Finno
- Clara Grace Sitnik
- Cameron James Pigeon
- Zinedine Samuel Coelho Zeidan
- Kathryn Mae Sanborn
- Vivian Mary Kandrotas
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TAX REPORT

For those of you who use regular weekly offertory envelopes for your statement of parish contributions, please call the Office 978-458-1474 between 9 and 3. When you call be ready to give your envelope number, full name and street address. The report will be sent to you ASAP.