

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



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*THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
JANUARY 27, 2019*

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, January 26, 2019 *Sts. Timothy/Titus, Bishops*
4:00 PM Paul E. Musto, 8th Anniversary

Sunday, January 27, 2019 *Third Sunday in Ord. Time*
7:30 AM
9:00 AM
11:30 AM Paul Carota, 2nd Anniversary
5:00 PM Robert J. O'Neil, 15th Ann.

Monday, January 28, 2019 *St. Thomas Aquinas, priest & Doctor of the Church*
7:30 AM Robert Mayrand, 4th Anniversary

Tuesday, January 29, 2019
7:30 AM Miles Waterhouse

Wednesday, January 30, 2019
7:30 AM Special Intention

Thursday, January 31, 2019 *St. John Bosco, Priest*
7:30 AM Louise Tantillo

First Friday February 1, 2019
7:30 AM John McKenzie, Birthday
12:00 NN

First Saturday, February 2, 2019 *The Presentation of the Lord*
9:00 AM Frances A. Keegan
4:00 PM Gladys/Paul Kelley
Living/Deceased Members of the Family

Sunday, February 3, 2019 *Fourth Sunday in Ord. Time*
7:30 AM Barbara Mulligan, 2nd Ann.
9:00 AM
11:30 AM
5:00 PM Michael Dyer, 2nd Anniversary

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January 19-20, 2019

Due to inclement weather

this week's collection will be in next week's bulletin

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**THE 150th 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 27, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up."

Did you grow up in a small town?

Whenever you see stories of tight-knit communities,
a common refrain is that everybody knows everybody
and that's very difficult to change.

If you leave and return,
people expect you to be and act a certain way,
and it's strange for them if you do not.
In today's Gospel, we see that Jesus was already moving
"in the power of the Spirit and news of him spread
throughout the whole region.

He...was praised by all."

His ministry has begun! News of his growing popularity
must have proceeded him to Nazareth.

Upon his arrival, he "went according to his custom into
the synagogue on the sabbath day."
For the first few moments, he is what they expect - their
hometown boy returning to pay his respects.

As was common of men at the time,
he takes a turn reading a passage of Sacred Scripture.
It is a bold passage, one he selects intentionally.

"He unrolled the scroll and found the passage
where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me."

After reading about holy anointings,
liberation for the poor and prisoners,
and physical healings, Jesus does the unthinkable.
"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your
hearing."

We are all called to imitate Christ wherever we are.
This might mean doing the unexpected!

All too often we're content with the daily status quo,
and so are the people around us.

When we take a stand for Christian values,
change our lifestyle to reflect the Gospel,
and work for justice in society,
we may make others uncomfortable.

But Jesus doesn't call us to the same life we lived
yesterday or the year before that.

He is calling all of us - each and every one of us –
to deeper conversion of heart.

No matter what other people expect,
will you love in the Spirit of the Lord today?



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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, 27th to Friday, 1st of February

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Sunday, 27th
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.

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| 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

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



Remember that time when you arrived at school
to take a test or quiz on material you failed to read?

Maybe it was on a classic book
or a chapter in a science textbook.

Did your blood pressure go sky high
and the sweat start to show on your forehead?

Squirming in the seat,
you wondered what you could have done
to avoid feeling this way.

Then it came to you: you should have read
what you were supposed to read!

Procrastination, indifference, poor scheduling of time,
and stubbornness are all reasons why we fail to be
prepared for a situation that arises in our lives.

We lack commitment in doing w
hat we are asked to do or what we know we should do.

This is certainly true in our spiritual lives as well.

We may choose to bear the label of disciple or
good steward, but we don't really prepare ourselves for
the daily journey of life.

Sacred Scripture can prepare us more fully
for the circumstances of life,

but not if we fail to read it.

The words contained there are Spirit and life for us.

They help us to understand

where we fit into the Body of Christ
and how we are to respond to the daily call of Christ.

Everyday Stewards should be committed to reading
and reflection of the Word of God.

We know we should spend time with God's Word,
but too often we fail to do

for the same reasons already mentioned.

When we failed to read in school,
perhaps we failed the test and it hurt our grade.

When we fail in life due to lack of preparedness,
sometimes the consequences are more severe.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**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 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

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.

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**OUR LADY OF FATIMA
ON THE FIRST SATURDAY
OF EACH MONTH**



After the 9 AM Mass, please join us to recite the rosary and reflect on the mystery for 15 minutes at the IC Chapel.

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

We invite you to attend on the First Saturday of each month a Marian Devotion which will consist of 15 decades of the Rosary and other prayers to honor Our Lady. It will be held at Holy Trinity Church 340 High Street, Lowell, MA at 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. We hope you will consider joining us. For further information please call 978-454-4395 (Anna or Ted)

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Church is the only place where you can arrive late and get the best seats in the house!