



***27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
OCTOBER 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: 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



Saturday, October 5, 2019

9:00 AM Frances A. Keegan
4:00 PM Dorothy Marie Grand, 20th Ann.

Sunday, October 6, 2019 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Johanna Mekdeci
9:00 AM Joseph Spinney
11:30 AM Theresa .I Gavin, 2nd Ann.
5:00 PM Carole J. Gath, 10th Ann.

Monday, October 7, 2019 Our Lady of the Rosary

7:30 AM

Tuesday, October 8,

7:30 AM

Wednesday, October 9, 2019 *St. Denis, Bishop/St. Leonardi*

7:30 AM

Thursday, October 10, 2019

7:30 AM Mary Morrill, Mass of Healing
12:00 NN

Friday, October 11, 2019 *St. John XXIII, Pope*

7:30 AM
12:00 NN

Saturday, October 12, 2019

9:00 AM Special Intention
4:00 PM Mr. & Mrs. James P. Flanagan

Sunday, October 13, 2019 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Harold Bettencourt
9:00 AM Stacia Morin
11:30 AM Doris Dowling, 11th Anniversary
5:00 PM Christopher Bocuzzi, 3rd Ann.

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September 28-29, 2019

Weekly Collection: \$6,658.00

THE PILOT \$1,743.00

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October is the month of the ROSARY

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER

UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Old soldiers never die, they just fade away.
and like the old soldier of that ballad,
I too will just fade away.”

The words of General Douglas MacArthur,
as an example,

well illustrate one of the central messages of Sacred
Scripture: the human call to service,
commitment to duty, and ultimately a call to faith.
Luke in his gospel describes Jesus' rather unusual
response when the apostles demand,

“Increase our faith!” Jesus' words sound rather harsh:
“Who among you would say to your slave who has just
come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field,
“Come here at once and take your place at table?”

Would you not rather say to him,
“Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me
while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink”?”

He goes on to say that, we are useless servants,
we are only doing our duty.

The gospel seems to indicate that
SERVICE is an expectation.

Through baptism we have all been called
to faith and service.

It is that mustard seed of faith inside each of us,
which the gospel describes, that allows our work,
our service to have meaning.

With faith, all that we do is ultimately God's work.

Jesus is not physically present with us,
thus we—as St. Teresa of Avila
suggests in her famous prayer---

become the hands, the feet; the eyes of God.

We need not be congratulated for what we do.
The reward for the just person of faith is life now,
and in the end, eternal life with God.

Certainly, one can expect nothing greater.

--Richard Gribble, CSC



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The Immaculate Conception School 2019-2020 Schedule OCTOBER 2019

Wednesday 9

NO PM BUSSING SINCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAVE A HALF DAY.
WE WILL HAVE A FULL DAY.

Grades 2-8 Field Trip to Topsfield Fair
From 8:15 to 1:15.

Do not order lunch on school lunch form.

Thursday 10

PROGRESS REPORT CONFERENCES
6:00 PM

Friday 11

Progress Report Conferences
Half Day Dismissal 11:30.
Kids Club available from 11:30 to 5 PM
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BAPTISM

WELCOME TO ALL

WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED IN OUR CHURCH

From August 3, 2019 September 21, 2019

- Kelsie Glendah Sekyanzi
- Rae Harlyn Kulbashian
- Liam Edward Watroba
- Violet Pauline Pang
- Cullen Nicholas Zgonis
- Brendan Patrick Barry
- Alanna Jade McVicar
- Andrew Richard Williams
- Nora Susan Purtell
- Jack Thomas McKay
- Tucker Sheridan Laurin
- Sadie Davidopoulos
- Skylar Marilyn Karpinski
- Maxwell Rae Curran
- Chase Charbel Dahbour
- Adriel Christian Sabater

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.

* 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.



**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 Fort Carson, CO
 SPC Pieter Lobscher U.S. Army AFGHANISTAN
 AST 3 Michael Linehan U.S. Coast Guard
 A1C Emily McPhillips Air Force
 Master Sgt. Nicholas Owens USAF MacDill AFB
 Staff Sgt. John J. Rogers U.S. Army Fort Bliss, Texas

NATIONAL GUARDS

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**A Parishioner's Request
St. Jude's Novena**

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved
and preserved throughout the world now and forever.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us.

St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us.

St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us.

Say this prayer nine times a day.

By the eighth day, your prayers will be answered.

It has never been known to fail.

Publication must be promised.

Look to the Son, you will see no shadow.

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Join Catholic Charities

Merrimack Valley

as we reflect and recognize our
History during our Centennial Celebration

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

at the Tewksbury Country Club.

For more information visit

www.ccab.org

or e-mail: CCMV_2019Eventccab.org

or call 978-452-1421.



**In the above illustration surrounding
Mary are the Mysteries of the Rosary.
To the initial 15 mysteries of Jesus' life,
St. Pope John Paul II added 5 more mysteries.**

**As we celebrate the
Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, October 7
let us pray the life of Jesus with Mary:**

Joyous Mysteries

1st Angel Gabriel appears to Mary to ask
her if she wishes to be the mother of Jesus

2nd Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth

3rd Mary gives birth to Jesus in Bethlehem

4th Jesus is presented to God in the Temple

5th Mary and Joseph find the lost Jesus in the
Temple: his Father's house

Sorrowful Mysteries

1st Jesus' Agony in the Garden

2nd Jesus is whipped

3rd Jesus is crowned with thorns

4th Jesus Carries the Cross

5th Jesus nailed to the Cross, dies on Calvary

Glorious Mysteries

1st Jesus is risen from the dead

2nd Jesus goes up to heaven

3rd Jesus sends the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles

4th Mary goes to heaven, body and soul

5th Mary is crowned as Queen of Heaven

Luminous Mysteries

1st The Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist

2nd Jesus attends the wedding at Cana with Mary

3rd Proclamation of the Kingdom

4th Jesus' Transfiguration to Peter, James, and John

5th The gift of the Eucharist by Jesus



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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**BABY BOTTLES TO SUPPORT
THE PREGNANCY CENTER AND
THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE**

**BABY BOTTLES
DUE BACK TODAY.**

If you forgot, please bring them in the 6th of October

Thank you to all of you who participated in Pregnancy Care Center's Baby Bottle Campaign in honor of the Sanctity of Human Life.

The donations will be used to help women facing an unplanned pregnancy.

It's not too late to give a donation! Grab a bottle!

To receive more info, call 978-373-5700

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WOMEN'S GUILD

The first meeting of the year for the Women's Guild

will be held on Tuesday, October 8th, 2019

at 3 :00 PM in the

LOWER HALL OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

330 High Street.

We have the pleasure of welcoming

Danielle Beaudette

from "The Cozy Tea Cart"

Presenting

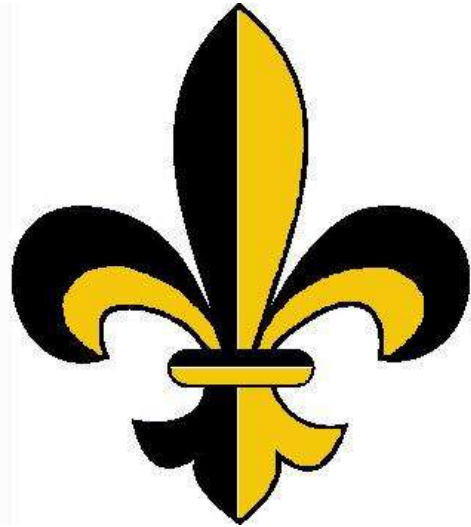
"Pairing Tea with Chocolate"

New members are most WELCOME

Membership forms are available

In the back of the church.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!



**FRENCH MASS HONORING THE
NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS**

In the 1640s eight French Jesuits were working in Canada and what we now know as New York State to bring the good news of Christ to the native peoples there. They were welcomed by some, attacked by others, and ultimately tortured and killed in service to their mission.

On **Saturday, October 19**, their feast will be observed at **St. Andrew Church, 45 Talbot Ave., N. Billerica** with a 10:00 AM **Mass** celebrated in

French by Rev. Kenneth Healey, SM

With a homily delivered in French by

Deacon Michael Charchaflian.

Hymns and liturgical music in French and latin

Will be sung by St. Andrew Parish and Franco-

American singers from Lowell under the direction of

St. Andrew Music Director John Donovan.

Afterwards Franco-American Committee scholarships

will be awarded to two students studying French and/or

French culture and history in the current school

semester.

St. Andrew Church is handicap accessible and extensive on-street parking is available.

For more details contact Mr. Kevin Roy at:

Kcroy67@comcast.net

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**Prayers in the fall
should be autumn-atic!**