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"THEY CAN NO LONGER DIE, FOR THEY ARE LIKE ANGELS; AND THEY ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD BECAUSE THEY ARE THE ONES WHO WILL RISE." – LK 20:36

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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32<sup>№</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS NOVEMBER 10, 2019

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



### Mass Schedule

#### Weekends:

Saturday 4:00 p.m. 7:30 a.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. Family Mass 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Weekdays: Mon. - Fri. 7:30 a.m. (Rectory Chapel) 9:00 a.m. (Rectory Chapel) Saturday 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.

## 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: <u>www.iclowell.org</u>

#### 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.

#### **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

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, November 9, 2019 4:00 PM O'Heir Families

- Sunday, November 10, 2019 32nd Sunday in Ordinary T.7:30 AMPearl Richard, MM Mass9:00 AMJohn T., 36th Ann. /Patrick R., 23rd11:30 AMFrederick A. Hickey, DMD, 7th A5:00 PMAlbert Santamaria, 17th Ann.
- Monday, November 11, 2019 St Martin of Tours, Bishop 7:30 AM Sidney McKenzie, Birthday
- Tuesday, November 12, 2019 St. Josaphat, Bishop/Martyr7:30 AMRev. John McHugh, OMI, 8th A.
- Wednesday, November 13, 2019 St. Francis X. Cabrini 7:30 AM Francis X./Eleanor (Dwyer) Barrett
- Thursday, November 14, 2019 7:30 AM James A. Creegan, 16<sup>th</sup> Ann. 12:00 NN
- Friday, November 15, 2019 St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 7:30 AM Lorraine Panagopoulos

Saturday, November 16, 2019 St. Margaret of Scotland and<br/>St. Gertrude, Virgin9:00 AM<br/>4:00 PMSandra Pizzano, M.M.M.<br/>Mary Corey Geoffroy

Sunday, November 17, 2019 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary T. 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:30 AM Thomas P. Meehan, 5<sup>th</sup> Ann.

### 5:00 PM

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE November 10, 2019

## **Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Puzzles are a kind of trap that we allow ourselves to walk into because we think we can find a way out. Crossword puzzles, Sudoku, word games, Rubik's cubes all invite us to match our wits against the creator of the puzzle. Sometimes, after spending an excessive amount of time in trying to find the solution, we will walk away, only to return a few hours later to perceive the puzzle with new insight and quickly overcome whatever impasse prevented us from solving the puzzle.

In this weekend's Gospel, the Sadducees come forward with a puzzle for Jesus. It is a trap they try to lay for him, one which they themselves don't even acknowledge since they don't believe in a resurrection. They ask Jesus whose wife someone will be after the deaths of multiple husbands. It's a puzzle that begs for an answer, especially in a culture in which male relatives are responsible for the widow of a brother. Like any great puzzle solver, Jesus breaks apart their argument with his own burst of insight suggesting that they not limit their thinking to this world.

We are created beings who live in a physical world. But we also have a spiritual dimension to our existence that transcends the limitations of our physicality. So often, our perceptions of the afterlife are limited because we only know the world in which we live. All the descriptions of life in eternity are analogous because we have no direct experience of what it is. As Jesus relates in the Gospel, the heavenly realm is completely different from this world. The categories of created reality do not apply. Instead we are risen as children of God. If we try to puzzle out who we are after we die, the answer Jesus would give us is that we are alive to God.



## Immaculate Conception School

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## <u>The Immaculate Conception School</u> <u>2019-2020</u>



## HOLIDAY PIES AND SERVICE PROJECT

## The Graduating Class of I.C.S. 2020

Fall has officially begun and when you think of family meals a fresh baked pie usually accompanies it. Thanks to the generosity of the Melendez Family, we will once again have fresh pies available just before Thanksgiving! This fundraiser is really two-fold: a portion of the proceeds go towards this year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip, the remainder is donated to the Senior Citizens of Andover. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls will be personally delivering any pies purchased for donation on Wednesday, November 27 to the fire stations, police stations and hospitals of Lowell. If possible, please consider helping in our endeavors. Thank you for your ongoing support! **Pie Choices: Pumpkin Pie** \$14.00 **Ready-to-eat Blueberry Pie** \$16.00

Prebake Pecan Pie	\$16.00
Old Fashioned Ready-to-eat A	Apple Pie\$16.00
Corn Bread	\$13.00

Please make check payable to IC Class Trip Pies will be ready for pick up on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM All orders must be placed by November 14, 2019



## 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.

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

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March 1	

FIRST PENANCE March 14 at 10 AM in Church March 15 Class 14

Class 12

Class 13

## FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING Sunday, March 15 at 6:30 PM School Cafeteria March 29 Class 15

*April 5 Class 16			
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FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT-Grade 2 Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM to 2:00 PM

## May 3<sup>rd</sup> IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION Please contact Claire Couillard at 978-458-1474 X21 for any questions.

<u>Our Religious Education Program</u> <u>is still in need of teachers.</u> <u>Please call Claire Couillard.</u>



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

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL SCHEDULE

<u>NOVEMBER 11</u> <u>NO SCHOOL</u> <u>VETERANS DAY</u> <u>NOVEMBER 12</u> "BEAUTY AND THE BEAST" 12:30 PM SCHOOL CAFETERIA <u>NOVEMBER 15</u> O'CONNOR STUDIO ABSENTEE PHOTOS <u>NOVEMBER 27</u> <u>SCHOOL THANKSGIVING MASS</u> <u>10:30</u> <u>DISMISSAL 11:30</u> <u>REPORT CARDS ISSUED</u>

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Thank you to our Principal, teachers, staff and students for taking the time to honor Mary during the month of October dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary.



<u>IN MEMORIAM</u> Immaculate Conception Parish is having a MASS OF REMEMBRANCE Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 10:30 AM for all who wish to join us in remembering the loved ones who died and whose funeral took place in our parish since November19, 2017 to the present. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*



A few months ago, I placed a similar request in the bulletin for religious items that you have or your family had and they passed away leaving you with religious items you wanted to give away, but did not know to whom. You brought in a room full of items and St. Mary's Mission from Pennsylvania came with a U-Haul and they were thrilled to see all we had accumulated for them. Once again I received another request. They will be coming December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please feel free to drop any religious items at the rectory between 8 and 3 Mon. - Thurs. 8 and 2 on Friday. Here is a list of what would be appreciated: Crucifixes Rosaries (damaged okay) Statues Chalices (please no pottery) Altar Ware Relics **Tabernacles** Monstrances Altar Stones Linens **Holy Medals** Prayer books (no library type books or hymnals please).

Please do not throw anything out that may be questionable. No furniture type items at this time.

## **NOVEMBER 10, 2019**



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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Join us at the Academy of Notre Dame for our fall Open House!

Grades 9 through 12/High School Sunday - November 17 from 12 Noon to 2 PM Come see the value of a Catholic Education

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VIRTUS WORKSHOP FOR VOLUNTEERS SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 16, 2019 9 AM – Sacristy of Immaculate Conception Church. To register call 978-458-1474

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TO FEAR DEATH IS TO MISUNDERSTAND LIFE. \*\_\*\_\*\_\*\_\*





## **BEATITUDES FOR FAMILIES**

Blessed are the families who live simply, for they will taste the joys of living in God's kingdom.

Blessed are the families who make time and space for each family member to mourn life's sorrows and losses, for they will receive God's comfort and consolation.

Blessed are the families who humbly receive life's gifts rather than grasp at power and possessions, for they will discover they have been given everything they need.

Blessed are the families who nurture a hunger and thirst for fairness so that others will know the justice of God's ways.

Blessed are families in which mercy is abundant and forgiveness is given freely so that God's mercy will be readily available to all.

Blessed are families who ground their lives in God and rise above the lures of temptation, for God will shine his face upon them.

Blessed are the families who create peace at home, At school, at work, in the community, and in the world, for they will be God's very own.

Blessed are the families who strengthen one another, encourage compassion, and desire to do good despite life's blows and setbacks, for they help bring about the Kingdom of God. --Tom McGrath