



*THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
NOVEMBER 18, 2018*

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



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Office Hours: 8:00 to 3:00, Mon.-Thurs. 8 to 12 Noon-Fri.

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Rev. Nicholas A. Sannella, Pastor

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Parish Website:



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

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.

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, November 17 *St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*
4:00 PM O'Heir, Gallagher, Lannan,
Van Greenby Families

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Sunday, November 18 *33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
7:30 AM Mary Morrill, Mass of Healing
9:00 AM John T., Patrick R., Kyle R. Gavin
11:30 AM Edward, 11th Ann./ Loretta Walsh
5:00 PM Paul F. Stanton, 26th Ann.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Monday, November 19
7:30 AM Loretta Waterhouse

As we edge closer to the closing of the liturgical year,
the Church selects readings that remind us
of the final close: the second coming of Christ.

Tuesday, November 20
7:30 AM Joseph Vesey

It's easy, perhaps, to forget
that this is a dogma of our Catholic faith.

Wednesday, November 21 *Presentation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary*
7:30 AM Dorothy Kraines
10:30 AM School Mass for Thanksgiving
6:00 PM THANKSGIVING EVE

We see this dramatic end times language in today's
Gospel. "The sun will be darkened ... and the stars will
be falling from the sky."

Thursday, November 22 **THANKSGIVING DAY**
7:30 AM Lorraine Panagopoulos
Claire T. Ouimette

As Christians and as human beings,
we know all things will come to an end.
"But of that day or hour, no one knows."
The "end of the world" and end of time
at Jesus' coming is in a future unknown.

Friday, November 23 *St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr*
7:30 AM William Kraines

But God has given us beautiful reminders of this truth.
We see the signs and symbols of ending all around us --

Saturday, November 24 *St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest et al*
9:00 AM
4:00 PM Mary J. and James P. Flanagan

nightfall at the end of each day;
the life cycle of crops coming alive, bearing fruit,
and being harvested; our own death.
That, too, will come at an unknown day and hour.
But that is the way of things.

Sunday, November 25 *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the
Universe*
7:30 AM Living/Deceased Member of the
Collins Family
9:00 AM Michelle Silva
11:30 AM Marie Deignan Kirwin, 5th Ann.
James Kirwin Jr. 4th Ann.
Thomas Owens, 2nd Anniversary
5:00 PM

Even as God created in Genesis, He gave us a sense of
time -- the sun rising and setting, a beginning and an end
-- to mark our days.

So how do we welcome these built-
in forms of measurement?
Do we take time to quietly recollect
at the end of each day?
Do we see every morning as a fresh start
for mercies new?

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November 1, 2018 All Saints Day: \$640.00
November 2, 2018 All Souls Day: \$457.00

Do we observe the seasons and reflect on what they
might be speaking to us of God and His glory?
"Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my works will not pass away."
The little beginnings and little ends
are opportunities to renew our faith in Jesus,
if only we have the eyes to see!

November 10-11, 2018
Announced next week



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NOVEMBER SCHEDULE



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sunday, December 2, 2018

School Cafeteria

8 AM to 1 PM

If anyone would like to help during the Christmas Fair, please let Mrs. Shemchuk know.

You can contact her at

Mshemchukics@comcast.net

or call the school.

Thank you

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ALL SAINTS DAY

SCHOOL MASS CELEBRATION

WITH OUR PASTOR, FR. SANNELLA



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.

November 18	Class 6
December 9	Class 7
*December 16	Class 8
January 6	Class 9
*January 13	Class 10
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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WHO WANTS TO SING

December 8 and/or Christmas Eve?

To register,

forms are found at Immaculate Conception School and at

the Rectory

Thank you

Mrs. Martha Krieger



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
of Holy Communion*

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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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Do we put our trust in God and allow him to be Lord in every area of our life like the widow did?

Trust that God wants great things for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

Dec. 7-9 in Duxbury, MA

Jan. 18-20, 2019 in South Kingstown, RI

Call: Stephen/Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 8, 2018

150th ANNIVERSARY

4:00 PM MASS

Followed by Dinner and Dancing
at LENZI'S – 810 Merrimack Ave., Dracut, MA

6 to 7 PM - Cocktail and Hors d'Oeuvres

7:00 PM – Dinner and Dancing

Cost: \$50.00 per person

For tickets call

Donna Rogers @ 978-888-1938

Bonnie Flanagan @ twinbflanagan@gmail.com

Ted Flanagan @ 617-407-0741

Make checks payable to Immaculate Conception

Mail your check for tickets to Ted Flanagan

3 Derringer Road, Chelmsford, MA 01824.

Tables of 10 are available.

Individual tickets will also be sold.

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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 week day Masses.

TRIP TO POLAND IN 2019

Deacon Steve Papik is sponsoring a 12 day/10 night trip to Poland next fall, from Sept. 23 to Oct. 4, 2019. The tour visits Warsaw, Sopot, Gdynia, Gdansk, Torun Wroclaw, Wadowice (home of St. John Paul II), Krakow, Auschwitz, Zakopane and, of course, Czestochowa (Home of the Black Madonna). For more info, see the posted flyer or contact Deacon Steve at 978-459-2873 or at papik1@comcast.net



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THE FRIENDS OF THE POLLARD LIBRARY

need your new or gently-used stuff!

WHY DONATE?

ANNUAL Children's Shopping Day on Saturday, Nov. 24. Children ages 4 to 14 shop for gifts, then wrap them with the help of library volunteers for friends and family.

What's best to donate?

Toys	Sports memorabilia
LEGOs	Unopened puzzles/games
DVDs	Small sports equipment
Knickknacks	Men's ties, scarves, gloves
Tools, gadgets	Women's scarves, jewelry
Children's books	Kids' electronics
Gifts for men or boys	Unopened craft gifts
	Gift bags, tags, tissue paper

WHERE AND WHEN CAN I DONATE?

Starting October 22, drop off your donations at the Library 401 Merrimack St. In Lowell, downstairs at the checkout desk on Saturdays between 10 AM and 2 PM

Donations are tax-deductible, so remember to ask for a Donated Goods Receipt.

Questions? E-mail info@friendsofpml.org

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CATHOLIC RETREAT FOR MEN

154 Summer Street, Medway, MA 02053

BETANIA II

Spiritual Retreat and Conference Center

Saturday – December 15, 2018 --10 am to 5 pm

Rev. Edward A. Murphy, Retreat Director

Cost \$50.00 hot lunch

9:00 AM Doors Open

10:00 AM Holy Mass

12:30 PM Lunch

1:30 PM Speakers – Discussion and Sharing

3:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

4:30 PM Closing

Confessions available

Online Reservations at www.betania2.org

For further information call 508-533-5377

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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

November 24, 2018

beginning with the Rosary

7:30 AM to 9:30 AM

in Immaculate Conception's Upper Church

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ADVENT PROGRAM

During the Advent Season, you are invited to join the San Damiano House of Prayer Community, 333 Pawtucket St. Lowell as we pray the liturgy together and celebrate our waiting for Christ to be born in our midst.

Liturgy will include reflections on the weekly theme, silent moments, sharing and Eucharistic communion.

The program is offered in 2 separate formats.

Please choose one.

Three Wednesday Mornings

December 5 - Season of Darkness

December 12 Waiting in Expectation

December 19 God Birthing

10 AM – 11:30 AM

Fr. Norman Comtois, OMI

One Wednesday Evening

(This option will bring all three themes into the one evening offering)

December 12

6pm - 9 pm

Presider: Fr. Norman Comtois, OMI

Donations are welcome:

\$10.00 suggested for each Wednesday Morning program
\$25.00 for the Wednesday evening program.

(If you do not have the money, just bring yourself.)

Register with Sr. Linda Greenwood

978-441-0988 or lgosf@netzero.net