



*OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS  
NOVEMBER 25, 2018*



# 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  
Bro. James Lucas, OMI, Ministry to the Sick  
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:



## 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

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Saturday, November 24  
4:00 PM Mary J. and James P. Flanagan

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

Monday, November 26  
7:30 AM Virginia C. Creegan

Tuesday, November 27  
7:30 AM Mary Morrill, Mass of Healing

Wednesday, November 28  
7:30 AM Special Intention

Thursday, November 29  
7:30 AM Mary Morrill, Mass of Healing  
Caroline Donovan, 28<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
12:00 NN Richard J. O'Connor

Friday, November 30 St. Andrew, Apostle  
7:30 AM James A. Creegan

First Saturday, December 1  
9:00 AM Living/Deceased Members of the  
Women's Guild  
4:00 PM The Couillard/Legare Families

Sunday, December 2 First Sunday of Advent  
7:30 AM For the Parishioners  
9:00 AM Louise, John J., Catherine T.  
Gleason  
Josephine/Everett McNamara  
11:30 AM Richard Frain  
5:00 PM

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November 10-11, 2018  
Weekly Collection: \$6,618.00  
Utility and Energy Costs: \$3,558.00

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE  
November 25, 2018 - Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe  
If you brought your child to the restroom  
during the Liturgy of the Word,  
you might walk away with one of two interpretations  
of Jesus as King.  
The first and second readings are bold and victorious.  
We see Christ coming on the clouds  
for the final judgment of heaven and earth.  
The Gospel sets a very different tone.  
Jesus is under arrest and facing death  
before Pontius Pilate.  
We know how this story will end.  
So if Christ is King, what does it mean?  
Is he a glorious conqueror or a suffering servant?  
"My kingdom does not belong to this world."  
Here is the heart of Jesus' reign.  
He is a king -- and his "subjects" are alive  
and well on earth -- but, ultimately,  
Jesus' kingdom transcends  
our earthly concepts of power.  
Jesus faced down the temptation  
of a solely earthly kingship.  
At the close of his 40 days in the desert,  
the devil offered him the kingdoms of the world.  
Jesus only had to sacrifice his heavenly values  
and worship Satan.  
The same temptations to distort the kingship of Christ  
are present to us today.  
Jesus' invitation also endures.  
"Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."  
It is important for us to belong  
to the full truth of Christ's kingdom.  
First, our own hearts must be transformed.  
Our own rebellions in favor of selfishness and against  
holiness must be conquered by God's grace.  
Second, we must work to transform the world  
as best we can in our own corner of it.  
Like Jesus shows us by his life and death,  
this doesn't mean domination.  
It means service, sacrifice, respect, and love.  
Our lives must "testify to the truth" of Jesus Christ,  
who lays down his life for his people.  
That is the true beauty of Christ the King!



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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](mailto:Mshemchukics@comcast.net)

or call the school.

Thank you

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## 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY EVENT FOR CHILDREN

COME SEE THE MUCH LOVED POLAR EXPRESS MOVIE WITH YOUR FAMILY

NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup> – FRIDAY

Movie begins at 6:30 PM in the ICS School Hall

DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM – ADMISSION FREE

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.



### 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.

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  
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  
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



**SATURDAY - DECEMBER 8, 2018**

**150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**4:00 PM MASS**

**LAST CALL**

**Anniversary Dinner Dance TICKETS**

**Please purchase tickets before December 1**

**Call the rectory!**

**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**

**Tickets purchased by mail will be held**  
**at the door!**

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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.

**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](mailto:papik1@comcast.net)



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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](http://www.betania2.org)

For further information call 508-533-5377

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**LIFT WORSHIP NIGHT**

Join LIFT Ministries on Friday - December 7,  
from 7 to 10 PM

for a special ADVENT night of worship at  
Immaculate Conception Church in Malden, MA  
with national speaker David Calvitta.

The night will include uplifting music, a relevant talk,  
Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration

and is FREE to attend and open to ALL AGES.

More information about LIFT, can be found  
on their website at

[www.liftedhigher.com](http://www.liftedhigher.com)

What better way to enter into ADVENT and  
prepare for Emmanuel – God with us.

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Every weekend: Dec.1-2, 8-9 and 15-16.

The Women’s Guild members will be at both major entrances to give you the opportunity to support our annual JANUARY CALENDAR RAFFLE. The tickets have been mailed, but in case they did not reach you, this will be your chance to support us as you have done in the past.

THANK YOU

When I was growing up,  
my parents told me about Elvis Presley,  
the King of Rock 'n' Roll.  
He received that title from fans due to the huge effect  
he had on rock music.  
When I was a teenager,  
people called Michael Jackson the King of Pop.  
The designation was based on the fact  
that he had so many hits for so many years and  
because of his power as a live performer.  
The title of king carries with it a lot of weight and  
communicates to people that the one bearing the title is  
at the pinnacle of something,  
some people, or some reality.  
I sometimes even like to say that I am King of the House,  
but my wife can easily remind me  
that a true king would have servants  
and would not have to take out the trash by themselves.

Touché!

There are many kings of many things,  
but only one King of the Universe.  
If you were the king of a kingdom,  
all would be your subjects.  
In the universe, all creation bows down to this king.  
No other king stands above him.  
All belongs to Him,  
although much is given to each of us as gift.  
He gives out of love  
and our love for Him  
should cause us to use those gifts for His glory,  
for we are more than simple subjects.  
We are sons and daughters of the King.  
We are royalty due to the mark of Baptism.  
Elvis and Michael are gone.  
Monarchs from different eras and places have vanished.  
However, our King is alive and well,  
calling us to have full membership in His Kingdom.  
His name is Jesus.  
His Kingdom is at hand.  
--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS