

*SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 6, 2020
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH*

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School Fax: 978-454-6593

Parish Website: www.iclowell.org



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

Mass Schedule

Weekends:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MISSION STATEMENT

**We at Immaculate Conception Church
are a welcoming community of faith
that strives to carry out the mission of Jesus
by journeying in faith, sharing in joy,
and living in hope. Come join us.**

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.**



Immaculate Conception School

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Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges

*The Immaculate Conception School
in Lowell is now accepting registrations
for our Preschool and Kindergarten
Programs for the
2021-2022 school year.*

The Immaculate Conception School administration and teachers believe that every child is unique and that he or she has identifiable characteristics and needs. The Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten program is designed to support those needs by discovering each child's special qualities and his or her importance in God's creation.

*Please call or e-mail us to make
arrangements for a tour,
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We offer:

Full-day Pre-Kindergarten for 3 & 4 yr. olds

Full-day Kindergarten

Physical Education

Music

Art

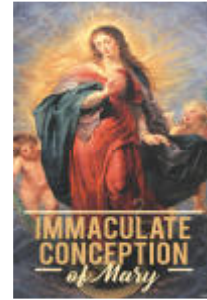
Before and After School Care programs

Hot lunch program for Kindergarten

**Financial Aid is available for Kindergarten
students who qualify**

OUR MISSION

**Immaculate Conception School
fosters students in a
Catholic Community with a highly dedicated
Staff, centered on outstanding
Academic excellence,
ongoing commitment to service and a
Love for learning.**



Tuesday, December 8 Holy Day of Obligation

Feast of Immaculate Conception

MASS: 6 PM on Monday Dec. 7

MASS: 10 AM on Tuesday, Dec. 8

Second Sunday of Advent

The countercultural John the Baptist may have had
an odd sense of style by our standards

(he wore camel hair)

and he may have consumed an unappealing diet
(locusts and wild honey),

but he had his finger on the pulse of what really
mattered.

He needed little in the way of worldly comforts
because he was consumed with his task of spiritually
preparing those who were willing to hear for the
One who would come to baptize with the power of
the Holy Spirit.

What mattered was this future revelation,
and John would let nothing that belongs to this
earthly existence get in the way of his preparation
for that revelation.

In his second letter,

Peter tells us that all will dissolve away and through
holiness and devotion we will be made ready for the
Lord's coming.

The trends we get caught up in will seem empty and
meaningless.

All that will remain is God and those created in his
image,

and the relationships we have between us.

What matters to you, right here and right now,
on this Second Sunday of Advent?

We don't have to trade in brand-name clothes for
camel hair,

but we need to ask ourselves:

if we were called to give it all away tomorrow for
Jesus, would we be mature enough to do so?

The answer to this question lies at the heart of
stewardship.

2021 CORI FORM
to be completed by all
volunteers

MORE THAN
HALF OF OUR
VOLUNTEERS
HAVE NOT
BEEN TO THE
RECTORY TO
SIGN THEIR
CORI.

PLEASE
COME
BEFORE 11/30.

Please wear masks when you come to the rectory to fill out your forms. We may not be needing your assistance yet, but the Diocese still wants us to have you complete these during the month of September. Thank you.

SATURDAY– December 5, 2020

4 pm Mass Living/Deceased
Members of W. Guild
Evelyn/Mitchell Guziejka
Helen & Stanley Socha

SUNDAY-December 6, 2020

10 am Mass Francis, Susan, Brendan
Reilly
M/M James P. McCarthy
Raymond J. St. Hilaire, Sr
17th Ann.
Dorothy L. St. Hilaire

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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

November 8, 2020

Weekly Collection: \$5,276.00

Higher utility and energy cost: \$1,485.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR YOUR
PARISH.

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PLEASE BRING WHATEVER
RELIGIOUS ITEMS,

NO CARDS/PRAYER CARDS
YOU MIGHT WANT TO GIVE.

The Mission from St. Mary's in
Lancaster, PA

They are coming

WEEK OF DECEMBER 7

to pick up.

If someone has died and you need to part
with their devotions,
share them with others.

MASSES

Every Saturday at 4 pm
and Sunday at 10 am
until further notice

As we slowly continue to re-open the church the following steps must be strictly observed.

1. We are offering a 4 PM **MASS on Sat. and a 10:00 AM MASS on Sunday**
2. **Social Distancing** must be observed at all times within the church
3. **Hand Sanitizer** will be available at all doors and must be used. If you prefer to use your own, bring it with you.
4. **MASKS ARE MANDATORY AND MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN.**
5. The floor is marked with the appropriate distancing. **PLEASE OBSERVE.**
6. All Holy Water Fonts and Missalettes have been removed.
7. There will be No Singing, No Processions and No Baskets passed at the Offertory.
8. **Baskets for the Offertory Collection will be placed at the Entrances of our Church.**
9. We appreciate all of your continued cooperation and we will only be able to provide Mass if all of you comply.
10. We are under strict restrictions from the Archdiocese of Boston in this re-opening of churches during this Pandemic
11. This is truly a fluid situation and we will update you before each Mass if necessary,



PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL
OUR ARMED FORCES

Lance CPL James Bakanosky U.S. Marines AFGHANISTAN
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 SN Nicholas Ludwig U.S. Navy
 AIC Emily McPhillips Air Force
 Master Sgt. Nicholas Owens USAF MacDill AFB

NATIONAL GUARD

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ATTENTION

If you scheduled announced Masses
from March 15 to January 1st
please feel free to call the
Rectory between 8 and 2 Mon./Fri.
so that we can reschedule
your paid Masses.
Know that we will allow more
than one intention at the Masses
if necessary.

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Our annual
January Calendar Raffle 2021
has been in motion since mid-November.
So, if you did not receive any in the mail
or would need more
please call us at 978-458-1474
so that you can continue
supporting your parish.
Due to COVID
No Christmas Fair! No Golf Tournament!
Please know that your encouragement
with this FUND RAISER is greatly
appreciated.

HOLY TRINITY PARISH
Because of the pandemic,

Holy Trinity Parish is not making pierogi to sell for
Christmas.

However, to accommodate those who follow the
tradition of serving pierogi at *Wigilia*,

the Christmas Eve dinner,

the Parish is taking orders for frozen pierogi made by a
Massachusetts company specializing in Polish food.

Orders must be submitted to Holy Trinity rectory with
payment no later than

Tuesday, Dec. 1, and picked up on Saturday, Dec. 19,

at the Parish Hall.

For details and sample order form please visit
www.holytrinitylowell.org and click on "This Week's
Bulletin" or call 978-459-2873.



ADVENT GIVING TREE FOR BIRTHRIGHT

Every year our parish sponsors an
Advent Giving Tree for Birthright

It is heartwarming to see the generosity of our
parishioners who contribute to this worthy cause.

Your participation again this year will help
the most vulnerable in our society.

New Baby Items are what we are looking for
to donate. Thank you in advance for your unselfishness.

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The Season of Advent

"O come, O come Emmanuel and ransom
captive Israel"



Mr. Pablo Cuadra
Religion Class

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a Pre-K3 student at
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