



*THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 13, 2020
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH*

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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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*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,
978-454-5339 or
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We offer:
Full-day Pre-Kindergarten for 3 & 4 yr. olds
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Music
Art
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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.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

1 PM - 3 PM - 5 PM - 7 PM

CHRISTMAS MASSES

8 AM and 10 AM

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SATURDAY- December 12, 2020

4 pm Mass Fr. Francis Ouellette, OMI,
11th anniversary
Mary Ann Garabedian, 1st Ann.
Dale Arseneault, 1st Ann.

SUNDAY-December 13, 2020

10 am Mass Everett/Florence Harris
Mary E. Pyne
Robert/Rose Bordeleau
Edward L./James M. McCarthy and
Patrick J. McCarthy
Charles E. Morin, Jr., 4 months

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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

November 15, 2020

Weekly Collection: \$3,530.00

Building Fund: \$1,450.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR YOUR
PARISH**

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.



JOY CREEPING IN
Third Sunday of Advent

The joy proper to Advent is a clear-eyed joy. Advent calls us to look directly at the world's brokenness, to see the plight of the hungry, the poor, and the prisoner, and to cry out for the coming of the day of justice and salvation.

Listening to the season and the Scriptures (as we have done for the last two weeks),
We feel joy creeping in.

As we become aware of what the world is not, of what the world ought to be, we begin to rejoice in our knowledge of God:

“The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.”

But what is our role?

The world is experiencing pain and suffering. God is bending tenderly like a nurse to bind its wounds. What do *WE* do?

Our example comes from John the Baptist, who refuses to take to himself an exalted name and the expectations that come with it.

To the question, “Who are you, and what have you to say for yourself?” we answer,

“I am the voice of hope: the day of the Lord is coming.”

It is our joy to proclaim glad tidings, to heal the brokenhearted, to free those in prison, to baptize the repentant. This is how we tend the garden that Christ, the gardener, has sown with justice, peace, and praise.

The Seeds were sown in the Incarnation; the harvest is coming, and with it, the fullness of the vision and joy that we now experience only in part.

Kimberly Hope Belcher is a married mother of three children and a professor of theology and liturgy at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. She is the author of Efficacious Engagement.

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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says Liliana Fortes,
a Pre-K3 student at
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