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LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
DECEMBER 22, 2019*

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



**144 East Merrimack Street
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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
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School Fax: 978-454-6593
Parish Website: www.iclowell.org



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.

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 at Immaculate Conception School



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The Immaculate Conception School Twentieth Annual Distinguished Graduate Dinner

We invite you to reserve your seat and space in the program book for the Immaculate Conception School Development Committee's Twentieth Annual Distinguished Graduate Dinner being held on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at Lenzi's Millhouse. A cocktail reception starts at 6:30 with dinner following at 7:30.

This year's Distinguished Graduate honoree is Joe McNamee Class of 1980. Additionally, Joe's father, John "Jack" McNamee, Sr. will be posthumously recognized as an Honorary Distinguished Graduate. In view of their many years of support and contribution to the school, parish and community, we are honored to recognize these two men.

Please honor Joe and Jack by reserving your table/seat and space in our program book today. It is a fitting way to honor our Distinguished Graduates and support the school. Tickets are 65.00 each and advertisements in the booklet are available in various sizes and locations within the program. All checks are made payable to: **ICS Development Committee.**

Contact **Marisa Veiga** at 978-804-1633 or Marisa.Veiga@comcast.net for tickets and **Leo Sheridan** at 978-459-7845 if you have questions regarding sponsorships or advertisements for the event. Ads can be emailed to Ljsheridan@aol.com in any image format (most preferred tiff, gif, bmp) or pdf.

We can also create ads for you.

We look forward to your participation at the event honoring Joe and John "Jack" McNamee, Sr., support of our school, children, and honorees is greatly appreciated. Reserved seating is required. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Development Committee



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.

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

*February 9	Class 12
March 1	Class 13

FIRST PENANCE March 14 at 10 AM in Church

March 15	Class 14
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FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

Sunday, March 15 at 6:30 PM School Cafeteria

March 29	Class 15
*April 5	Class 16

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT-Grade 2

Saturday, April 4th, 9:00AM to 2:00 PM

May 3rd IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION

Please contact **Claire Couillard** at 978-458-1474 X21
for any questions.

Our Religious Education Program
is still in need of teachers.
Please call Claire Couillard.

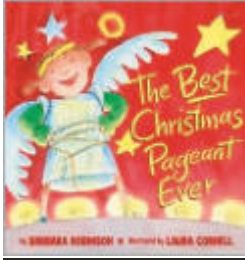


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 Staff Sgt. John J. Rogers U.S. Army Fort Bliss, Texas

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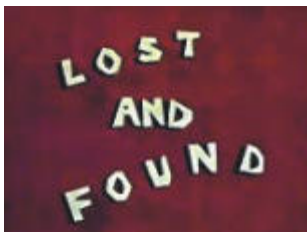
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**Immaculate Conception
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

4:00 PM Mass Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 24th

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Call rectory: 978-458-1474 between 8 and 2.



THE NATIVITY OF JESUS

"I proclaim to you good news of great joy
that will be for all of the people."

Merry Christmas!

This familiar story dances with new life and vigor today.

We, too, have waited in darkness.

We, too, have felt in the desert of the modern world.

Our hearts lift at the candles of midnight Mass.

The Eucharist - that simple little host

resting in the stable of our hearts - has new meaning.

Our joy lifts at the sight of long-unseen family.

The wonder of the season is here.

Glory to God indeed!

But for some of us, perhaps the patterns feel too familiar,
almost grating.

Or someone is missing from our story this year.

Unlike Mary and Joseph - who found refuge in a stable -
perhaps we still feel

like we're searching for a place to rest.

This Christmas season, let Jesus be that place.

Let the Christmas story

wash over you in all its human relevance.

In the Holy Family, we see the fear of a first-time father

trying to shelter and protect his family,

a deeply vulnerable moment on a cold,

uncomfortable night, and giving birth

with little assistance.

In the shepherds, we see an entirely unexpected
encounter with wonder,

a divine revelation none were expecting.

We see the dazzling hope of a promise fulfilled.

In the celebration of Christmas,

we celebrate the Incarnation.

God becomes man because we humans need someone we

can touch, see, and feel. Some of us may be especially

sensitive to a lack of incarnate love in our lives.

Whatever our experience,

God invites us to receive

HIM - His story, His presence, His love.

And He invites us to give it away,

to make His love a little more incarnate in the world

by our actions.

Look for someone to love today that they, too,
might recognize Emmanuel, God with us!



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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THIRTY-ONE



ANNUAL CALENDAR RAFFLE

You will be receiving in the mail an envelope containing 2020 January calendar raffle tickets.

Your past generosity encourages us to HOPE that you will make use of those tickets to show your gratitude during the Thanksgiving season to many people who support you throughout the year

as well as to give as stocking stuffers for the upcoming

Christmas celebrations.

If you did not receive the tickets in the mail and you would like to support us, please contact the rectory office

978-458-1474.

The tickets will also be sold after each Mass during the month of December, thanks to the members of the WOMEN'S GUILD



Let the ICS 8th grade class take your worries and Christmas Tree away for a mere \$10.

Simply put your tree out the night before and we will pick it up and bring it to the Recycling Area.

Pick up dates are 12/28, 01/04, and 01/11.

Payment Types: Cash or Check

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Contact Melissa 978-590-3586 to schedule your pick up.

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If you did not buy one for your Christmas Tree

THE 150th ANNIVERSARY

COMMEMORATIVE ORNAMENT

is still available at the Rectory Office

3 Fayette Street

between 8 AM - 2 PM- Monday through Friday

or in the sacristy after the Masses.

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HOLY TRINITY ANNOUNCEMENT



PIEROGIS will be available for Christmas

SALE is Saturday, December 21, 2019

From 8 to 11 AM

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OPLATEK: Free-will offering

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After Masses in church

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At Coffee Social after 8:30 Sunday Mass

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