



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

*IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
DECEMBER 30, 2018*

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH



**144 East Merrimack Street
Lowell, Massachusetts 01852**

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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

Deacon Stephen M. Papik

Deacon Carlos Desousa

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Director of Religious Education Gr. 1-10

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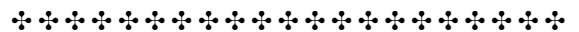
Sacraments

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
at Immaculate Conception School

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.

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Saturday, December 29 *St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr*

9:00 AM
4:00 PM Francis L. Hurley, Sr.
Francis L. Hurley, Jr.

Sunday, December 30

7:30 AM Katherine Carroll, 7th Ann.
9:00 AM Dr. John Janas, 3rd Anniversary
11:30 AM Margaret Emerson
5:00 PM

Monday, December 31, 2018 New Year's Eve

7:30 AM For the Parishioners
6:00 PM Vigil of New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:00 AM In church for Parishioners
HOLY TRINITY: 6:00 PM

Wednesday, January 2, 2019 Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:30 AM Jane Kwiatkowski's Intention

Thursday, January 3, 2019 *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, rel.*

7:30 AM Little Billy Creegan
12:00 NN

First Friday January 4, 2019

7:30 AM McKenzie/Wisniewski Families
12:00 NN

First Saturday, January 5, 2019 *St. John Newkann, Bishop*

9:00 AM Frances A. Keegan
4:00 PM M/M William J. Quinn/Family
Rev. Joseph P. Quinn, O.M.I.

Sunday, January 6, 2019 The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 AM Anthony Correa, 1st Anniversary
Mary Correa, 11th Anniversary
9:00 AM George W. Spinney, Sr., 18th Ann.
11:30 AM Richard P. Rourke
5:00 PM

Weekly Collection: \$6,975.00

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The best exercise for the heart
is to bend down and help someone.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 30, 2018 The Holy Family

"After three days they found him in the temple,
sitting in the midst of the teachers,
listening to them and asking them questions,
and all who heard him were astounded at his
understanding and his answers."

As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family,
this Gospel exposes us to a strange tension.

While this family is one we can look to for an example,
they are not quite the same family unit as everyone else.

There is an otherness to Jesus,
something profound.

And yet, perhaps on second thought,
are our families so different?

When Mary and Joseph encountered Jesus in the temple,
"they were astonished."

But at what? Mary's response is surprised.
They're not astonished that Jesus is preaching
in a place for respected teachers.

They're not astonished that their son has captured the
attention of the wisest men of the time period.

They're astonished at his
seemingly disobedient behavior!

"Son, why have you done this to us?"

Your father and I have been looking for you
with great anxiety."

All our children have an "otherness" about them,
something that makes them unique and different.

They are distinctly not "me."

What will our own children become?

What temple will they wander off to?

Who will they astound?

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**Will you rejoice in the birth of the King?
Or just in the things Christmas brings?**



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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.

- 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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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.



*Wishing you all
Blessings of good health
for 2019!*

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JANUARY SCHEDULE

Wednesday , January 2, 2019
Classes resume

Thursday, January 3, 2019
Banking

**CONGRATULATIONS TO LOWELL CATHOLIC
HONOR ROLL STUDENTS**

HEAD OF SCHOOL LIST:
Owen Skrekas, Senior
Laurent Brewster, Junior
Thomas King, Freshman

HIGH HONOR ROLL: Jessica Brewster, Senior

HONOR ROLL:
Christos Ioannidis, Senior
Bryan Klobucher, Senior
Nathan Silvia, Senior
Allison Curran, Junior
Abigail Keefe, Junior
Elizabeth Keefe, Junior
Sean King, Freshman
Anaiyah Rivera, Freshman



**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

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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Our Last 150th Anniversary Activity

Was a success due to

THE TREE LIGHTING COMMITTEE

Dan Cote Claire Couillard

Joe Fafone Stephen Greene

Stephen Hadden Steve Marsdon

Special Thanks to MARKET BASKET

For their gift of Gingerbread Houses

AND Gingerbread Cookies.

Pictures coming soon!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Museum
at 1 State Street in New haven,

has a new Christmas exhibit,

Christmas in Poland.

The show features more than 100 items,
some from the museum's own collection.

Highlights include:

Szopki from Krakow,
hand carved wooden creches and
traditional Polish clothing.

Open 10 AM to 5 PM daily.

Free admission and parking.

More at 203-865-0400 or

kofcmuseum.org.

November 17, 2018 to February 3, 2019

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

**A very generous donation from The O'Donnell
Funeral Home to the Immaculate Conception Church**

has been received in LOVING MEMROY OF
the people of the Immaculate Conception Church
whose families The O'Donnell Funeral Home
was privileged and honored to have served from
December 1, 2017 through December 21, 2018.

It is the hope of Jim O'Donnell and the staff of the
O'Donnell Funeral Home that the support of family,
friends, and faith may guide these families through this
holy season and bring them blessing into the New Year.
And may their deceased loved ones, whom we name here,
rest in the peaceful and loving embrace of Jesus Christ.

James C. Shannon, Jr.

Mark G. Ryan

Martha A. McDermott

Robert B. Kennedy

Eric P. Hanson

Michael J. Makarewicz

George B. Leahey

Elizabeth T. Holton

Richard P. Rourke

James Warren Flood, Jr.

Thomas E. Ralls

Kathryn A. Gillette

Raymond F. Ralls

Mary Jayne Gray

Francis X. Barrett

Craig M. Maxfield

Mary Jo Milinazzo



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**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL
Nineteenth 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 Nineteenth Annual Distinguished Graduate Dinner being held on Saturday, February 9th, 2019 at Lenzi's Millhouse. A cocktail reception starts at 6:30 PM with dinner following at 7:30 PM.

This year's Distinguished Graduate honorees are Arthur B. Brown and Patricia N. (Sullivan) Brown, Class of 1948.

In recognition of their many years of support and contribution to the school and community, we are honored to present this award to Arthur and Patricia.

Please honor Arthur and Patricia 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 Laurie King at 978-337-1432 or e-mail her at laurienking@gmail.com for tickets and Leo Sheridan at 978-459-7845 if you have questions regarding sponsorships or advertisements for the event. Ads can be e-mailed 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 Arthur and Patricia Brown. Your support of our school, children and honorees is greatly appreciated. Reserved seating is required. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Immaculate Conception School
Development Committee

Easter is coming!
What an odd thing to say at Christmas!
For most of us, on this day,
Easter is far from our thoughts or imagination.
We might be focusing on the gift God gave to us in the Incarnation.
God the Father gave to us His only begotten Son.
However, our society focuses too much on this one part of the story.
The truth is that this is the beginning of a story.
This is the start of a gift.
The true gift is not that God gave to us His Son in birth, but instead God gave us His Son in death.
If Jesus did not die and rise from the dead, would Christmas be such a wonderful and meaningful time? It would be an interesting and cool story, but Jesus was born to die and then conquer death for all of us.
On this day,
the true Paschal Lamb was born into the world.
This is not a day of innocence but a day that makes true reconciliation for our transgressions possible.
This awareness does not make Christmas a sad time but instead a more joyous occasion.
Can there be a greater love than to lay down one's life for another?
The crucifixion would not occur for about another 33 years, but on this day, our God laid down the life of His Son. He laid him down in a manger and set into motion a series of events that redeemed all of creation.
There is no sadness, because today Jesus is alive and well!
May your Christmas be filled with Easter joy for He is today, tomorrow, and forever the greatest gift our God could ever give us -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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| MARY | WEDDING | BABY |
| JOSEPH | ANGEL | JESUS |
| HOLY SPIRIT | DREAM | VIRGIN |

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