



# 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"Blessed are you when people hate you,  
and when they exclude and insult you,  
and denounce your name as evil  
on account of the Son of Man." - Lk 6:22

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**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS  
FEBRUARY 17, 2019**

# 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  
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: [www.iclowell.org](http://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

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**Saturday, February 16, 2019**

**4:00 PM** Leo F. Tighe, Jr. 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary  
Robert P. Tighe, Sr. 18<sup>th</sup> Ann.

**Sunday, February 17, 2019 *Sixth Sunday in Ord. Time***

**7:30 AM** Ella Hogan, 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**9:00 AM** John and Martha McDermott  
**11:30 AM** Little Billy Creegan, 74<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
**5:00 PM**

**Monday, February 18, 2019**

**7:30 AM** Sr. Nancy Sheridan, Mass of Healing

**Tuesday, February 19, 2019**

**7:30 AM** Mary Morrill, Mass of Healing

**Wednesday, February 20, 2019**

**7:30 AM** Adolfina Ferreiro

**Thursday, February 21 *St. Peter Damian, Bishop/Dr. of Church***

**7:30 AM** Mary Morrill, Mass of Healing

**Friday February 22 *The Chair of St. Peter, the Apostle***

**7:30 AM**  
**12:00 NN**

**Saturday, February 23, 2019**

**9:00 AM**  
**4:00 PM**

**Sunday, February 24, 2019 *Seventh Sunday in Ord. Time***

**7:30 AM**  
**9:00 AM**  
**11:30 AM** Leona and Edward Jump  
**5:00 PM** Jan Marcotte, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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**February 9-10, 2019**

**Weekly Collection: \$6,066.00**

**Churches in Latin America: \$2,411.00**

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**THE 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
COMMEMORATIVE ORNAMENT  
is still available at the Rectory Office  
3 Fayette Street**

**between 8 to 2 – Monday through Friday  
or in the sacristy after the Masses.**

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**February 17, 2019**

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**What an audience Jesus has in today's Gospel!  
"A great crowd of his disciples and  
a large number of people from all over Judea and  
Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon."  
Disciples, pagans, and devout Jews  
gathered together to hear Jesus speak  
in the Sermon on the Mount.  
All of these people had something in common.  
God was someone to be bargained with,  
and if God liked you,  
you were rewarded with good fortune.  
This Sunday, Jesus tells us a different story.  
"Woe to you who are rich ? who are filled now ?  
who laugh ? when all speak well of you.  
Blessed are you who are poor ?  
you who are now hungry ?  
when people hate you and  
when they exclude you and insult you."  
Jesus completely flips the script on  
what it means to be blessed by God.  
What he proclaims as "woe" are states of life  
we often strive for,  
and "blessed" are the states we work hard to avoid!  
Jesus is concerned with the kingdom of God and  
the world to come,  
not the typical structures of power and privilege.  
The word "now" appears often in these statements.  
Why? If you are well "now," that's beside the point.  
To be rich in this life has no direct bearing  
on your immortal soul.  
If you're struggling "now,"  
that's not an indication that God has forgotten you or  
that - in light of eternity –  
you're worse off than someone else.  
In fact, it could be an indicator that you're enduring  
something that will bring you to a place of greater,  
eternal joy in the future.  
This Sunday, consider your priorities.  
Who do we reject as not blessed,  
and thereby inflict woe upon ourselves?  
When we encounter difficult situations in our own lives,  
do we see them as opportunities  
to remember God and lean on His mercy and grace?**



# Immaculate Conception School

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**The Immaculate Conception School in Lowell is now accepting registrations for the 2019-2020 school year.**

**There is an Open House on Sunday, January 27 from 10 AM to Noon. Arrangements for other tour dates can be made by calling the office at 978-745-5339.**

**We offer:**

**Full-day Pre-Kindergarten for 3 and 4 year olds**

**Full-day Kindergarten**

**Academic program for grades 1-8**

**Physical Education**

**Spanish**

**Music**

**Art**

**Technology Classes**

**Before and After School Care programs**

**Hot lunch program**

**Extracurricular activities**

**(athletic teams, ski club, dance, art club and homework club)**

**Financial Aid is available for K-8 students who qualify**

**We look forward to hearing from you soon.**

## FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

### SCHOOL WINTER VACATION: 2/18 to 2/22, 2019

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Our sincere appreciation for your generous support of the Baby Bottle Campaign this past fall.

Thank you very much for showing your respect for life, through your kind donation of \$480.40.

Because of your support, we can come alongside women, children and families to build relationships and help meet needs both physically and spiritually.

The funds you provided will help supply new moms and their families with material services (formula, diapers, cribs), education (unplanned pregnancy, infant care, sexual integrity) and the love and support of our client advocates.

Please feel free to contact us if you would like a tour of the center or more information.

Thank you again, The Pregnancy Care Center 978-373-5700



## 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.**

### 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 week end Masses.**



**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**

**Saints Medical Center**  
**is in need of Extraordinary Eucharistic**  
**Ministers**  
**Please call Mary Iannuzzo – 978-788-7763**  
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**MEN OF ST. JOSEPH**  
**The Men of St. Joseph**

Immaculate in Collaborative  
 meet on the fourth Saturday of every month.  
 Each monthly meeting includes prayer,  
 faith-building fellowship, and food.  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
**February 23, 2019**  
**beginning with the Rosary**  
**7:30 AM to 9:30 AM**  
**in Immaculate Conception’s Upper Church**



The Women’s Guild  
 is sponsoring its annual Communion Brunch  
 Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

We hope that you can make it to the  
 11:30 Mass  
 followed by Brunch and good company in  
 the Immaculate Conception School Hall.

Our guest speaker will be  
 Ms. Claire Couillard,  
 Pastoral Associate and  
 Director of Religious Education

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**Lowell**  
**Camp Fatima for boys**  
**Camp Bernadette for girls**

are now accepting registrations for the 2019  
 summer season

The camps located in the Lakes Region of NH, offer  
 2-week overnight sessions for children, ages 6-15.

For more info or to request a brochure,  
 Contact Brendan Stackhouse at 603-364-5851  
 or e-mail [brendan@bfcamp.com](mailto:brendan@bfcamp.com)  
 or visit and register online at [www.bfcamp.com](http://www.bfcamp.com)  
 Please don’t wait as sessions fill quickly.

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**SENIOR CELEBRATION**

Please join us for the Annual Dinner honoring you,  
**Our SENIOR CITIZENS**  
 Hosted by the Immaculate Conception Parish  
 Date: Saturday, March 23, 2019  
 Time: 1:00 PM  
 Place: Immaculate Conception School Hall  
 218 E. Merrimack St., Lowell, MA

A delicious Roast Turkey Dinner  
 with dessert and coffee will be served.  
 If you are a Senior Citizen living within the parish,  
 Please call the Immaculate Conception Rectory  
 At 978-458-1474  
 No later than March 20, 2019 to reserve your seat.

**TAX REPORT**

**For those of you who use regular weekly offertory envelopes for your statement of parish contributions, please call the Office 978-458-1474 between 9 and 3.**

**When you call be ready to give your envelope number, full name and street address. The report will be sent to you ASAP.**

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**WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO:**

**Anonymous  
For your generous donation  
In Memory Of FRANCIS X. BARRETT**

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Colleen J. Sweeney  
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In Memory Of GREGORY TOWLE**

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