



*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." - Lk 6:36

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**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS  
FEBRUARY 24, 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





# Immaculate Conception School

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Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges

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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.

## MARCH SCHEDULE

March 4      Monday

CLASSROOM GROUP PICTURES –WEAR UNIFORMS

March 6      ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass at 9 AM    ALL ARE INVITED

March 7      Thursday

BAKE SALE

March 8      Friday

GRADES CLOSE



## 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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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  
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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



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.

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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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Adult Faith Formation Spring of 2019

Twice per year (fall and Spring) *St. Joseph the Worker Shrine*  
*Adult Faith Education* classes conducted by  
Father Gene Tremblay, O.M.I., S.T. L.  
on 7 successive Wednesdays.

This year, the topic is *The Message of the Prophets*.  
Last fall in Part I, we considered the contexts and messaging  
of the Hebrew prophets *Amos, Hosea* and *Jeremiah*.  
During Lent, in Part II, we will reprise the historical contexts  
(for those who might have missed Part I last fall)  
and then explore the messages of the prophets

*Ezekiel* and *Isaiah II*

We'll conclude by analyzing the nature of  
"Prophetic Imagination" – then and now.

Mark your calendars:

The Spring dates are: Opening day –  
Ash Wednesday, March 6  
followed by Wednesdays:  
March 13, 20, 27  
and  
April 3, 10 and 17

