

First Communion



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
APRIL 28, 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

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

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



Saturday, April 27, 2019

9:00 AM

4:00 PM John E. Levicki, 1st Anniversary

Sunday, April 28, 2019

Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30 AM Kenny Silva/Michelle Silva
9:00 AM Deceased Members of Creegan F.
11:30 AM FIRST COMMUNION
5:00 PM

Monday, April 29, 2019 *St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

7:30 AM

Tuesday, April 30, 2019 *St. Pius V, Pope*

7:30 AM David Harris

Wednesday, May 1, 2019 *St. Joseph the Worker*

7:30 AM Walter Dartley

Thursday, May 2, 2019 *St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

7:30 AM McKenzie/Wisniewski Families
12:00 NN Roger Frechette, Month's Mind

First Friday, May 3, 2019 *Sts. Philip and James, Apostles*

7:30 AM William Murray, Birthday Mem.
12:00 NN Mary Dudek

First Saturday, May 4, 2019

9:00 AM Frances A. Keegan
4:00 PM Michael H. Gavin, 24th Ann.

Sunday, May 5, 2019 **Third Sunday of Easter**

7:30 AM
9:00 AM Roger/Denise Nangle, IMO 62nd Wedding Anniversary
11:30 AM FIRST COMMUNION
5:00 PM Ruth Ellen Ciccarelli, 4th Ann.

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April 13-14, 2019

Weekly Collection: \$6,316.00
Building Fund: \$3,732.00
April 21, 2019 – EASTER SUNDAY
Clergy Trust Fund: \$15,251.00

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Second Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2019

He has you in mind.

Do we think about that much?

The God of the universe has us in mind,
individually as persons and together
as one human family.

We hear this truth in today's Gospel story of Thomas.

His doubt is likely familiar to us by now.

"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands
and put my finger into the nail marks
and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Jesus is God. He could have risen any way he wanted.
He could have risen perfectly healed,
as a further sign of his power over death and suffering.

But when Thomas encounters him,
we see what Jesus chose.

"Put your finger here and see my hands,
and bring your hand and put it into my side,
and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

In resurrecting his body,

Jesus already has Thomas in mind.

Jesus retains his wounds for Thomas, for the disciples,
and for all who would doubt the sacrificial power of love.

This intentional love of Jesus is echoed
by John and his disciples, who authored this Gospel.

"Jesus did many other signs...these are written that you
may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ...and that
through this belief you may have life in his name."

From its earliest beginnings,

the Church knew the power of sign and story.

When they wrote the Gospels, they had us in mind.

We are all Thomas from time to time.

We need to see the mercy of God lived
and real in our lives.

This can happen throughout the circumstances of our
daily comings and goings.

It can also happen through meditating on the Scripture,
through placing ourselves in the stories and
listening to God's voice speaking.

We don't get to see what the disciples got to see,
but we know, through them, that God always has us in
mind. As he reminds the disciples,

"Blessed are those who have not seen and have
believed."



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The Immaculate Conception School MAY SCHEDULE

April 28

First Communion

Mass – 11:30 AM

April 29 and the rest of the Week
for grades 2-8

NWEA TESTING BEGINS

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Monday - May 1, 2019

HALF DAY DISMISSAL

NO PM BUSSING

Dismissal 11:30 AM

Kids Club Available

Mr. Adrian's Dance Class will take place
From 11:30-1:00

DRESS DOWN DAY – Pay \$1.00

All proceeds go to gr. 8 Scholarship

Tuesday - May 2, 2019

BAKE SALE – GRADE 8

Saturday – May 4, 2019

BANKING

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Be transformed by Jesus' love in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend is June 8-9, 2019 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.



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.

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION **Grade 2**

*****April 28 @ 11:30 AM
Immaculate Conception School

*****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
 1st Lt. Jeremy LaBranche U.S. Army Fort Carson, CO
 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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TRIP TO ROME



Father Sannella will be in Rome and will hopefully be celebrating Mass at the Vatican June 25 or 26, 2019. If you are interested in attending this Mass, please contact Father at the rectory 978-458-1474.

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EASTER FLOWER OFFERING
 (continued from last week's bulletin)

DONOR

Joan Barrett
 Mrs. Robert E. Eyres
 Mary Frances Gorman
 M/M Leo Sheridan Jr.

IMO

Richard Barrett
 Robert E. Eyres
 John T./Mary F. Gorman
 Richard Barrettt
 Rita/Andre Soucy
 Rita Sheridan
 Carol/Bob Daigle



ADORATION

May 1, 2019

8:00AM to 6:00PM

3:00PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

6:00PM Rosary, Benediction & Mass

Rectory Chapel – 3 Fayette Street

We thank all those who have been faithfully covering their assigned hour.

We do appreciate your commitment and dedication.

Please remember if you cannot make your hour you need to call a volunteer

If you are able to commit to one of the above times, or would like to be a volunteer, please call the Rectory to submit your name.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA
ON THE FIRST SATURDAY
OF EACH MONTH



After the 9 AM Mass, please join us to recite the rosary and reflect on the mystery for 15 minutes at the IC Chapel.

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

We invite you to attend on the **First Saturday of each month** a **Marian Devotion** which will consist of 15 decades of the Rosary and other prayers to honor Our Lady. It will be held at Holy Trinity Church 340 High Street, Lowell, MA at 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

We hope you will consider joining us. For further information please call 978-454-4395 (Anna or Ted)



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO
GRADE 2 STUDENTS**

**ONTAYA BETTENCOURT
LILY BORDELEAU
KALI BORRELLI
TRAVIS BREVELERI**

**TATIANA CANDIDO
CARLOS CARVALHO
QUINN CONLEY
MELISSA CORTES
HAYKO COSTA
MAKAYLA CROWLEY**

LYLA DeLUCIA

JACK FAGONE

KIERA GREEN

**SAMUEL HINES
ANNA HIRBOUR**

PADRAIC LAMEY

**NATHAN MAKIEJ
MADISON MARTELL-VEGA
ALLY McCARTIN
QUINN McDONALD
LIAM McGUINNESS
GISELLE McHUGH
CONOR McNAMARA
ROBERT MIETZNER
KAREN MORENO**

MICHAEL OSBORN

**ADRIANNA PICANCO
MASON PIMENTEL
BROOKLYNN POTTER**

BROGAN ROURKE

**MIGUEL SALVEGO
BRAYDEN SHEA
OLIVIA SWETT**



**15th ANNUAL
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
GOLF TOURNAMENT AND BANQUET**

Dear Parishioners,

HAPPY SPRING TO ALL!

**Yes, we are having our Annual Fund raiser
the 15th Immaculate Conception Golf Tournament
and Annual Parish Social**

**which will be held on Tuesday, May 28th
and we are once again appealing to our generous
parishioners and school parents
to help make this year's fundraiser
our most successful so far!**

**We are asking for donations of bottles of wine
with a value of \$16 or higher for one of our
silent auction raffles.**

**This raffle was very successful and we're looking to top
the money we brought in last year!**

**Bottles may be dropped off at the Rectory
or at the rear of the church on Sundays.**

Please indicate the price on the bottle.

**Also, the wine bottle could be your contribution
to our parish and school.**

**Since there is no Red Sox ticket raffle this year,
we are hoping that you will support this fund raiser
by attending the Banquet.**

**Tickets are \$50.00 and may be purchased
at the rectory office between 7 AM and 2 PM
OR at the hall door the night of the banquet.**

**Thank you again for your continued generosity and
support of our church and school.**

Father Nick and the Golf Committee

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