



20th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him ... The one who feeds on me will have life because of me." - Jn 6:56, 57b

*IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
AUGUST 19, 2018*

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
Bro. James Lucas, OMI, Ministry to the Sick
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:



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

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.

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



Saturday, August 18, 2018

4:00 PM David J. Cwiklik/Rita A. Major

Sunday, August 19, 2018 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

7:30 AM Francis/Susan/Jim Reilly

9:00 AM KC Ladies

11:30 AM Mr. & Mrs. William Collins

5:00 PM For the Parishioners

Monday, August 20, 2018 *St. Bernard, Abbot/Doctor of the Church*

7:30 AM Mary Morrill, Mass of Healing

Tuesday, August 21, 2018 *St. Pius X, Pope*

7:30 AM Lester Waterhouse

Wednesday, August 22, 2018 *The Queenship of the*

Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 AM

Thursday, August 23, 2018 *St. Rose of Lima, Virgin*

7:30 AM Mary Morrill, Mass of Healing

12:00 NN

Friday, August 24, 2018 *St. Bartholomew, Apostle*

7:30 AM

12:00 NN

Saturday, August 25, 2018 *St. Louis de France and*

St. Joseph Calasanz priest

9:00 AM Fr. Francis Ouellette, O.M.I.

4:00 PM Edward/Mary Croke, 1st Ann.

Sunday, August 26, 2018 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

7:30 AM Henri Martineau, 25th Ann.

9:00 AM Virginia C. Creegan

11:30 AM David Beauchemin, 2nd Ann.

5:00 PM John W. Mahoney and
Jane Mahoney Kiluk

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August 11-12, 2018

Weekly Collection: \$5,280.00

Building Fund: \$2,930.00

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

In this Sunday's Gospel, the conflict escalates in the Bread of Life Discourse. Confusion is mounting in the crowd.

"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

Their minds were thinking literally, not mystically.

Jesus doesn't seem to help, however, and only drives his point home with more emphasis.

"Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you."

Jesus would later institute the Eucharist at the Last Supper.

There he would definitely establish the sacramental reality in which bread and wine become substantially his own Body and Blood.

We celebrate this sacrament in the Mass.

Perhaps we do not always understand what we receive.

"My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink."

What is the essence of food and drink?

Food nourishes our bodies,

providing essential calories for our survival.

Water is used throughout the body to cushion joints,

regulate body temperature,

and protect sensitive tissues like the brain.

When we receive the Eucharist, we receive the spiritual equivalent of these essential elements.

Like water, the Eucharist

strengthens the sanctifying grace moving through us.

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."

The Eucharist connects us intimately to Jesus and confirms our union with him.

That is why we abstain from the Eucharist while in a state of mortal sin.

It would be a contradiction and deep disrespect to these words of Jesus.

To receive the Body and Blood of Jesus is not a right but a gift we receive with deep humility.

As we receive the Bread of Life,

grace strengthens our love,

separates us from sin –

even wiping away venial sins

-- unifies us with the universal Church,

and helps commit us to humble service.

Together we are nourished for our mission in the world!



Immaculate Conception School

218 East Merrimack Street - Lowell, MA 01852

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SEEKING A JUNIOR HIGH TEACHER FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL.

Teacher would teach gr. 6-8 Science and Religion for gr. 6-7.

If interested, please call the school office at 978-454-5339. Should have MA certification or be in the process.

Minimum of three years experience.

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CORI TIME 2019 CORI FORM

to be completed by all volunteers

MA State law mandates that any person 17 years of age and older, who serves as a volunteer in any parish ministry, must complete a CORI form (Criminal Offense Record Info.).

This form requires verification of identity with a photo document

(e.g. MA Driver’s License or passport)

There are no exceptions to this requirement.

The CORI form is available at the Rectory Office

Monday-Thurs. 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Fridays: 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM (Noon)

beginning 8/6 to 9/23, 2018.

I WILL BE AVAILABLE AT FRONT ENTRANCE AFTER EVERY MASS THE WEEKEND OF SEPT. 15-16.

Sister Irene

The St. Vincent de Paul Society members need to speak to

Mr. Leo Sheridan to arrange to fill the Cori form
Know that we are truly grateful that you are willing to serve our parish community as a volunteer.

This is our way of showing you that we are committed to protect all our parishioners and all who visit with us...especially the children and the elderly.



Marian Days

Marian Days is a large festival and pilgrimage for Vietnamese American Catholics.

The event in honor of the Virgin Mary takes place in early August each year on the campus of the Congregation of the Mother Co-Redemptrix in Carthage, MO.

The Congregation organized the first Marian Days at its US headquarters in 1978 to celebrate the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

About 1,500 Vietnamese Catholics from the area participated; in 2011, attendance reached 60,000.

Thousands come from across the US, as well as Canada and Vietnam.

Each day is highlighted by a large outdoor Mass, and offers opportunities for reconciliation and prayer.

Mass is celebrated by many priests and religious. Although the celebrations are centered on liturgy,

They also feature a number of other events.

Diocesan groups set up tents to sell traditional Vietnamese food.

Proceeds go to the parishes and charities.

Each night, performers entertain crowds with both traditional and contemporary Vietnamese music.

The celebration ends with a procession for Our Lady of Fatima.

Two long firecrackers are set off, after which balloons tied to two flags (one for the Virgin Mary and the other for Vietnam) are released.

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FEAST OF OUR LADY OF BEAURAING

Please join us on August 22, 2018 at St. Mary Magdalene Church, 93 Lakeview Ave. Tyngsboro, MA for Mass at 6:30 pm

as we honor Our Lady of Beauraing on the Feast of the Queenship of Mary.

The theme is "Mary Speaks to Children."

Come and hear the re-enactment of the apparitions as told by the five visionaries, their first impressions, the people's reactions, interrogations and Mary's message to young people today. "

Info. contact Irene Tremblay (978) 649-1813.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL
OUR ARMED FORCES**

Lance CPL James Bakanosky	U.S. Marines	AFGHANISTAN
Sgt. James R. Boudreau	U.S. Army	Newport, RI
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 st 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 FL
Staff Sgt. John J. Rogers	U.S. Army	Fort Bliss, TX

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

August 25, 2018

**beginning with the Rosary -
7:30 AM to 9:30 AM**

in Immaculate Conception's Upper Church

SAINT ANTHONY'S PARISH

Presents

MONTREAL SPECTACULAR!

September 17-19, 2018

**Luxury Holiday Inn & Suites Hotel
Native Guide Sightseeing Tour in Montreal
Four meals (2 breakfasts and 2 dinners)
Visit to Montreal's Casino Royale**

DAY 1

**8:00 am Depart from St. Anthony's Church for
Canada on your luxury Silver Fox Coach.
You'll travel north into scenic Vermont,
visiting the Cold Hollow Cider Mill on the way.
You'll arrive in Montreal in the afternoon
at the luxurious Holiday Inn & Suites.
At night, you'll enjoy a full course delicious
DINNER, featuring Soup, Salad,
Choice of Entrée and Dessert
at Le Vieux Port Restaurant in Old Montreal.**

DAY 2

**Enjoy Montreal's sights/attractions with your native
guide who will take you throughout this fabulous
City which is one of the most cosmopolitan cities in
the Northern Hemisphere.
You'll visit Mont Royal, Old Montreal
St. Joseph's Oratory and much more.
In the evening, after DINNER, you'll visit
Montreal's Casino Royale for an evening of
exciting casino gaming.**

DAY 3

**On the way home, you'll visit
Ben & Jerry Ice Cream Factory
where you can purchase
an ice cream confection.
You'll arrive back home around 7:30 PM after an
exciting time in beautiful Montreal.**

Tour cost

\$389.00 PP Double

\$379.00 PP Triple

\$479 Single

Checks payable to: *Filomena Silva*
\$100 Deposit Due With Reservation
Balance is Due 30 Days Prior to Departure!
To contact Filomena Silva call 978-761-9591

Canada's Waiting For You!

LOVE THE WORLD RETREAT

St. Kathryn Parish in Hudson, NH presents a very special 2-day event, a Love the Word™ Retreat, featuring Sonja Corbitt, the Bible Study Evangelist in her only upcoming Northeast appearance on Friday, September 21, 2018, beginning at 7:00 PM and on Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Join us for what promises to be a fulfilling and uplifting retreat – all men, women, and couples invited to attend. You’ll laugh, you’ll cry, and through her dynamic and powerful speaking,

Sonja will ignite your Faith through four inspiring talks. Throughout the two days, you’ll encounter Christ through music, Eucharistic Adoration, confession, prayer, and the unique and inspiring way Sonja brings the Scriptures to life with lively study followed by breaks for quiet reflection using her own Love the Word™ technique. Her talks will be on Heroes of the Bible on Friday, and on Saturday, her talks will be on her book Ignite, her latest Series the Fruits of the Spirit, and a devotion to Eucharistic Adoration and the Third Order Carmelites. \$25 Saturday Admission Price. Please call 603-882-7793 or visit stkathryns.org for further details and to purchase tickets.

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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

**“My God is now my strength!
Let God be the strength of your marriage
by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Weekend.**

**The next Weekends are
September 15-16, 2018

in Medway, MA**

**and

December 7-9, 2018**

in Duxbury, MA

**For more information, call
Stephen/Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963
or
visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.**

CATHOLIC DOCTORS NEEDED

Mission Doctors Association will offer the

2018 Fall Retreat/Seminar, September 28-30, 2018

For Catholic Doctors, Dentists, Nurse Practitioners and
Physician Assistants

considering Short-term mission service.

This will be held at Loyola Stritch Medical School in
Chicago.

Working in Partnership with Loyola Stritch Medical
School, medical professionals will also have the
opportunity to obtain CME for attending the weekend.

Visit the website:

www.MissionDoctor.org/loyola

or call the office for more information

(213) 368-1872.

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FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Circle Home, Inc.

offers a free Family Caregiver Support Group, on the
second Wednesday of each month, from 1:00 to
2:00 PM at Circle Home, 847 Rogers Street, Route
38 in Lowell.

Anyone who is caring for a family member or friend
is welcome to “drop in.” There is no cost and no
reservations are needed. Take time for yourself,
become more confident, reduce stress and share
perspectives with other family caregivers.

Refreshments included. For more info:

Elaine at 978-805-2655 or
Community@CircleHomeHealth.org