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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
SEPTEMBER 2, 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
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Pastoral Associate
Director of Religious Education Gr. 1-10

Catherine Fiorino, School Principal
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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, September 1, 2018

4:00 PM Theresa/Charles Cousens
Vidal Bandit

Sunday, September 2, 2018 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Special Intention
9:00 AM John J. Mulligan, 10th Ann.
11:30 AM James Lorrey, Month's M. Mass
5:00 PM For the Parishioners

Monday, September 3, 2018 *Saint Gregory the Great,
Pope/Doctor of the Church*

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

7:30 AM McKenzie/Wisniewski Family

Wednesday, September 5, 2018 *St. Teresa of Calcutta,
Religious*

7:30 AM Virginia C/James E. Creegan

Thursday, September 6, 2018

7:30 AM Janet Sweeney
12:00 NN Souls in Purgatory

Friday, September 7, 2018

7:30 AM Irene Martineau, 19th Ann.
12:00 NN Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, September 8, 2018 *NATIVITY OF MARY*

9:00 AM Living/Deceased Members of the
Women's Guild
4:00 PM Denyse Couillard

Sunday, September 9, 2018 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Living/Deceased Members of the
Collins Family
9:00 AM Doris Dowling, 10th Ann.
11:30 AM For the Parishioners
5:00 PM Blanche Boumel

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August 18-19, 2018

Weekly collection: \$5,616.00
Building Fund: \$3,234.00

August 25-26, 2018

Weekly Collection: \$5,279.00
Building Fund: \$2,136.00

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Judgment tends to have a bad reputation.
We often associate it with condemnation,
and in the Gospels, we associate it with the Pharisees.
Today's Gospel features the Pharisees
doing exactly what we expect.
"They observed that some of his disciples ate their meals
with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands."
The Jewish people had strict purification laws
that applied to all areas of life.
The Pharisees attempt to accuse Jesus
of not following the ancestral traditions.
Jesus doesn't take offense at their judgments per se.
He instead points out the hypocrisy of their words.
"You hypocrites ? this people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me."
From there,
Jesus turns his attention to the concerns of the heart.
"The things that come from within are what defile."
He lists off a number of sins,
including some the Pharisees were likely struggling with,
including evil thoughts, envy, and arrogance.
When we examine the list,
perhaps we're reminded of our own trips to the
confessional! As we strive to follow Jesus
and live with integrity, we must be aware of our hearts.
We must judge our own actions.
Are they leading us closer to God or away from Him?
Are we growing in love of our neighbor,
or are we becoming more closed in on ourselves?
As we move into this week,
consider the state of our own heart.
Perhaps you are overly scrupulous
in less important areas.
Perhaps there are large areas of overlooked sin
that you've excused for too long.
Whatever it is,
the judgment of God need not cripple us. He offers us a
share in His mercy
as soon as we turn to Him.
This week, allow your heart to be transformed!



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SCHEDULE FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

AUGUST

28 – First Day for Students (Gr. 1-8)
Half-Day Dismissal 11:30 NO BUSSING
KIDS CLUB BEGINS TODAY at 11:30 AM

29 – Pre-K3 Open House (At church) 8 to 8:45 AM
Pre-K4 Open House 8 to 8:45 AM
K Open House 9 to 10 AM
Half Day Dismissal 11:30 (Gr. 1-8)

30 – Gr. 1-8 Half-Day Dismissal 11:30

31 – FRIDAY – NO SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER

3 – CLOSED – LABOR DAY

4 -Full Day of School for (PK4 to 8)

5 - PRE-K3 year old starts this day

6 – Band Demonstration – 1 PM

12 – OPEN HOUSE 6 to 6:30 PM
(Grades 6-8)

6:30 to 7:30 PM
(Gr. 1-5)

19 – Half-Day Dismissal 11:30 AM

28 Picture Day 8:00 AM
DRESS UP



PARISH PICNIC

Inviting everyone to join us for our 13th Annual Parish Picnic as we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Immaculate Conception Parish.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018
from 12 to 4 PM

The rain date will be Sept. 16 from 1 to 5 PM.

Come enjoy a BQ, inflatables, rockwall*, eurobungy*, pony rides*, petting zoo*, spin art, carnival games and much more.

Admission is \$5.00 per person/\$15.00 per family.

Volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Meg Chase at

megmchase@hotmail.com

(*Saturday only)



**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 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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**BABY BOTTLES TO SUPPORT THE
PREGNANCY CARE CENTER
AND THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE**

The Pregnancy Care Center (PCC) is a crisis Pregnancy center offering loving alternatives to abortion And confidential counsel to women who are facing unplanned pregnancies.

In addition, they provide sexual integrity education, post abortion counseling and material assistance (baby items/food).

The services are free, thanks to support from Individuals and local churches.

The PCC has locations in Haverhill and Lawrence.

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!



ADORATION

September 5, 2018

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.

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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.

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.

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LABOR DAY PRAYER

This day has its foundation in the union organizing history of our country and the rise of the workers to strive for a better life. Let us remember to day all those who labored to obtain for us the right to work in a safe environment with decent wages.

Let us pray

Lord of work and play, we pray to you today.

You worked for six days, creating all that we see and sense around us.

On the seventh day you rested and saw that everything you had made was good.

Today on our national day of rest from labor, we thank you for the gift of leisure,

and remember all who have gone before us, working hard, long hours without break and good pay so that we can appreciate the gifts of family and friends and enjoy safety and prosperity in the work of our hands.

Amen.