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**144 East Merrimack Street
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Rectory: 3 Fayette Street

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Office Hours: 8:00 AM to 3 PM Monday through Friday

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 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MISSION STATEMENT

**We at Immaculate Conception Church
are a welcoming community of faith
that strives to carry out the mission of Jesus
by journeying in faith, sharing in joy,
and living in hope. Come join us.**

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



Immaculate Conception School

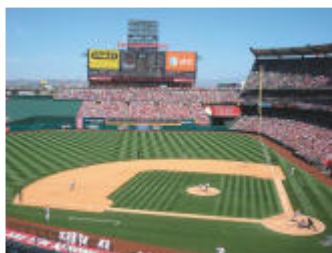
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PARISH ANNOUNCES



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

In an on-demand society,
it's not always easy to imagine life with less.
The crowds of Jesus' day depended
on the weather and successful growing seasons
for their livelihood.

For many of Jesus' listeners,
even "food that perishes"
would have been a welcome relief.

Jesus acknowledges this but tries to draw them deeper.

"You are looking for me not because you saw signs
but because you ate the loaves and were filled."

For people who have just witnessed a miracle,
the response is strangely marked by ingratitude.

"What can you do?"

Our ancestors ate manna in the desert."

Jesus fed them for one day,
but Moses interceded with God for 40 years of bread.
"Jesus," they seem to say, "can't you just give us more?"
How often do we behave similarly in the spiritual life?

"If I only had more patience
, then I could be kind to her."

"I could be welcoming if I was more outgoing,
but that's just not me."

"I know I'd be a better parent if I just had more time."

Like the crowds, we want Jesus to give us more.

We always don't want him
to completely shift our paradigm.

Perhaps it's not "more patience" we need,
but a deeper sense of our own imperfections
for a greater sense of empathy.

Maybe God is inviting you not to entertain an entire
group, but to seek out the quiet person on the fringe.

And time may limit you from family engagement,
but could God be asking you
to reorder your priorities entirely?

After all, it wasn't more loaves that the people needed.

Jesus is "the bread of life,"
who sustains our most essential needs.
This week, are you looking for more
or are you looking for God Himself?

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
MASSES

Saturdays – 4 PM
Sundays - 8 AM and 10 AM
for now

Next week: Saturday - August 7, 2021

4 PM Joseph and Catherine Quinn

Sunday August 8, 2021

8 AM Charles E. Morin, Jr., 1st Ann.

10 AM Mary A. Kane, Month's M. M

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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

July 3-4, 2021

Weekly Collection: \$\$4,684.00

Building Fund: \$2,901.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT TO YOUR
PARISH

**ON LINE GIVING COMING IN THE
FALL AT**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH.
Watch for upcoming information.

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SAINTS MEDICAL CENTER NOON MASS

Spiritual Care Notice – Noon Mass Returns

Monday, July 12 noon,
Saints Campus Chapel

The Spiritual Care Department is pleased to
announce the return of the noon Mass held at the
Saints Campus Chapel.

Beginning Monday-July 12, Father Raju Muringayil
will lead the Mass each weekday at noon.

Hospital safety protocols including masking
guidelines, social distancing, and hand sanitation
will continue to be observed.

Mass intentions on Mon., Tues, and Wed.
may be made by calling the rectory
978-458-1474 to schedule a Mass Intention.



PENNSYLVANIA AMISH-
LANDS TOUR
RE-SCHEDULED

Father John Hogan,
of St. William's, will host a
Pennsylvania Amish lands
Tour November 8-11, 2021.

The highlight of the Tour will be a
Live performance of "Queen Esther"
at the Sight and Sound Theatre
in Lancaster.

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Bible stories of the Old Testament as it
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The tour will include a guided tour of
the Amish Countryside and also a
performance of "Winter Wonderland"
at the American Music Theatre.

For Tour Group information, please
call Father Hogan at 978-851-7331.
Because of the popularity of this tour,
please register by August 1st.
The tour cost will include motor coach
transportation from St. William's in
Tewksbury on November 8th.

The following is a letter from
ST. ALPHONSA CHURCH
from North East India, Assam
May 7, 2021



Dear Loving Rev. Father Sannella AND the
Immaculate Conception Parish Community,

I pray and wish that through the powerful intercession of
Immaculate Heart of Mary,
Your parish Community may be protected and you may
be a blessing to many.

This letter is made to inform you that St. Alphonsa
Church, Assam Mission, received Rs. 10000 Indian
rupee. Your generous donation will be distributed in the
form of Food Kit to the distressed and poor families of
our church as COVID care support during this
pandemic.

We are taking care of 14 villages consisting of 300
families. A foundation to build a small village church is
on move in one of the villages. Right now we are having
holy Mass in the particular village, in one of the houses'
ground, the faithful will be sitting on a tarpaulin sheet.
The village people are very happy to receive food kit
during the tough situations. We have stopped
distributing food kits because of the shortage of funds.
This is the right time that you helped. With your faithful
donations you have demonstrated your deep commitment
to providing immediate COVID support relief to most
distressed families. Your support has continuously
played a key role in this pandemic. Hence, as a token of
our gratitude,
St. Alphonsa Church, Assam is offering you this plaque
of recognition sent together with this letter.
Thank you once again for your unwavering support.

Many years, Fr. Raju M, is serving as a hospital
chaplain and He always express good words that the
Parish Priest and parish community of Immaculate
Conception for the good care he receives for all his needs.
Thanking you all for the support that you render to Fr.
Raju and for making his stay pleasant.

I assure you of my prayerful support and remember the
parish Community in my Holy Mass. Best wishes and
success for all future endeavors of the Pa
Rish.

Sincerely,
Fr. Jovial Joseph Vadakel, O Praem

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY–July 31, 2021

4 pm Louise Paquet

Rita Kelleher

SUNDAY August 1, 2021

**8 am Mass Dr. Joseph D. Sweeney, 58th A.
Helen Callahan Sweeney, 51st A**

10 am Mass FOR THE PARISHIONERS



THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Found in Catholic Devotional

We come to you, O blessed Joseph, in our need. Having sought the aid of your most blessed spouse, we now confidently implore your assistance also. We humbly beg that, mindful of the dutiful affection which bound you to the immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and of the fatherly love with which you did cherish the Child Jesus, you will lovingly watch over the heritage which Jesus Christ purchased with His blood, and by your powerful intercession help us in our urgent need. Most powerful guardian of the Holy Family, protect the chosen race of Jesus Christ, drive far from us, most loving father, every pest of error and corrupting sin. From your place in heaven, most powerful protector, graciously come to our aid in this conflict with the power of darkness, and as of old you did deliver the Christ Jesus from supreme peril of life, so now defend the holy Church of God from the snares of her enemies and from all adversity. Have each of us always in your keeping, that, following your example, and borne up by your strength, we may be able to live holily, die happily, and so enter the everlasting bliss of heaven.

AMEN

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