

AUGUST 8, 2021
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
LOWELL, MA

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 AM to 3 PM Monday through Friday**

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Nicholas A. Sannella, Pastor

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Rev. Raju Muringayil, O. Praem, Assisting Priest

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Parish Website: www.iclowell.org



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

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.**



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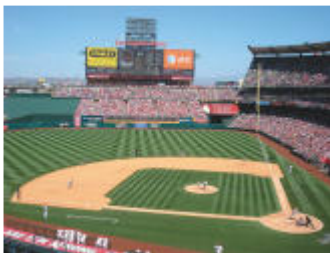
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PARISH ANNOUNCES



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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Have you ever approached a hushed group
and were certain they were talking about you?
It's an uncomfortable feeling to catch people murmuring
about what you did, said, or didn't do.

It breeds division and exclusion.
In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to just the opposite.
The reading opens with the crowds "murmuring" their
doubts about Jesus after he has
proclaimed himself the Bread of Life.

"Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph ?
how can he say 'I have come down from heaven'?"

" In his response, Jesus brings up the Israelites
and the manna God brought them in the desert.

If you turn back to the story in Exodus,
you'll see another similar word: murmuring.

As the going got tough,
the Israelites doubted Moses and God's plan to protect
and care for them as a chosen people.

Here, Jesus proposes a difficult theological concept.

Jesus himself is "the living bread"
and "flesh for the life of the world."

This is not an exclusive concept. "
Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him
comes to me.

" Why? Because "the Father who sent me draw[s] him."
The next time you're at Mass, take a few moments to
watch the communion line.

Young and old, families and singles,
diverse races and cultures and stories ?

We are all drawn to the Eucharistic table.

Catholic doctrine may require faith,
but it is a faith possible for anyone who seeks truth.

Christianity does not hide behind locked doors
in an exclusive clubhouse,

whispering behind the backs of nonbelievers.

Jesus compels us to share the love of God the Father
for his children,

that we one day be joined with Him and
"live forever."

August 8, 2021

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

MASSES

Saturdays – 4 PM

Sundays - 8 AM and 10 AM

for now



Next week: Saturday - August 14, 2021

4 PM Joseph and Catherine Quinn

Sunday August 15, 2021

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

10 AM Mary (Martineau) Brien, 1st Ann.

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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

July 10-11, 2021

Weekly Collection: \$4,828.00

Building Fund: \$3,732.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR

CONTINUED SUPPORT TO YOUR

PARISH

ON LINE GIVING COMING IN THE

FALL AT

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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.

Experience one of the most riveting Bible stories of the Old Testament as it comes to life with magnificent sets, special effects and live animals in this brand-new original stage production.

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 October 1st.

The tour cost will include motor coach transportation from St. William’s in Tewksbury on November 8th.

CORI TIME 2022
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. 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

beginning 8/16 to 9/30, 2018.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society members

need to speak to

Mr. Peter Richards

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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In the year 2015, on December 5th, First Saturday Devotions began at Holy Trinity Parish in Lowell at 6 pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Fatima prayers, readings and finally Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. When Corona Virus came, all devotions stopped. We are now beginning again with the First Saturday Marian Devotions. The time has changed to 1 to 2:30 pm, hoping it will be convenient for all including those who cannot attend their own First Saturday Devotions time.

Deacon Papik



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY–August 7, 2021

4 pm Joseph and Catherine Quinn

SUNDAY August 8, 2021

8 am Mass Charles E. Morin, Jr., 1st Ann.

**10 am Mass Mary A. Kane, Month’s Mind
Mass**



THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

The Silence of Joseph

The angel gave Saint Joseph the task of naming the Messiah.

“Jesus” means “God saves.”

The Gospel records no other words Saint Joseph spoke.

Today we enter his silence to hear the saving Word.

Go to Joseph, the young, strong, silent man.

His silence, once entered into, heals all it touches. His silence is a school of courage, faith and love. It makes a beautiful bridge between humanity and God, a bridge we need to find, oh, so terribly much today, when most lives are so empty of God that men and women have forgotten the way back to Him.

Go to Joseph, the poor man whose foster Son was born in a stable and whose family lived most frugally in a little forgotten village of Palestine but who held in his arms the wealth of the nations and the light of the world, and who can teach us all how to empty our hands of tinsel and fill them with love, faith and happiness.

Go to Joseph, the mender of broken toys, furniture, houses as well as broken hearts, souls, bodies minds, and families.

Yes, let us go to Joseph, whom Jesus and Mary love so much.

Servant of God Catherine de Hueck Doherty

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