

**FIRST SUNDAY**

*of Advent*



*NOVEMBER 28, 2021*  
*IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH*  
*LOWELL, MA*

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



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

## Pastoral Staff

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## Mass Schedule

### Weekends:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

## 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

**Children's Choir:** 2:00 p.m. Friday in church

**Religious Education:** Sundays, bi-monthly from 9:00 to 11 AM

## 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.



# Immaculate Conception School

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## MISSION SCHOOL STATEMENT

The Immaculate Conception School administration and teachers believe that every child is unique and that he or she has identifiable characteristics and needs. The Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten program is designed to support those needs by discovering each child's special qualities and his or her importance in God's creation.

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### December Schedule

Dec. 3

REPORT CARDS ISSUED GR. 1-8



Dec. 5

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sunday, 8 am to 1pm

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### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

in the area are seeking teachers, long term subs or daily substitute teachers. If interested, please call Cathy Fiorino at 978-454-5339 or email resumes at [icslowell@hotmail.com](mailto:icslowell@hotmail.com)



### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Tribulation. Wildfires. Tsunamis.  
Moral corruption. Disease. War.

We tend to associate these things with the end times, and perhaps for good reason! In today's Gospel,

Jesus says:

"People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world."

Not exactly putting us in the Christmas spirit, is it?

During Advent, we anticipate a celebration of Christ's first coming.

There is a quiet stillness about our waiting, or at least we try to encourage that in ourselves.

Perhaps we have an Advent devotional or we take time to pray together

as a family around the Advent wreath. But Jesus did not come only once into history.

During Advent, we remember that he will come again.

You may remember the rapture craze in the early 2000s, when a series of books and movies envisioned a future

where Jesus was coming soon

and all the true believers had been whisked away.

Everyone else had one more chance to repent before things really went to hell...literally, in this case!

But is that what Jesus is talking about here?

The truth is,

we don't know what Jesus' Second Coming will be like.

The actual return of Christ

- though sudden and perhaps frightening to some - should not frighten us. Despite all the stories

we may have heard about the apocalypse,

the advice of Jesus is not to hang our heads

or cower in fear. "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

In a certain sense, we are already living in the end times.

We already encounter great tribulation.

We all find it easy to get distracted or discouraged in the grind of daily life.

Today's Gospel reminds us that vigilance for God's presence is needed now.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**

**MASSES**

**Saturdays – 4 PM**

**Sundays - 8 AM and 10 AM**



**WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED**

**Saturday – December 4, 2021**

**4 PM Ed/Leana/Bob/Miriam Jump**

**Marie Kirwin, 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
James Kirwin, 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Thomas Owens, Jr. 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Sunday – December 5, 2021**

**8 AM Walter Wisniewski, Birthday**

**10 AM James Manock, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
Louise Masterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary**

**Frances A. Keegan  
M/M Joseph Keegan**

**Margaret “Peggy” St. Peter,  
Month’s Mind Mass**

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**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

**November 14, 2021**

**Weekly Collection: \$5,348.00**

**Energy: \$2,629.00**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED SUPPORT TO YOUR  
PARISH**

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**WE STILL HAVE 19 BABY BOTTLES  
MISSING, PLEASE RETURN BY  
DECEMBER 5, 2021**

**REQUESTED ON THE ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES**

**Paula Abraham, Al Lenzi, M/M John Abraham and  
M/M John O’Neill by Richard Abraham  
Stella, Gerard, Robert, Paul and Lisa by D. Boudreau  
Edgar/Sophie Cluette, Charles Brown by Joanne Brown  
Dr. Edward/Catherine Quinn, Edward/Florence Quinn  
Jack/Gwen Quinn, Stephen/Katherine/Clare Garrity  
by M/M Charles Donahue  
Robert/Rose Bordeleau, Frank/Regina Faticanti, Sr.  
Michael/Josephine Cardella, Peter/Frances Maselbas  
by M/M Frank Faticanti  
Mary/Wesley Wallace, Joan Roberts, Jim Polcari  
Helen/Charles Fiorino, Helen/Norman Roberts,  
Fiorino Family and for all those who are forgotten  
by Catherine Fiorino  
Leo Flynn, Matthew Flynn, Michael Considine,  
Paul/Gladys Kelley, Paul/Alice Kelley, Agnes/Leo Flynn, Rich  
Murphy, Members of the Kelley and Flynn Families  
by Mrs. Kathleen Flynn  
Theresa I. Gavin, John T. Gavin, Kyle Gavin  
by Ann Marie Gavin  
Frank W. Grady, Charles T. Grady by Ann M, Grady  
Frank Jeray, Frances Jeray, Donat Paquet, Donald Jussaume,  
William Ryder by M/M John Jeray  
Louis/ Anne Jabour, Jeanette Jabour, Michael Jabour,  
Helen Habeeb, George Habeeb by Rosemary F. Joseph  
John /Margaret Emerson, Ed, Leona, Bob Jump,  
Miriam Jump by M/M Edward Jump  
John M. Kenney, Thomas/Lillian Kenney, Thomas H. Kenney  
Francis/ Alice Vesey, William Vesey, Joseph Vesey,  
Dorothy and William Kraines by Kathleen Kenney  
John/Marian MacLaughlan, John J. MacLaughla, Jr.  
Daniel/Alice MacLaughlan, James/John Donnelly,  
Agnes/Jeanie MacLaughlan, William/Lena Martin,  
Thomas/Anna Brennan, William/Marge Martin  
by James ManLaughan  
McAnespie Family, Armstrong Family  
by M/M John McAnespie, Jr.  
Michael John McDermott/Mike McDermott, Sally/James  
McGowan, Margaret/John Kelley, Catherine, Frank, Peggy,  
Joan Keller, Allison/Bob Faggart, Jackie/Ernie Dixon,  
Bob/Keith Koller by Beverly McDermott**

Immaculate Conception  
Religious Education Calendar  
2021-2022  
Sundays listed below from  
9:00 am to 11:00 am  
Immaculate Conception School



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**REQUESTED ON THE ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES**  
**(continued)**

M/M Joseph E. Sullivan/Family, M/M John McNamee/Family  
by Mrs. Helen McNamee  
James/Janet Mulligan by Janet Mulligan  
Kristy Williams by M/M Michael Nolet  
George/Mary Morrill, James Morrill, Paul/Anna Chandler  
by Mrs. Patricia O'Connor  
Joanne/Charles Ryder by M/M Brian Ryder  
Lester Waterhouse by Mrs. Dorothy Waterhouse  
William D.O. b Lewis, Scott Clegg, Stephen Gilbride,  
M/M Telemachus Demoulas by M/M Stephen J. Winalski

**DECEMBER:**      12



**JANUARY 2022**   09 and 23



**FEBRUARY:**      06 and 13



**MARCH:**         06 and 20



**APRIL:**         03  
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**ADVENT GIVING TREE**  
**FOR BIRTHRIGHT**

**The WOMEN'S GUILD sews Baptismal robes for the newly baptized babies. They are in need of a few people to help. All materials will be provided with an easy lesson.**

**Your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Margaret McAnespie at 978-273-5658.**

Every year our parish sponsors an **Advent Giving Tree for Birthright.** It is heartwarming to see the generosity of our parishioners who contribute to this worthy cause. Your participation again this year will help the most vulnerable in our society. **New Baby Items** are what we are looking for you to donate. Thank you in advance for your unselfishness



**THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH**

**December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021**

**POPE FRANCIS PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH**

**For 2021 THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH**

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.**

**Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a  
father**

**and guide us in the path of life.**

**Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen**

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Saturday – November 27, 2021**  
4 PM Richard J. O’Connor, 7<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
**John and Margaret Emerson  
Kenefick Family**  
**Anne Marie Laforge**  
**Sunday – November 28, 2021**  
8 AM Mr. & Mrs. Francis L. Kane  
10 AM Kristy Williams, Month’s Mind M.



**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
- Master Sgt. Michael G. Hill U.S. Marines, Camp Lejeune,NC
- Captain Jeremy LaBranche U.S. Army .....Vicenza, Italy
- SPC Pieter Lobscher U.S. Army AFGHANISTAN
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