



*DECEMBER 5, 2021*  
*IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH*  
*LOWELL, MA*

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



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](http://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

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

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

## 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.



# 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 1 pm**

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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)



### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

### DECEMBER 8 – WEDNESDAY

### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Tuesday, the eve -- Dec. 7 Mass – 6 pm

Wednesday – Dec. 8 Mass – 9 am

"Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!"  
December 8th is one of our feasts celebrating

Mary - the Solemnity of the  
Immaculate Conception.

From the beginnings of the Church,  
spiritual writers and theologians  
have acknowledged the innocence/ holiness of Mary.

St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve."

Both faced with the pure freedom  
to accept or reject God,  
Mary began HER work of redemption  
with her yes to Christ!

The Church began to celebrate  
the feast of Mary's conception  
in the early Middle Ages.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly  
declared that Mary was free of original sin  
from the first moment of her conception.  
On this feast day, we celebrate the beauty and  
goodness of Our Lady!

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**

**MASSES**

**Saturdays – 4 PM**

**Sundays - 8 AM and 10 AM**

**Saturday – December 11, 2021**

4 PM John Stephan McKenzie

Marie/Mitchell Guziejka  
Helen/ Stanley Socha

Mary Ann Garabedian, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday – December 12, 2021**

8 AM James B. Reilly

10 AM Karen (Garneau) LeFebvre, 1<sup>st</sup> Ann.

Donald J. Pearsall, 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Raymond J. St. Hilaire, Sr., 18<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
Dorothy L. St. Hilaire, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

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**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

**November 21, 2021**

**Weekly Collection: \$**

**Building Fund: \$**

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**PARISH**

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**ADVENT GIVING TREE**  
**FOR BIRTHRIGHT**

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  
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- 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
- AST 3 Michael Linehan U.S. Coast Guard
- SN Nicholas Ludwig U.S. Navy
- A1C Emily McPhillips Air Force
- Master Sgt. Nicholas Owens USAF MacDill AF

**NATIONAL GUARD**





**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 – 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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**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**December 24**

**2 PM – 4 PM – 6 PM**

**December 25**

**8 AM – 10 – 12 NOON**

**December 26**

**8 AM – 10 AM – 12 NOON**

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