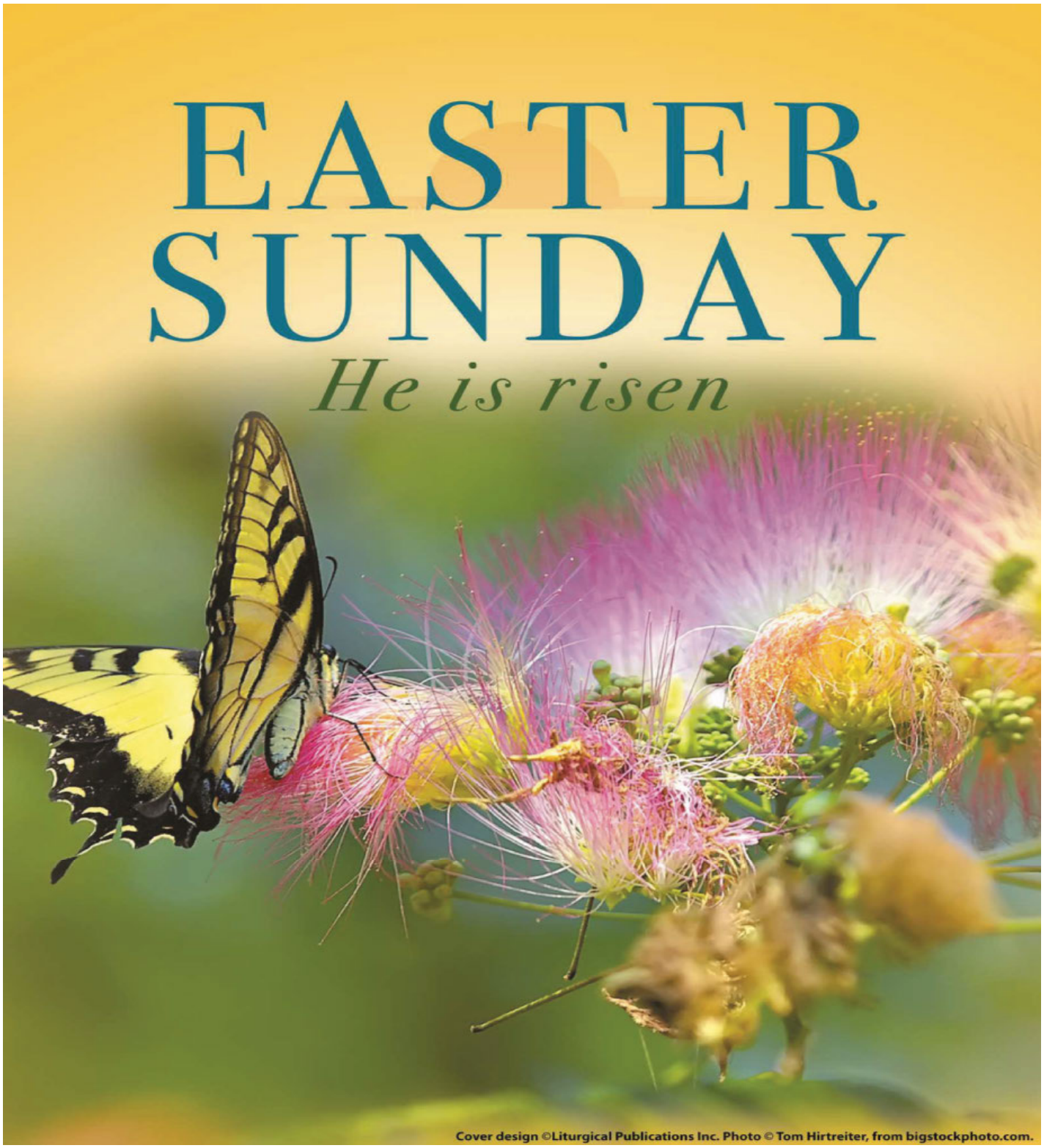

April 17, 2022

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Lowell, MA

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

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Nicholas A. Sannella, Pastor

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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

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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.

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Bulletin Deadline: Friday at Noon

Parish Meetings

St. Vincent de Paul:	7:00 p.m. Monday in rectory
Adult Choir	7:00 p.m. Thursdays in church
Children's Choir:	2:00 p.m. Friday in church
Religious Education:	Sundays, bi-monthly from 9:00 to 11 AM

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Immaculate Conception School fosters Students in a Catholic Community with a Highly dedicated staff, centered on Outstanding academic excellence, Ongoing Commitment to service, and a Love for Learning!

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-Financial Aid is available for K-8 students who qualify

APRIL SCHEDULE

Mon.-Fri. April 18-22 SPRING VACATION

Mon. April 25 SPRING TESTING, Gr. 1-8

Fri. April 29 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR STARTS UNTIL , MAY 6.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
April 17, 2022

**Can you imagine that moment?
Can you imagine the stomach drop with dizzying realization: "It's all true. All of it is true!
The past three years weren't a dream that ended horribly wrong."
Can you imagine all the doubts and despair of the past days chased away like smoke on the wind
by a rolled up burial cloth? By an empty tomb?**

**It didn't start that way, of course.
"'They have taken the Lord from the tomb,
and we don't know where they put him.'"
This frantic news from Mary Magdalene
would have been another unexpected blow.
After all that happened, now his body has been stolen?
The love and devotion in Peter and John is apparent.
They don't wait to collect more information
or stop by the tomb when they have a chance
. They run to the site.
When is the last time you ran for something?
This isn't a run for exercise,
but a huffing and puffing bolt fueled by desperation.
Can you imagine that moment?
The fear pounding in their temples,
matching their accelerated heart rate.
Can you imagine the impatient affection of John,
who outruns Peter but refuses to enter the tomb alone?
And then, upon entry, "He saw and believed."**

**This is the drama of our great feast!
The promise that seemed lost has been found.
The dead are raised.
Long before the Easter eggs and ham,
we are invited to meditate on this divine reality
. We are invited to feel the desperation
and joy of that first Easter Sunday deep in our bones.
Because it is not just Mary's story.
It's not Peter and John's story.
It's our story.
From the greatest defeat
can come the most awe-inspiring victory,
and this is true not just for our God,
but for each one of us.
He is risen indeed!
Alleluia!**

Easter Sunday

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

MASSES

Saturdays – 4 PM

Sundays - 8 AM and 10 AM & 12 Noon

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH MASSES

SATURDAY Apri 9, 2022

4 PM Bryan McFadden, 11th Anniversary
Lillian McFadden, 10th Anniversary
Michael McFadden, 3rd Anniversary

SUNDAY April 10, 2022

8 AM Joseph Sweeney, 1st Anniversary
Janet Sweeney, 6th Anniversary

10 AM Living/Deceased Members of Women's Guild

12 Noon Mary Jean Dqncquse, 1st Anniversqry

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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

March 27, 2022

Weekly Collection: $5,573.00

Building Fund: $2,594.00

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH MASSES

EASTER VIGIL – April 16, 2022

7 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

EASTER SUNDAY April 17, 2022

8 AM 10 AM and 12 NOON MASSES

ARE FOR ALL OUR PARISHIONERS

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EASTER SUNDAY EGG HUNT

AFTER 10 AM MASS

ONLY

(Continued Flower Offerings)

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Archdiocese of Boston Eucharistic Congress

To mark the close of the Year of the Eucharist, Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley Cap invites all Catholics to a EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

--JESUS IS HERE, Saturday, June 18 at the Tsongas Center in Lowell, MA

The day-long Congress from (8:30am-6:00pm) will feature nationally known Catholic speakers: Bishop Robert Barron, Bishop Daniel Flores, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, and Jackie and Bobby Angel.

The event, hosted by Bishop Robert Reed, also features music by Sarah Kroger, Ike Ndolo and Ricky Vazques of Village Lights, a multi-cultural collective.

Cardinal Sean will open the Congress with Mass and close with Adoration and a Eucharistic procession through the streets of Lowell.

Early bird tickets are $39 before March 31. After that date, prices go up to $49 each.

-JESUS IS HERE for Youth/Young Adults at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on Friday evening, June 17, 2022, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. The evening, hosted by Fr. Matt Williams, music by Village Lights, talks by Jackie and Bobby Angel.

Adoration and Confession. Tickets for the evening are $10.

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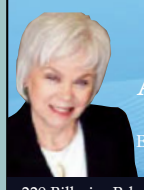

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