16th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. - Lk 10:38-39

July 17, 2022
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
LOWELL, MA
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.

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 church basement
Off the parking lot
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
MISSION SCHOOL STATEMENT
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!

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL IN LOWELL is now accepting registrations for the 2022-2023 school year.
Please call to make arrangements for a tour by calling 978-454-5339.

We offer:
- Full day Pre-Kindergarten for 3 & 4 yr. olds
- Full day Kindergarten
- Religion
- Academic program for grades 1-8
- Physical Education-Spanish-Music-Art
- Technology Classes
- Before and After School Care programs
- Hot Lunch program
- Extra-curricular activities (athletic program, ski club, dance, art club Drama club and homework club)
- Financial Aid is available for K-8 students who qualify

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

The weekend of July 23rd and 24th a Missionary from the Diocese of Damango in Ghana will be speaking at all Masses

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
July 17, 2022 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Active and contemplative. At work and at rest. These are dynamics we all face in our lives, and if we're honest, we might not always balance perfectly!

In this Sunday's Gospel, our daily tensions play out in two sisters. Mary "sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak."
Martha, on the other hand, is "burdened with much serving."

This, as it turns out, is not necessarily "the better part."

All of us reading this have some sort of labor we engage in. We have different trades or careers. We have responsibilities as family members, some of which may take up most of our time.

In the time of Scripture, showing hospitality to guests was one of the most important values in society.

Our work is important.
Jesus himself spent decades as a carpenter.
So what's the problem with Martha?
Martha is burdened, anxious, and worried.
Not only that, but she resents her sister's choice. "Tell her to help me," she demands of Jesus.

How easy it is to get very busy doing good things.
We need to provide for our families and plan for retirement.
We need to make sure children are clothed, fed, and educated.

Our committees, ministries, and sports schedules need to stay on track.
However, without a balance of work with rest, without contemplation in the midst of our action, we will miss the point.

While many parts are required for our life in the world to function, the better part is our relationship with God.
This week, make time in your busy schedule to sit at Jesus' feet. Maybe this is 20 minutes with Scripture, participating in a daily Mass, or a quiet walk alone in the park.
Receive what Christ wants to speak to you.
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

**MASSES**

Saturdays – 4 PM
Sundays - 8 AM and 10 AM & 12 Noon

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**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**

Saturday  July 23, 2022
4 PM  **FOR THE PARISHIONERS**

Sunday  July 24, 2022
8 AM  **FOR THE PARISHIONERS**

10 AM Robert Odlum

12 NOON **FOR THE PARISHIONERS**

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**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

July 10, 2022
Weekly Collection: $.00
Building Fund: $.00

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WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO:
Gailanne Desmond
FOR HER GENEROUS DONATION
IN MEMORY OF FATHER RAJU’S BROTHER,
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**RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

July 17, 2022
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

As I get older, what really matters to me changes.
I remember being in high school and having
to wear certain brands and to look a certain way.
Now, many days I simply wear what is clean!
I used to collect certain things
that I no longer seem to care about much now.
I wanted certain things for my children,
and now I am happy if they are happy,
regardless of what happens.
I have changed political stances a few times.
I even follow different sports teams today
than I did when I was younger.
Time, circumstance, wisdom, and even disillusionment
all play a part in my ever-changing attitude toward what
really matters in life.
All has changed except my faith.
My faith is the one constant in my life.
It is the most precious of all the gifts
God has given to me.
Life hasn't been a constant high,
and there have been several low valleys along the way.
It has been my faith that has seen me through all times,
good and bad.
If anything has changed,
it is that Jesus matters more today than he did yesterday.

What really matters to you?
What's the main thing in your life?
I have witnessed once-strong disciples place politics,
wealth, career, and family ahead of Jesus over time.
All those things are enticing,
but they are things that change.
Even your family grows and changes as the years go by,
as does your relationship with them.
The one thing that does not change is God.
God is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
It can bring great peace to your life
when what matters to you is the one thing
that remains constant.
The main thing is to keep the main thing,
the main thing.
That main thing is Jesus.
-Tracey Earl Welliver, MTS
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH MASSES
Saturday July 16, 2022
4 PM Hubert D. McLaughlin, 15th Ann.

Sunday – July 17, 2022
8 AM FOR THE PARISHIONERS
10 AM Deborah Silva, 2nd Anniversary
12 NOON James Foley

Pennsylvania Dutch Holiday Tour
Featuring “David” & “Home for the Holidays” plus Hershey, PA
November 8 to November 11
4 days – 3 nights
$650 Per Person
Double Occupancy
Registration Fee: $20.00

PACKAGE INCLUDES:
3 Nights Lodging 3 Breakfasts
3 Dinners
Above mentioned shows
Guided Tour of the Amish Countryside
Including stops at an Amish Craft Farm...
Guided Tour of Hershey, etc....
Hershey Story Museum and more
Kitchen Kettle Village
Lancaster Central Market and Souvenir Gift
Luggage Handling......
All Taxes & Meal Gratuities
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Please pray for all our armed forces

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When I have nothing left but God,
then I find that God is all I need.

A faith worth having is a faith worth sharing.

Faith gives us the courage to face the present with confidence and the future with expectancy.

Know the Bible in your head, stow it in your heart, show it in your life, sow it in the world.

Amish Proverbs by Suzanne Woods Fisher
to Catherine Fiorino, Principal & Staff at Immaculate Conception School which was voted as The Readers Choice for 2022 by the readers of THE LOWELL SUN AS THE BEST PRIVATE SCHOOL IN LOWELL.

SUMMER ATTIRE

Now that summer is here, we would like to remind everyone about the need to take special care that what you wear in church is appropriate. During this season clothing should be both casual and modest. There is a tendency to wear clothing which may be suitable for the beach or lounging in one’s backyard by the pool but which is very unacceptable in a place of worship.

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors should be especially aware of the need to appear in neat and modest clothing – no tank tops, short shorts or tight fitting clothing. As we all are in the presence of the Lord, those more visibly involved in liturgy are also able to offer example.

At the request of some parishioners using On Line Giving every two months the second collections will be on the bulletin beginning with July and August:

July 3 School Support
July 10 Building Fund
July 17 Building Fund
July 24 – Building Fund
July 31 Building Fund
August 7 – Building Fund
August 14 – Building Fund
August 21 – Building Fund
August 28 – Building Fund

Holy Land Discovery (Israel)

Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY to the Holy Land Discovery - (Israel). November 11th, 2022 - November 18th, 2022

Destinations include Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Megiddo, Cana, Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, Tabgha, Magdala, Nazareth, Bet Shean, Quasr el Yahud, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem

Mass will be offered on your journey. Land prices begin at $2139 per person, based on double occupancy. Deposits of only $549 per person will reserve your space. Space is VERY LIMITED. For further info, contact Brian at 860-399-1785 or Brian@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.
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