



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

*"When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.
The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him." (Lk 2:39-40)*

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND
JOSEPH**

Immaculate Conception Church

December 31, 2023



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.

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Tuesday at Noon for the following weekend.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon

CONTACT INFORMATION

CHURCH

144 East Merrimack Street, Lowell, MA 01852

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Nicholas A. Sannella, Pastor

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Deacon Stephen M. Papik

Sister Irene Martineau, SASV, 8-1

Secretary and Bulletin Editor

Cheryl Daigneault, Secretary—1 to 5

Ms. Claire Couillard, Pastoral Associate

Director of Religious Education Gr. 1-10

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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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

MISSION 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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Our Pastor Father Sannella,

Father Healey, SM

Father Raju

and the Parish Staff

wish you all a

Most Blessed Christmas

and a HOLY,

Happy, Healthy New Year



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE 2023-2024

Classes are held at Immaculate Conception School

From 9 to 11 AM

Spring 2024

January 7

January 21

February 4

*February 11

March 3

March 17

*March 24

April 7

PLEASE NOTE that the dates with the asterisks
are consecutive weeks due to
HOLIDAYS AND VACATION WEEKS.

If you should have any questions, please
contact Claire at chc513@aol.com



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2023

4:00 PM Jesse Savard, 1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

8:00 AM Charles E. Morin, Jr.

10:00 AM Steve and Beatrice Carroll

12:00 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024

4:00 PM Living/Deceased Members of W. G.

Judith Lemieux, 12th Anniversary

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

8:00 AM Arlen Redmond

10:00 AM FOR THE PARISHIONERS

12:00 PM FOR Thomas Brennan, 1st Ann.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

DECEMBER 17, 2023

Weekly Collection: \$6,707.00

St. Vincent de Paul: To be announced later



This year

January 1, 2024

is NOT a

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Those wishing

to attend Mass

may do so at the

SAINTS MEDICAL CENTER

CHAPEL

2nd floor



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NATIONAL GUARD



MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

The Men of St. Joseph

Immaculate in Collaborative
meet on the fourth Saturday of every month.

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faith-building fellowship, and food.

SAVE THE DATE — December 30, 2023

beginning with the Rosary

7:30 AM to 9:30 AM

in Immaculate Conception's Upper Church



**Immaculate Conception Parish
has been fortunate for a few years
to read Matthew Kelly's books due to
the generosity of an
Anonymous Parishioner.**

**This year the MEN OF ST. JOSEPH
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
ORGANIZATION is providing you with
one of Matthew Kelly's BEST.**

**I read it from cover to cover and have
been greatly inspired by this novel and
encourage you to take one. You will
not regret the time you give to this fi-
ne and easy reading.**



A very generous donation from The O'Donnell Funeral Home to the Immaculate Conception Church has been received in loving memory of the people of the Immaculate Conception Church whose families The O'Donnell Funeral Home was privileged and honored to have served from December 15, 2022 through December 10, 2023.

It is the hope of Jim O'Donnell and the staff of the O'Donnell Funeral Home that the support of family, friends, and faith may guide these families through this holy season and bring them blessing into the New Year. And may their deceased loved ones, whom we name here, rest in the peaceful and loving embrace of Jesus Christ.

Maryann J. Koller

Joanne D. McKenzie

Judith A. Flood

William P. O'Connell

Geraldine DiGiagamo

Ann M. Grady

Catherine T. Billingsley

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David C. Laferriere



Feast of the Holy Family

Are you old enough to remember Art Linkletter doing a show called “Kids Say the Darndest Things”? It featured young kids being asked questions about themselves or their friends or their families, especially their parents. Inevitably, one of the kids would say something that would reveal a secret, misinterpret events or cause parents a bit of embarrassment. The comments were especially funny when we knew that the same things could be said of our families.

The family is the school of life and faith. We learn about God, how to live our faith, how to love and accept others, how to share, forgive, get along, be hopeful. We learn about sin and grace, about triumph and defeat. We learn how to trust and be trusted. The people we call our own teach us who we are and who we can become. They celebrate our strengths and support our weaknesses. They keep our secrets and trumpet our successes. In good times and in bad, through thick and thin, family needs to be together, one for all and all for one. And that is the darndest thing!

~James Gaffney © Pilot Bulletins

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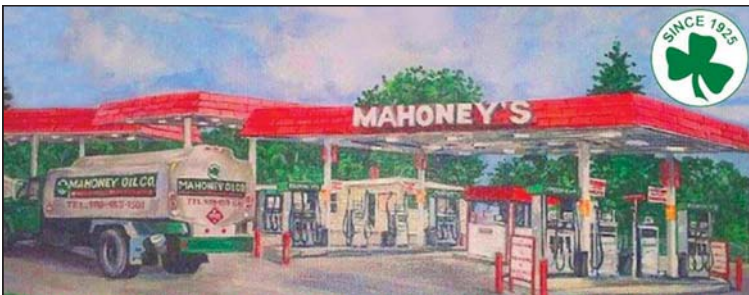
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