

25th
Sunday
in Ordinary Time



No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." Luke 16:13

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

September 21, 2025



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. Wednesday 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

Monday 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

RECTORY AND PARISH OFFICE:

3 Fayette Street, Lowell, MA 01852

Tel: 978-458-1474 ✦ Fax: 978-446-0790

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Rectory Hours: Monday thru Friday

From 9am to 2pm

SCHOOL

218 E Merrimack Street, Lowell, MA 01852

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Nicholas A. Sannella, Pastor

Rev. Kenneth Healey, SM, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Raju Muringayil, O. Praem,
Assisting Priest

Deacon Stephen M. Papik

Ms. Claire Couillard, Pastoral Associate,
Director of Religious Education Gr. 1-10

Catherine Fiorino, School Principal

David McLean, Business Manager

Cheryl Daigneault/Nancy Rego

Administrative Assistants/Bulletin Editor

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY-FRIDAY 9-2

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.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

4:00 PM Joseph and Janet Sweeney

Mr. James T. Mullin, 32nd Anniversary

Joseph and Patricia Mahoney
Thomas J. Welch

Betty Ann Rogers DeCora

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

8:00 AM Philip D. Roberts, 20th Anniversary

10:00 AM Margaret "Peggy" Farley, 14
Anniversary

12:00 PM Philip Donahue

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

4:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the
Women's Guild

Teresa Almeida

Daniel and Marg Driscoll

Thomas J. Owens Jr., 9th Anniversary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

8:00 AM Elizabeth (Betty) Collins, 12th
Anniversary

10:00 AM Lillian T. (LaBelle) Woolfall, 1 year
Anniversary

12:00 PM The Parishioners

WEEKLY COLLECTION

09/13/2025-09/14/2025

FIRST \$5488.00

SCHOOL \$2198.00



DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE DINNER

We invite you to reserve your seat and / or space in the program book for the Immaculate Conception School Development Committee's Twenty-Fourth Annual Distinguished Graduate Dinner being held on Thursday, October 2, 2025.

This year's Honorary Distinguished Graduate Honoree is Rev. Nicholas Sannella. In addition to honoring Fr. Sannella for his hard work and dedication to the Parish and School for the last 15+ years, we also want to take this same opportunity to celebrate his 80th birthday, a milestone for anyone fortunate to achieve the status of octogenarian.

This is a great social event enjoyed by parish and school members, alumni, supporters, and many civic leaders. Your contribution supports the Immaculate Conception School, which has been offering quality Catholic education in Lowell since 1880. The event will be at Lenzi's Millhouse, 810 Merrimack St, Dracut MA. The event begins with a reception hour at 6:00.

In addition to seating (75.00 per person, family style meal) and advertisement for the event, we are offering Platinum (\$5,000), Gold (\$1,000) and Silver (\$500) sponsorships.

Contact Kristen Laurin at 978-761-2873 or KLaurin622@gmail.com for tickets and Leo Sheridan at 978-501-6485 if you have questions regarding sponsorships or advertisements for the event. Ads (black and white print) can be emailed to Ljsheridan@aol.com in any image format (most preferred tiff, jpg) or pdf. We can also create ads for you.



44th Annual Lawn Party to benefit Seminarians

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston is hosting its 44th Annual Lawn Party on Wednesday, September 24th, at 6:00 P.M., on the grounds of the seminary. This premiere fundraising event is hosted by His Excellency, Most Rev. Richard G. Henning, Archbishop of Boston, along with Mary Anne and Dan Lagan as Chairpersons. The Pacem in Terris Award will be presented to Bishop Peter J. Uglietto, and Gretchen and John LaRossa, MD —true champions of peace and service. Their lives are a compelling reminder of what is possible when love inspires action and faith guides every step. The evening will include a reception and dinner with music. The proceeds from the Lawn Party help to keep tuition costs affordable. **For ticket information, please call the Pope St. John XXIII Development Office at 781-899-5500, or visit <https://psjs.edu/lawn-party>.**

You can make a difference and encourage the vocations of these men through your support of the Lawn Party.



Immaculate Conception School

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MISSION SCHOOL STATEMENT

Immaculate Conception School fosters Students in a Catholic Community with a highly dedicated staff centered on outstanding academic excellence, ongoing

The Immaculate Conception School is accepting applications for the Kindergarten through Grade 8 program. If interested, please call 978-454-5339 to schedule a tour. Financial aid is available for families that qualify through the Catholic School Foundation requirements.

September:

19— Picture Day 8:00 am ***DRESS UP

October:

3— Walk-a-thon Dismissal 11:30 am NO PM BUSSING
Kid's Club is available.

8— NO PM BUSSING

9— Progress Report Conferences.

10— Progress Reports Conferences, Half day dismissal
11:30 am NO PM BUSSING

13- Columbus Day—NO SCHOOL

Immaculate Conception School Parent Association Presents: Family Fall Festival



Join us for an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship at our Family Fall Festival!

 Saturday, September 20th

 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

 Immaculate Conception Church Parking Lot

144 East Merrimack Street, Lowell, MA 01852

Enjoy games, seasonal treats, and activities for all ages.

 Admission: \$10 for Adults | \$5 for Children

Bring the whole family and celebrate the season together!



Religious Education Registration Form and Calendar will soon be available. Be on the lookout for an email from Claire our Religious Education Director, mailing upon request only.

Our Calendar and registration form will also be available on our parish website by mid-August.

Religious Education Calendar 2025–2026

Immaculate Conception Church – Religious Education Program

Classes held Sundays 9-11 am unless noted. Children attend 10:00 AM Mass on select days marked.

September – "Back to Faith!"

- Sunday, September 14 – First Day of Religious Education

Sunday, September 28 – Children attend 10:00 AM Mass

October – "Fall into Learning"

- Sunday, October 5 -Evening classes for Confirmation students 6-7:30 PM Parish Hall.
- Sunday, October 19 – Children attend 10:00 AM Mass, evening classes for Confirmation students 6-7:30 PM Parish Hall.
- Sunday, October 26,
- Thursday, October 30– Confirmation and Sponsor night/rehearsal 6-8 PM Parish Hall.

November – "Grateful Hearts "

- Sunday, November 2 – Confirmation @ 12:00 PM
- Sunday, November 9
- Sunday, November 23 – Children attend 10:00 AM Mass

CORI FORMS
to be completed by all volunteers



PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR ARMED FORCES

LCPL James Bakanosky	USMC
S SGT. Barbara Barker	USA KUWAIT
Sgt. James R. Boudreau	USA Newport, RI
Capt. Christopher Buck	USA Clarksville, TN
Pfc. Joshua Cohen	USA Germany
LCPL Michael P. Crowley	USMC
Capt. Gregory Estevez	USA Texas
Corp. James Farley	USMC Special
	Forces Mideast
SN Michael Gendron	USCG
Capt. Jeremy LaBranche	USA Ft. Meade, MD
SPC Peter Lobscher	USA
ASTC Michael Linehan	USCG N. Carolina
SN Nicholas Ludwig	USN
Corp. Jake Masterson	US Marine Corp.
A1C Emily McPhillips	USAF
M/Sgt. Nicholas Owens	USAF
Capt. Michael Trout	USMC Camp
	Pendleton, CA
EM2 John P. Walsh	US NAVY



UPDATE..As we continue to pray for our armed forces please update any changes to this list above. For any changes please contact the Rectory Office at 978-458-1474.



**THE HOPE AND HEALING ADULT GRIEF
SUPPORT GROUP
MEETS THE LAST SATURDAY OF EACH
MONTH
SEPTEMBER TO MAY
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WHEN SOMEONE IN YOUR LIFE DIES

When someone close to you dies everything changes in your family, in your life, and your dreams. Often this can turn your life upside down. Know you are not alone in your grief and loneliness. The Hope and Healing Adult Grief Support Group continues to meet on the last Saturday of each month. All are welcome to a safe place to share your story, find comfort, hope and encouragement, as you continue a new path in life. Registration is not required.

Women's Guild Annual Tea!

Tuesday October 14th, 2:30 PM in the Parish Hall.

Event is free and new member are welcome. Please respond by September 20th to Kathy Flynn at (978)452-0836 or Virginia Powers at (978)454-1563. Wear comfortable clothing - Exercise is the theme!

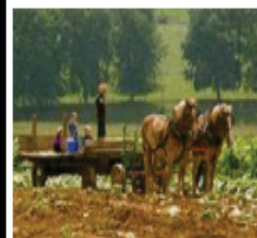
NDCR Open House

Located at:
203 Lawrence Street Methuen MA



Open House! Sunday, October 19th, 2025

NDCR High School in Methuen, will be offering families and interested applicants an opportunity



SAVE-THE-DATE

**AMISHLAND TOUR
With Fr. John Hogan, OMI
4 Days - 3 Nights
November 11-14, 2025**



The Jubilee Prayer (2025)

Father in heaven, may the faith you

have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts be the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your

Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanguished, your glory will shine eternally.


May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.



The Knights of Columbus will be saying a Rosary after each Mass on the first weekend of the month for the intentions of the parish and parishioners. (This gives the parking lot a chance to clear out too.)

We'll meet in front of the statue of Mary and all parishioners are welcome to join us. Anyone interested in joining the knights, (Male, 18 or older), please visit kofc.org/join. Thank you, God Bless, Tom Stupakegicz, Knights of Columbus, Lowell.



Readings To-Go!

The Exaltation of the Cross
September 14, 2025

Scan QR code to see this week's readings!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL PRIEST

"We should assist the poor in every way and do it both by ourselves and by enlisting the help of others.... To do this is to preach the gospel by words and work."

- Saint Vincent de Paul



Saint Vincent devoted his whole life to the service of the poor, like a Mother Teresa of the 17th century. He founded a congregation of priests for missionary work, groups of laymen to help paupers and galley-slaves, and, with St Louise de Marillac, the Sisters of Charity. He inspired the later foundation of the lay-run St Vincent de Paul Society. A man of deep faith, keen intellect, and enormous creativity, he has become known as the "The Apostle of Charity". Feast day: September 27th.

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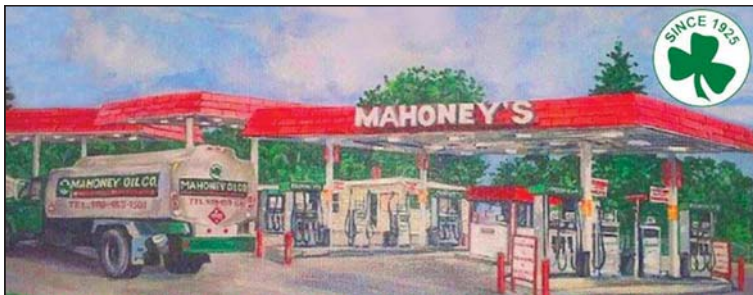
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