



Lowell's 2024 Franco-American Festival Week begins Sunday, June 23!

- **Sunday, June 23: 12:00 pm Mass in French honoring St. Jean Baptiste.** (*French/English worship aid provided.*) At **Immaculate Conception Church**, 144 E. Merrimack St., Lowell, MA. Light refreshments and **naming of the Greater-Lowell Franco-American of the Year will follow** in downstairs church hall. (*Stair-free access on Fayette St. for upper-church handicap drop-off. Downstairs lift accessible from the church parking lot, using door closest to E. Merrimack St.*)
- **Monday, June 24: 10:00 am Flag Raising at Lowell City Hall** followed by coffee and donuts. (Outdoors if weather is favorable; in City Hall if rainy.)
- **Monday, June 24: 6:30 pm Vesper Service honoring St. Jean Baptiste** at the Lourdes Grotto, 357 Pawtucket St., Lowell, behind the Franco Residences. (*Bring your own chair!*) **Wine and Cheese Social** to follow in the Community Room of the Franco Residences afterwards.
- **Wednesday, June 26: 6:30-8:00 pm Charles Gargiulo reading from his popular memoir *Legends of Little Canada*; Paul Marion reading from his own and Ann Fox Chandonnet's poetry** in the Dracut Public Library Community Room, 28 Arlington St, Dracut, MA. Q & A to follow.
- **Thursday, June 27: 6:30-8:30 pm Family Bingo in French and English, St. at Rita's Church Hall**, 158 Mammoth Rd, Lowell, MA. Bingo cards \$2 each or three for \$5. Cash prizes for each game! Free snacks and beverages!
- **Saturday, June 29, 6:00-10:00 pm French Quadrilles and Contra Dances at the East End Social Club**, 15 W 4th St, Lowell, MA. Free admission! Live music from Don and Cindy Roy of Maine with Bill Olson calling! No partner or experience needed! Free snacks and water! **Cash bar!**
- **Sunday, June 30: 2:00-4:00 pm Lowell Poutine Picnic at St. Rita's Parking Lot and Lawn**, 158 Mammoth Rd, Lowell, MA. Games and music! Food — including poutine — available for purchase from Wicked Tasty Food Truck of Nashua! Chairs and tables provided from the church hall, but bring your own if you prefer. The church hall will be open in case of rain.

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