



Immaculate Conception Church

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The Epiphany of the Lord

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Mass Schedule:

Saturdays 4:00 p.m.
Sundays 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Monday, Thursday 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. in Chapel

Adoration:

Adoration in Chapel every Friday
10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Prayer Service Schedule:

Tuesday, Friday 9:00 a.m. in Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Wednesday 6:00 - 6:25 p.m.

Ministry to the Sick:

Home visitations are available for all parishioners who are confined to their homes because of any illness or other infirmity. Call 731-4822 to make arrangements.

Outreach Program - Primary Contacts:

Mr. Michael Shaw 481-9001
Mr. Howard Morgan 417-7584

AL anon:

2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
in the Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha room

Email: icransomville@yahoo.com

Parish Staff:

Rev. James Bastian (ext. 102)
Dcn. Paul Stankiewicz, Deacon Emeritus
Dcn. Michael Canzoneri, Deacon
Mrs. Mary Zastrow (ext. 101), Secretary
Mrs. Laurie Muth (ext. 103), Pastoral Associate
Miss Cynthia Curione, Safe Environment Coordinator

RCIA Coordinator:

Donna Kelsch
Trustee: Kiersten Ryndak

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	January	6	4:00 pm	In memory of Lucy Gojevic req. by Family & friends
Sunday	January	7	8:30 am	In memory of Lionel Barrick req. by Roseanne Miller
			11:00 am	In memory of Matthew Marin req. by Marin Family
Monday	January	8	11:00 am	In memory of Holy Souls in Purgatory req. by Cindy Antoncich
Tuesday	January	9	9:00 am	Prayer and Communion Service
Wednesday	January	10	6:30 pm	For Father's Living and Deceased req. by Parishioners
Thursday	January	11	9:00 am	In memory of Vernly Antoncich req. by Joseph and Carrol, Phyllis
Friday	January	12	9:00 am	Prayer, Communion Service, and Adoration
Saturday	January	13	4:00 pm	In memory of Msgr. John Zietler req. by Dick & Louise
Sunday	January	14	8:30 am	In memory of William Doty & Jeff Wassell req. by Louise Doty
			11:00 am	In memory of John T. Walmsley req. by Mike & Michelle Shaw

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 7, 2018 The Epiphany of the Lord



"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." What a wonderful example the Magi give us in their visit to the infant Jesus. First of all, they demonstrate profound faith in God's word, spoken through the prophet Micah: "And you, Bethlehem ... from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel" (cf. 5:2). Embarking on a long and difficult journey, they trust that they will find this newborn king of the Jews in Bethlehem as the prophecy announced.

On their arrival at the home of the Holy Family, the Magi also give us an example of profound humility. These important men, to whom kings look for guidance and advice, do not hesitate to bow down, to "prostrate themselves" and give homage to a tiny babe. Putting their own position out of their minds, they reverently worship the infant Lord even as he sits on the lap of his mother.

The generosity of these three "kings" is also evident as they open their treasure boxes and give to the poor child the richest of gifts. Traditionally, we understand the gold to symbolize the earthly kingship of Christ, the frankincense to represent his divinity, and the myrrh to stand as a symbol of the anointing he will receive upon his death.

Finally, the wisdom of these men is evident in their decision to return to their country "by another way." Understanding the threat that King Herod posed to Jesus, they followed a plan that would help keep the divine child safe even though it meant inconvenience to themselves.

Faith, humility, generosity, and wisdom. These gifts are the real legacy of the Three Kings. Today, let us ask God for the blessing of having these gifts in our lives.

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Our Parish Mission Statement
"Immaculate Conception parish is a warm and caring Roman Catholic faith community where all of God's people are welcome. We strive to bring Christ to all people through spiritually vibrant and uplifting liturgies, ministry, service and outreach."

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sat. January	13- 1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mark 9:6; Mark 1:7-11
Sun. January	14- Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Ephesians 3:2-3A, 5-6; Matthew 2:2; Matthew 2:1-12
Mon. January	15- 1Samuel 15:16-23; Psalm 50:8-9, 16 BC-17, 21 and 23; Hebrews 4:12; Mark 2:18-22
Tue. January	16-1Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Ephesians 1:17-18; Mark 2:23-28
Wed. January	17- 1Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Psalm 144:1 B, 2, 9-10; Matthew 4:23; Mark 3: 1-6
Thu. January	18- 1Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Psalm 56:2-3, 9-10 A, 10 B-11, 12-13; 2 Timothy 1:10; Mark 3: 7-12
Fri. January	19- 1Samuel 24:3-21; Psalm 57: 2, 3-4, 6 and 11; 2 Corinthians 5:19; Mark 3: 13-19
Sat. January	20- 2Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Psalm 80:2-3, 5-7; acts 16:14 B; Mark 3: 20-21
Sun. January	21- John 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:15; Mark 1:14-20

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE



Respect Life Committee invites you to join them in:

Light a Candle For Life: Place a Candle in your front window of your home **at sundown on Sunday January 22.** The candle (battery operated if safer for you) serves as a reminder of the millions of unborn and almost born who have been aborted since the heinous Supreme Court decision Roe Vs. Wade.

Night of Prayer for the March for Lifers: Receive a Special Blessing at Mass if you are going to the March and then stay, and **pray the Rosary after Mass on Wednesday January 17th for the safety and impact of those participating in this life changing demonstration.**

On the evening of January 22
Light a candle for Life

PARISH NURSING PROGRAM

A New Ministry To Care for the Needs
of our Parishioners

Immaculate Conception is in the process of establishing a new ministry called Parish Nursing. We are looking for people with medical backgrounds who are interested in volunteering: RN's, LPN, MD, EMT, etc.

There will be an organizational meeting on Sunday, January 28th following the 11AM Mass in the Fr. Crissy Room. Anyone interested should call Helen Helmich at 791-4730. Respectfully, Kathy Goodman-Frerichs, RN

Stewardship

PARISH INCOME FOR DECEMBER 30-JANUARY 1, 2017/18	
Offertory Collection.....	\$4,581.00
Initial Offering.....	\$175.00
Children.....	\$4.00
Christmas (Add'l).....	\$207.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$586.00

HOLY NAME SOCIETY



Niagara University

The Holy Name Society invites all parishioners to join them for A Niagara University Basketball Game!

Sunday, January 14 at 2PM

Anyone interested should sign up on the bulletin board. Tickets are \$7.

Contact Howard Morgan for more info.

Howard Morgan 417-7584

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, Jan 20 at 8:30 am



Diocesan Youth Convention
March 2-4, 2018

Calling all teens in Grades 9-12



In our challenging world, full of questions, fake news, and alternative facts, is there really any such thing as a "true story?" The story Jesus' love for us remains just as true today as it did when He walked this earth. Convention 2018 will help us to explore this True Story and what it-- and the Person it is about--means for our world today!



What is the Convention?

The convention is a weekend conference for high school youth and their adult chaperones. The weekend includes liturgy, reconciliation, keynote speakers, breakout sessions, award presentations & dance. It is a powerful experience combining faith, fellowship, and fun!

Won't you consider joining us? March 2-4, 2018 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Buffalo. All teens are invited and encouraged to attend.

Cost: Help the IC Impact Youth Group raise money by volunteering at the spaghetti dinner and the cost is free!

Questions? Email: Karen Kummer at icimpactyouthgroup@gmail.com

A NIGHT IN ITALY

IC Impact Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Feb. 3rd



"Save the date for IC Impact Youth Group's annual spaghetti dinner and basket auction fundraiser on February 3rd, following the 4pm Mass. This year's theme is "A Night In Italy". We are graciously accepting donations of baskets for the basket auction, boxes of spaghetti, and jars of sauce. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children, 12 and under. Children 5 and under are free. More information to come."



Please Pray For ...

Marilynn, Jeff Antoncich, Christine Blagus, Carol Boyle, Robert Bridgeman, Jason Busey, Cheryl Cicero, Janice DePlato, Lauren Devin, Jennette DiLorenzo, Diane Fallgotter, Faye Finley, Mary Gross, Haven Hiller, David Hestand, Ron & Judy Hicks, Norbert Kaleta, Cathy Kean, Donna Keener, Happy Klan, Judy Kirkpatrick, Angela Lissen, Bonnie Martin, Lynn Maggioli, Christopher McGillion, Charles McQuay, Peter Modaffari, Donovan Miller, Debbie Nolan, Heather Nugent, Wendy Osucha, Luke Pogram, Mike Rexford, Dennis Shaw, Noah Shelvay, Linsey Shelvay, Donald Sinclair, Andrew Stack, Aileen Siuta, Bruce Stauff, Diane Taylor, Janice Turnbull, Kim Vallaincourt, Janice Ventimiglia, Florence Walker, Charlotte Wimett, Roberta & Clarence Walker, Mark Zastrow, and Jeannine Ziolek

Parish Activities

- SUN. January 7—Religious Education 9:45-10:45 am
- MON. January 8—PLT meeting 7pm
- TUE. January 9—Caritas Bowling 10am Lewiston Event Center
- WED. January 10—Confession 6:00-6:25pm
- THU. January 11—Knitting Group 1:00 pm
- THU. January 12—I.C. Impact Teen Youth Group
- FRI. January 13—Eucharistic Adoration 10am—4pm.
- SUN. January 14—Religious Education 9:45-10:45 am

Martha's Movers— Women's Exercise Fitness Room Hours

- Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, & Fri: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
- Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 3:15-5:00
- Zumba Mon, Wed: 10:00 AM \$6/class or \$10/wk

If you would like to have a name added to or taken off of the prayer list, please call the parish office at 731- 4822.

A Message From Deacon Mike



My dear parish family,

Greetings to you and your loved ones. This is a time of new beginnings. A new calendar year has begun, offering us further opportunities to share in God's holy plan. I too began a new ministry with my recent assignment to Immaculate Conception Parish. I'm thankful to God for the chance to serve Him.

For those of you whom I have not yet met, please allow me to share a little bit about myself. My wife Kim and I became members of Immaculate Conception Parish in the late eighties under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Herold Nuwer. Our three children, now all married with children of their own, grew up attending "Church School" within these very walls. It seems like only yesterday they were in the youth group attending all the activities that were available at that time.

For the years that followed Kim and I served this parish in many capacities, contributing to parish life at our lovely country parish. As my love for the Church grew and it became clear I was being called to ordained life, I entered the diaconate program at Christ the King Seminary. God blessed that calling and I was ordained in June of 2004 with my first assignment being this very parish of Immaculate Conception.

In 2009, I was reassigned to St. Vincent de Paul parish in Niagara Falls. I met and worked with many wonderful people there and learned a great deal about ministry in a large city parish. It was a very positive experience and I believe I am a better person and deacon for having served there. During my time at St. Vincent's the responsibilities of my secular job increased tremendously. (No, deacons are not paid by the church, we have "regular" jobs) My participation in parish life was and is still very limited based on a demanding work schedule. I'm a shift worker, working 12hr. shifts and rotating between days and nights. This is why you don't see me every week at Mass. I'm only off two weekends every five weeks. This very busy schedule, by the grace of God, will end soon as I plan on retiring in the spring of 2018.

In the assignment letter given to me by our Bishop and published recently in our parish bulletin,

Bishop Malone has called me to service and asked me to give special attention to "the ministries of Liturgy and the Word". Please be assured that this focus will be approached prayerfully. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit it is my hope that we will all be drawn closer to the Eucharist and that an appreciation of God active in our lives may be more fully realized.

In conclusion, a special thank you to Fr. Jim our Pastor and to all of you for the very warm welcome you offered me as my assignment was announced. I ask you to keep me in prayer as I will for all of you. May God bless you in a special way during this holy season and may you come to know our Lord more fully each and every day.

In Christ,

Deacon Mike



Time to remove the Christmas Decorations!

Help is needed to remove Christmas decorations on Wednesday, January 10th at 9:00am. All help is appreciated!

Catholic Women's Conference



Save The Date

February 24, 2018

Cardinal O'Hara High School

\$35/ticket. Tickets available at the parish. Sign up on the bulletin board to reserve your ticket.

