



Immaculate Conception Church

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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

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

Safe Environment Coordinator:

Miss Cynthia Curione

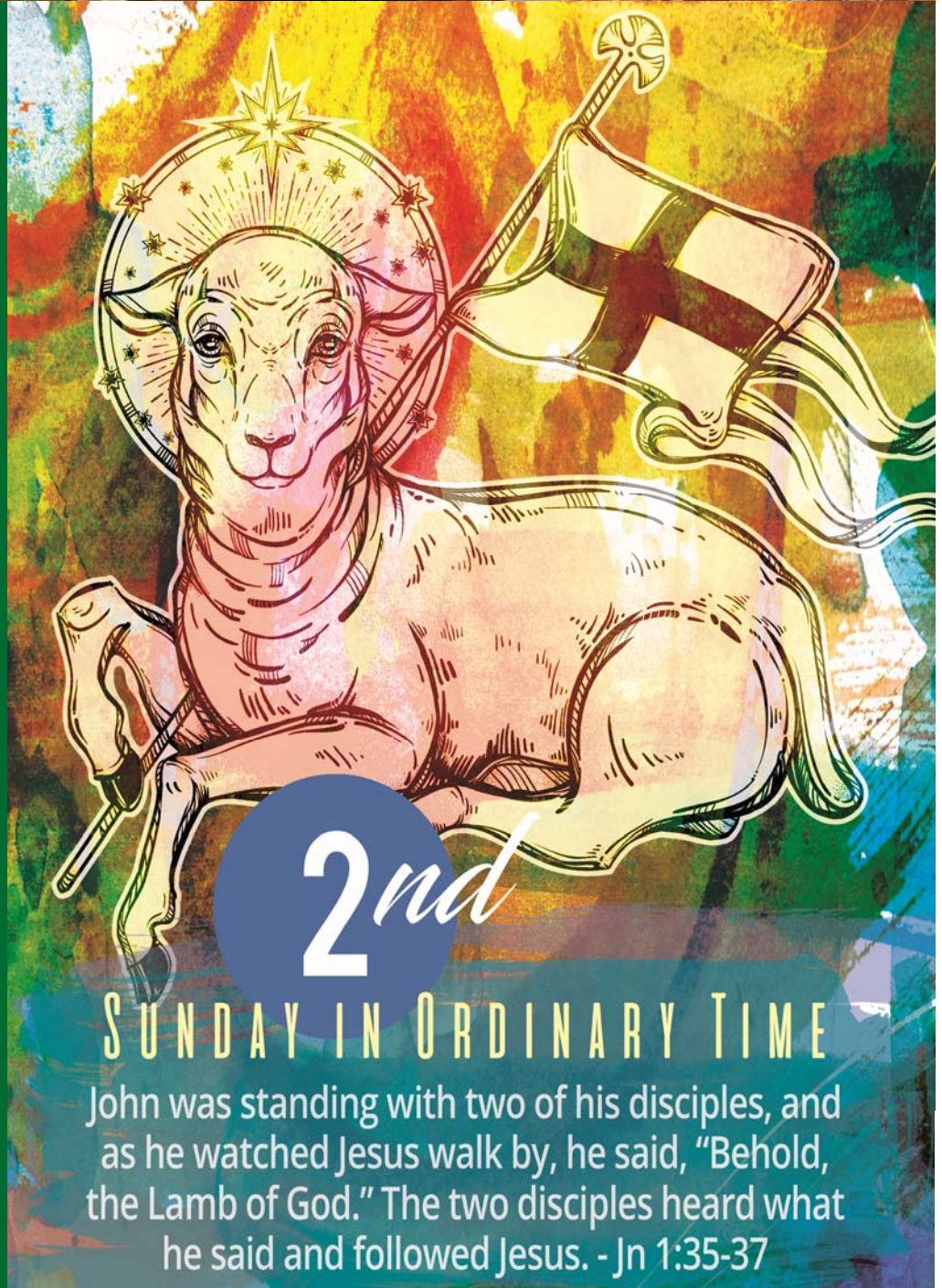
RCIA Coordinator:

Donna Kelsch

Trustee:

Kiersten Ryndak

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MASS INTENTIONS

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 & Michele Shaw
Monday	January	15	9:00 am	Office Closed
Tuesday	January	16	9:00 am	Prayer and Communion Service
Wednesday	January	17	6:30 pm	In memory of Helen Portfilio req. by Dorothy Deer
Thursday	January	18	9:00 am	In memory of Deceased Loved Ones req. by Parishioners
Friday	January	19	9:00 am	Prayer, Communion Service, and Adoration
Saturday	January	20	4:00 pm	In memory of Deceased Members of the Gergal family req. by Fran & Florence Gergal
Sunday	January	21	8:30 am	In memory of Lionel Barrick req. by Jim & Edith Faery & Family
			11:00 am	In memory of Lucy Gojevic req. by Family & friends

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 14, 2018 2nd Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

"He first found his own brother Simon and told him, 'We have found the Messiah.'" After spending the day in the company of Christ, Andrew took action. He shared the good news! Instead of keeping his newfound friendship with Jesus all to himself, Andrew invited his brother into the fold. Andrew found Simon and "brought him to Jesus." This was no small matter because Simon would become Peter, the first pope! How important it is to bring others along with us to meet Christ!

Yet, how often do we reach out with the kind of confidence that Andrew had? Are we ready and willing to share our faith with our family and friends? Do we consider our relationship with Jesus a gift to be shared, or a fact to be safely hidden away in our personal prayer corner?

Part of our call as Christians is to evangelize others, to share with them the good news of salvation. Loving Jesus and following his moral commands is essential, of course, but it is not the end of the story. The Gospel message is meant for all people, and we are meant to be its messengers. Sometimes this requires us to step out of our comfort zone. It may mean speaking up when we'd rather be silent. It may mean inviting someone to Mass when they might say no. But it might also mean a conversion for someone we care about. It might mean a new minister for the Church. Ultimately, it might mean another saint in heaven.

None of that is up to us, however. What we can control is only whether we share our faith joyfully and extend the invitation to others to experience the peace that comes from knowing Christ.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2018

THE *Heart*
OF A
Woman

FEBRUARY 24, 2018



Sr. Tatum
McWhirter

Kate
Wicker

Dr. Janet E.
Smith

Bishop Richard J.
Malone

Tickets available in the parish office. Sign up on the bulletin board if you are interested.

7:30 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast
2:00 PM Mass with Bishop Malone | **\$35** Tickets

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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



HOLY NAME SOCIETY
of Saint Joseph Parish

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

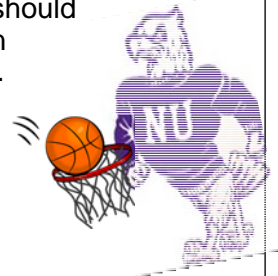
Sunday, January 14 at 2PM

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**



Niagara University

Diocesan Youth Convention

March 2-4, 2018

Calling all teens in Grades 9-12



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

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'S TEEN EDITION HAPPENING?

Teens interested in attending the Youth Convention must notify Karen ASAP at icimpactyouthgroup@gmail.com

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 "The Olympics". 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." **Basket donations graciously accepted!**



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, 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 14—Religious Education 9:45-10:45 am
- MON. January 15—Office Closed
- TUE. January 16—Caritas Bowling 10am Lewiston Event Center
- WED. January 17—Confession 6:00-6:25pm
- THU. January 18—Knitting Group 1:00 pm
- THU. January 19—I.C. Impact Teen Youth Group
- FRI. January 20—Eucharistic Adoration 10am– 4pm.
- SUN. January 21—Religious Education 9:45-10:45 am
- SUN. January 21—Baptism noon

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

A MESSAGE FROM FR. JIM



Dear Parish Family,

I extend to you a warm new year greeting. Last week we heard of the course correction of the Magi. There plans to report back to King Herod were over-ridden by an Angel. New plans and changes ...

I would like to inform that our long time maintenance worker, Gordon Ross, has moved into retirement. Please, if you see him, thank him and congratulate him as he enters a new phase of life. Gordon told me "Not all leisure," as he has many activities and hobbies he is excited to be part of. I am grateful for the dedication and expertise he has shared with our Church over the past ten years.

So changes ... I have temporarily hired a cleaning service and a "snow shoveler" to take up the work-load until a more permanent solution is discerned. So near term, if you see something that needs done, fixed, or repaired, let me know. I am carrying around a "Father-Do-This" list. It is like the Honey-do list, only for churches.

Liturgically, we enter Ordinary Time weeks 2 thru 6. "Green" is the rule for our liturgical color. The Gospel of Mark is spot-lighted this year, especially Chapter 1 during the next five weeks. Let's be color-blind and soul-sensitive as we observe Dr. Martin Luther King Day on Monday.

Fr. Jim

JOINING THE FAITH...

As Lent draws near, it is time for continuing to identify those we know (neighbors, friends, family, acquaintances) who may be interested in formally joining the Catholic church. Those not yet identified still have the opportunity to be received into the Church, or if baptised, receive those other Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil if their names are submitted to the office soon so that the RCIA team may speak with them to discern where they are presently on their faith journey. Easter is early this year. The Easter Vigil is on the 31st of March. What better time to walk with someone towards union with Christ through full communion in the Catholic Church than during Lent!

I ask you to consider being co-evangelists with the RCIA team by referring the names (with their permission) of those that might be interested in learning more about the faith, or those who have expressed a desire , however general, of considering becoming Catholic to the Office for follow up by myself or other team members. Inquiry does not equal commitment, and no one is required to commit unless or until they desire it. It is a discernment process where two hearts meet, with the Spirit guiding them, to whatever conclusion comes about. Please consider referring those you know who may desire a fuller communion with us.

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS



EDWARD SRI

Do you understand the meaning behind the parts of the mass? In this video-based study a biblical walk through the mass, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at mass and explains the profound significance. In this study, you will come to know and understand the mass as never before, leading you to richer, more fruitful worship

Friday 10am **2 options** Wednesday 7pm

Session: Session:

March 2,9,16 April
6,13 in Fr. Cronin/
Crissy Room

Feb. 28, March 7, 14,
April 4,11 in Fr.
Cronin/Crissy Room

Sign up on bulletin board.

Special session for religious ed parents!

A special session has been added for parents to attend while their children are in religious education. (9:45-10:45am)

March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 8

Please contact Judy Heppner or Laurie Muth

More info will be sent home with students.