

March 3 & 4, 2018



# Immaculate Conception Church

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NOTHING  
THAT YOU  
HAVE NOT  
GIVEN AWAY  
WILL EVER BE  
REALLY YOURS.

—C.S. LEWIS

#### 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

#### Mass Schedule:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
Monday, Thursday 9:00 a.m.  
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. in Church

#### 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:

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

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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."*

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	March	3	4:00 pm	In memory of <b>Lionel Barrick</b> req. by Rosa, Rose Carberry, Fran DiLaura
Sunday	March	4	8:30 am	In memory of <b>Eileen Hertel</b> req. by Jim & Edith Faery
			11:00 am	In memory of <b>John T. Walmsley</b> req. by Michael & Michele Shaw
Monday	March	5	9:00 am	In memory of <b>Mary C. Johnson</b> req. by John & Sandra Eddy
Tuesday	March	6	9:00 am	<b>Prayer and Communion Service</b>
Wednesday	March	7	6:30pm	Intentions of <b>The Blessed Mother</b> req. by Rosary Altar Society
Thursday	March	8	9:00 am	In memory of <b>Isabelle Johnson</b> req. by Rose & Bob Seider
Friday	March	9	9:00 am	<b>Prayer, Communion Service, and Adoration</b>
Saturday	March	10	4:00 pm	In memory of <b>Lionel Barrick</b> req. by Bev Crawford
Sunday	March	11	8:30 am	In memory of <b>Edward (Ned) Johnson</b> req. by Johnson Family
			11:00 am	In memory of <b>Larry Morehouse</b> req. by Morehouse & Shelvay Families

## Digging Deeper

### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

We all have things in our lives that don't belong there. Maybe it's the poor way we allow someone to treat us, maybe it's a habitual sin, maybe it's a pattern of thought or attitude that traps us in a cycle of regret, anger, or an inability to forgive. Jesus has bold words for us today: "Take these out of here."

When we hear the story of the Cleansing of the Temple, it can be easy to look down on the animal-sellers and money-changers. However, they set up shop in the Temple for a very practical purpose. People needed to buy animals to sacrifice, they were going to sacrifice them in the Temple: ergo, quite a convenient, successful marketplace! For many of us, the negative influences in our lives don't come out of nowhere. We might have considered them quite practical and reasonable initially. We wanted to keep the peace, so we allowed someone to talk to us disrespectfully. A person hurt us deeply and we weren't prepared to let go of our resentment right away. Over time, these can fester and corrupt our inner life in a way we didn't expect.

The response of Jesus is a strong one. "He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area." God wants us to be whole, healthy human beings. He knows how destructive it is for our souls to be caught up in sin - our own sin and those of others. God's love for us is startlingly fierce. In a few short weeks we will celebrate the culmination of that courageous love as Jesus goes to his death on the cross.

In the meantime, Lent is an opportunity for cleansing and renewal. If we've allowed into our lives things that don't belong, let today be the day we ask Jesus to clear them out. It's not always easy or pretty, but it's necessary for our hearts to function the way they were made. God will turn our tables over if we ask Him to.

Liturgical Publications

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

How seriously do we take the Ten Commandments? Many today adopt a free spirit approach to life and resist conforming their thoughts and actions to established guidelines and principles. We all need direction. Those who travel realize how much easier journeys can be when equipped with the proper directions. The Ten Commandments are God's proper directions for us to assist us in living our lives as his children. We are given the example of Jesus, the living temple. Jesus allows us to share in his intimate relationship with his Father so that we can more quickly find our way to him. Guidelines and structure are important. Lent reminds us we are created in a certain way and are meant to live our lives in God. Liturgical Publications

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sat. March	3- Micha 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun. March	4- Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11 ; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25
Mon. March	5- 2 Kgs 5:1-15b;Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4, Luke 4:24-30
Tue. March	6- Daniel 3:25, 34-43;Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Matthew 18:21-35
Wed. March	7- Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Matthew 5:17-19
Thu. March	8- Jerimiah 7:23-28;Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Luke 11:14-23
Fri. March	9- Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mark 12:28-34
Sat. March	10- Hosea 6:1-6;Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab, Luke 18:9-14
Sun. March	11- 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

RED/WHITE/BLUE MASS MARCH 10 AND 11 WEEKEND

Fr. Jim will offer special blessings for those who serve in public office, those in the healthcare field, and all safety personnel including law enforcement, firefighters, first responders, emergency personnel and security personnel.



Red Mass

TO HONOR THE WORK OF THOSE WHO SERVE IN PUBLIC OFFICE



TO HONOR THE WORK OF THOSE WHO SERVE IN MEDICAL AND HEATH CARE FIELDS



Blue Mass

TO HONOR THE WORK OF ALL SAFETY PERSONELL INCLUDING LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIREFIGHTERS, EMERGENCY PERSONNEL AND SECURITY

**A MESSAGE FROM FR. JIM**



Dear Parish Family,

I write to inform you of the fruits of your commitment to your pledges to *Upon This Rock*. We received a disbursement check of \$12,411.16 which is 35% of your contribution during the last six months. These dollars will allow us to begin to fulfill our dreams of improvement in our liturgical space and prioritize our five initiatives. For this, I offer a heartfelt thanks!

*Father Jim*



**POT "LUCK OF THE IRISH" DINNER**

**SATURDAY March 17 at 5pm**

**Bring a dish to share  
BYOB!**

**Luck of the Irish**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR ...**

Marilynn, Jeff Antoncich, Christine Blagus, Jason Busey, Cheryl Cicero, Janice DePlato, Lauren Devin, Jennette DiLorenzo, Diane Fallgotter, Faye Finley, Mary Gross, Lisa Harris, Haven Hiller, David Hestand, Ron & Judy Hicks, Norbert Kaleta, Cathy Kean, Donna Keener, Happy Klan, Judy Kirkpatrick, Angela Lissen, Lynn Maggiori, Christopher McGillion, Charles McQuay, Peter Modafari, Donovan Miller, Renee Morrison, 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**

- SAT/SUN** 3/4—Free Blood Pressure Screenings
- SUN. March** 4—Religious Education 9:45-10:45am
- TUE. March** 6—Caritas Bowling 10am Lewiston Event Center
- WED. March** 7—Confession 6:00-6:25pm
- THU. March** 8—Knitting Group 1:00 pm
- THU. March** 8—I.C. Impact Teen Youth Group 6:30pm
- THU. March** 8—Life in the Spirit 6:30-8pm
- FRI. March** 9—Eucharistic Adoration 10am– 4pm.
- FRI. March** 9—Stations of the Cross 7pm.
- FRI. March** 9—Bible Study 10am
- SUN. March** 11—Religious Education 9:45-10:45am  
Sponsored by grades 4/5
- SAT/SUN** 10/11—Red/White/Blue Mass— All weekend

**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**.

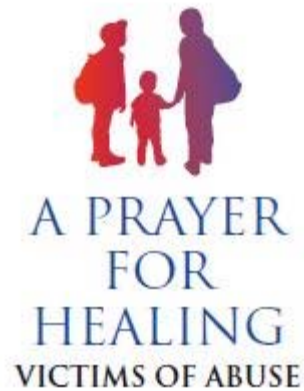
## A PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: you gave your only Son to save us by his blood on the cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join in your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters who have been greatly harmed, and the cries of those who love them. See you there restless hearts with hope, study their shake and spirits with faith. Grant them justice for their cause, enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant all harmed by abuse find peace and justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



## CATHOLIC CHARITIES



**“Love your neighbor” Gal. 5:14. We support mothers and their children at Catholic Charities.**

Not only do we offer 15 Women, Infants & Children (WIC) locations in Chautauqua, Erie and Niagara Counties, we also offer nutrition and education counseling, breastfeeding support, prenatal and postpartum support, referrals and supplemental food vouchers. You can show your support for mothers and children by donating during our 2018 Appeal, which kicks off March 10-11 or visit [ccwny.org/donation](http://ccwny.org/donation). Your participation, your contribution, large or small, will make a difference in the lives of those in need.

**St. Clare of Assisi, Patron of this Appeal, Pray for Us!**

## CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

**Saturday, March 10  
Cardinal O'Hara High School  
39 O'Hara Road, NT**

**7:30 am Registration; 8:15 Welcome  
2pm Mass with Bishop Malone  
SIGN UP ON THE BULLETIN BOARD**

## HOSPICE BOUQUETS

This weekend is the deadline to reserve your Niagara Hospice Spring bouquets. The bouquets are \$8.00 each and will be available for pickup after all Masses next weekend. Payment is due at that time.

Capture a touch of spring and support Niagara County's only provider of hospice end-of-life care with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.