

March 10 & 11, 2018

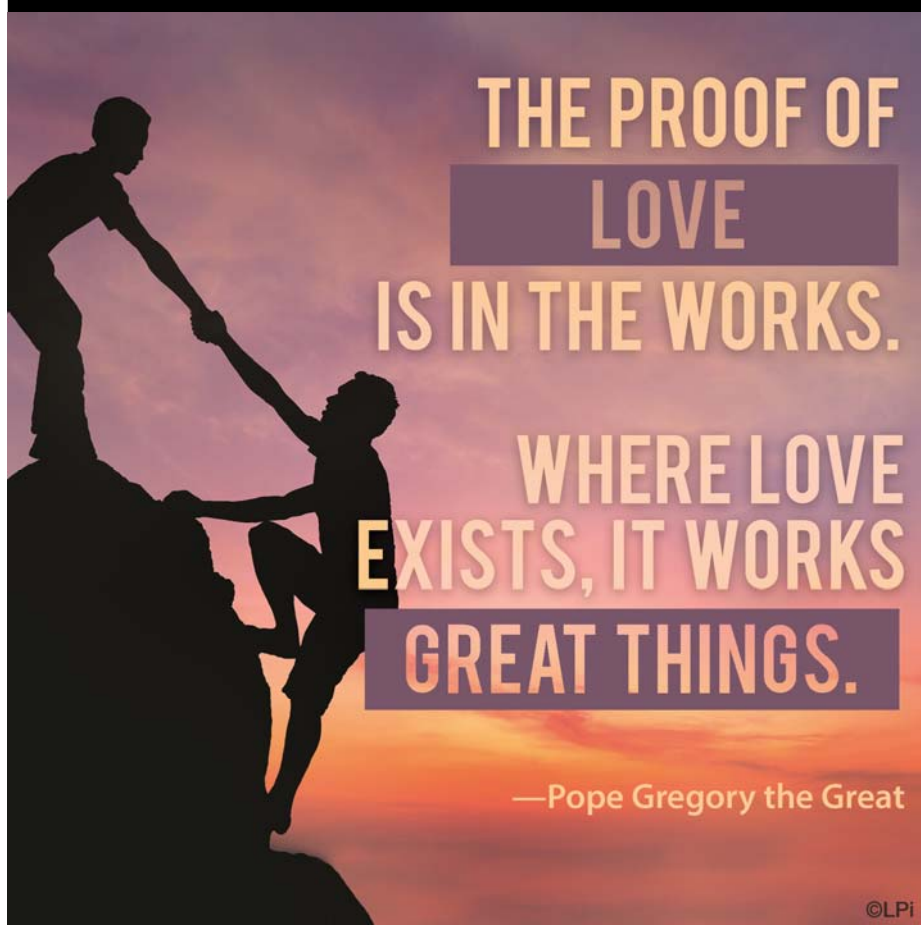
Immaculate Conception Church



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



THE PROOF OF
LOVE
IS IN THE WORKS.
WHERE LOVE
EXISTS, IT WORKS
GREAT THINGS.

—Pope Gregory the Great

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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.”

Parish Staff:

Rev. James Bastian (ext. 102)
Dcn. Paul Stankiewicz, Deacon Emeritus
Dcn. Mike 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

Disability Advocate: Amy McQuay

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:

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

Email: icransomville@yahoo.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	March	10	4:00 pm	In memory of Lionel Barrick req. by Bev Crawford
Sunday	March	11	8:30 am	In memory of Edward (Ned) Johnson req. by Johnson Family
			11:00 am	In memory of Larry Morehouse req. by Morehouse & Shelvay Families
Monday	March	12	9:00 am	In memory of Mothers Living & Deceased req. by Parishioners
Tuesday	March	13	9:00 am	Prayer and Communion Service
Wednesday	March	14	6:30pm	Intentions of The Eugene Ruskowski req. by Elaine & Ray Pawlak
Thursday	March	15	9:00 am	In memory of Deceased Loved Ones req. by Parishioners
Friday	March	16	9:00 am	Prayer, Communion Service, and Adoration
Saturday	March	17	4:00 pm	In memory of Stella Madej 90th Birthday req. by Mark & Linda Gray
Sunday	March	18	8:30 am	In memory of Edward Johnson req. by Jim & Edith Faery
			11:00 am	In memory of Lionel Barrick req. by Jim & Judy Kirkpatrick

DIGGING DEEPER– A LENTEN REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Why is the world the way it is? We all wonder that from time to time. Each successive generation projects rose-hued longing on the past and casts furtive glances at the impending future. We see forces beyond our control in nature and in the newspaper. The world is changing and we're being pulled out with the tide.

In the face of this confusion, today's Gospel features one of the most oft-quoted Scripture verses of all time: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." But if Christ has come, why is the world so challenging? Why is the world still - to our eyes - being carried off in a proverbial hand basket? Jesus' response is a deeply personal one. "This is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light." Patterns arise, habits are formed, and systems become engrained, but each is the result of an interconnected web of human choices.

Where do we stand? Our answers, perhaps, vary from week to week, hour to hour, missed traffic light to spilled coffee to teenage child's rebellion. The world isn't perfect because we aren't perfect. Our parish is flawed because we're flawed. Our families need work because every one of us needs to be converted. Christianity is a process, not a destination!

This Sunday, Jesus invites us to consider our own lives. Where in our own lives do we prefer darkness to light? What flaws are we trying to hide? Humbly acknowledge those places today. Ask God for the grace to be transformed. Share with your spouse or a friend where you'd like to improve this week. "Whoever loves truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."

Liturgical Publications

VISIT OUR WEBSITE



Visit our website to:

- **New: Watch a recording of Sunday Mass**
- Check the Religious Ed Schedule
- ➔ • **New: Sign up for On-Line giving**
- Be informed of upcoming events

CARE GIVERS FOOD PANTRY

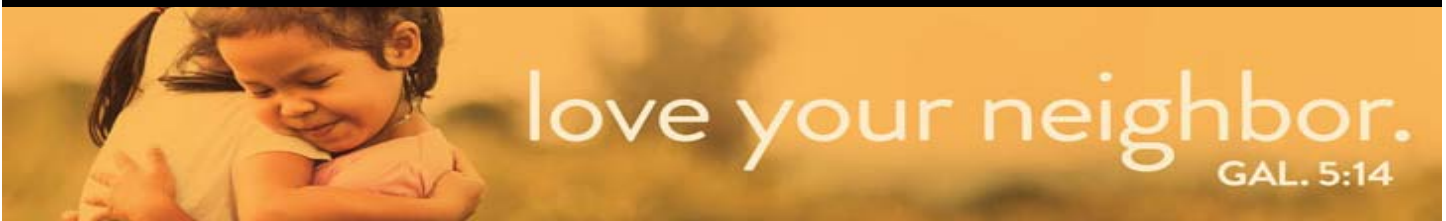
The Care Givers Ministry in need of Easter Hams

The Care Givers Food pantry is collecting hams to add to the Easter baskets they provide to families in need. Please place ham donations in the silver refrigerator in the kitchen before March 23rd. If you know of a family in need, please don't hesitate to call the parish office. All information is confidential.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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
Mon. March	12- Isaiah 65:17-21;Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12,13; John 4:43-54
Tue. March	13- Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12;Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; John 5:1-16
Wed. March	14- Isaiah 49:8-15,Psalm 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18 ;John 5:17-30
Thu. March	15- Ex 32:7-14;Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; John 5:31-47
Fri. March	16–Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22;Psalm 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat. March	17- Jeremiah 11:18-20;Psalm 7:2-3, 9-10, 11-12; John 7:40-53
Sun. March	18- Jeremiah 31:31-34;Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

CATHOLIC CHARITIES KICKS OFF THIS WEEKEND



St. Clare of Assisi, our patron saint of the 2018 Appeal, believed that **“we are to become the vessels of God’s compassionate love for others.”** Today, Catholic Charities shows that same compassion and love for others by offering individual, children and family counseling, and mental health and chemical dependency treatment through our Family and Community Services sites, Monsignor Carr Clinics, Marriage Counseling Center, and Diocesan Counseling Center. Your gift to the 2018 Appeal helps us to continue these services in Western New York. Please help us exceed our 2017 parish donations of \$37,487 and donate during our Appeal by taking your packet at the table in the narthex or by visiting ccwny.org/donation. **“Love your neighbor” Gal. 5:14**

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Marilynn, Jeff Antoncich, Christine Blagus, Jason Busey, Francis Barone, Cheryl Cicero, Mark Corraine, 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 Maggioli, Christopher McGillion, Charles McQuay, Peter Modaffari, Donovan Miller, Renee Morrison, Debbie Nolan, Heather Nugent, Wendy Osucha, Luke Pogram, Dennis Shaw, Noah Shelvay, Linsey Shelvay, Donald Sinclair, Andrew Stack, Ailleen Siuta, Bruce Stauff, Diane Taylor, Janice Turnbull, Kim Vallaincourt, Janice Ventimiglia, Florence Walker, Charlotte Wimet, Roberta & Clarence Walker, Mark Zastrow, and Jeannine Ziolek

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**.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

- SUN. March 11—Religious Education 9:45-10:45am**
Sponsored by grades 4/5
- SAT/SUN 10/11—Red/White/Blue Mass— All weekend**
- MON. March 12—Liturgy Meeting 7pm**
- TUE. March 13—Caritas Bowling 10am** Lewiston Event Center
- WED. March 14—Confession 6:00-6:25pm**
- WED. March 14—Bible Study 7pm**
- WED. March 14—I.C. Impact Teen Youth Group 6:30pm**
- THU. March 15—Knitting Group 1:00 pm**
- THU. March 15—Life in the Spirit 6:30-8pm**
- FRI. March 16—Eucharistic Adoration 10am– 4pm.**
- FRI. March 16—Bible Study 10am**
- FRI. March 16—Stations of the Cross 7pm.**
- SAT. March 17—Funeral 10am**
- SAT. March 17—St. Patrick’s Day Pot Luck– 5pm.**
- SUN. March 18—Religious Education 9:45-10:45am**
Sponsored by grades 4/5
- SUN. March 18—Bible Study 9:45-10:45am**

3 Upcoming Events In our Parish

1

Bring a dish to share
BYOB!

SATURDAY March 17 at 5pm

Luck of the Irish



Night

SHADOW STATIONS OF THE CROSS

2



Come Experience the
Passion of the Lord



Friday, March 23, 7:00 pm



PRESENTED BY :
IC IMPACT YOUTH GROUP AND MEMBERS OF OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

3

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 25

Following the 11:00 am Mass

For Pre-K thru Grade 5

Families are asked to bring a finger food to share.



We will begin at 12:15 with a kid friendly lunch followed by games and crafts. At 1:15pm, The Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt will begin. It will be held indoors throughout the Church including classrooms. Children, along with their parents, will follow the "footprints of Jesus" throughout the Church building to find their eggs as a creative and fun way which teaches the Passion of Jesus to kids. There will be carnival style games and face painting. The day will conclude at approximately 2:30pm. All are welcome.

VICARIATE LENTEN RETREAT INCLUDES ST. JOSEPH'S DAY TABLE

Tickets are \$12 are available in Parish office

On Monday, March 19th, Solemnity of Saint Joseph, on the first evening of our Lenten Journey Retreat, a Saint Joseph's Table will be held at the Saint Leo's Parish Hall, 2748 Military Road, doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00 per person and are available at the Parish office until March 14th.

RETREAT DETAILS...

MONDAY MARCH 19:

Optional St. Joseph's Table at 5pm. Tickets are \$12 and are available in the parish office

7pm- Retreat begins: St. Leo's site 2748 Military Road

TUESDAY MARCH 20:

7pm- Retreat continues: St. Leo's site 2748 Military Road

Wednesday MARCH 21:

7pm Penance Service: Prince of Peace Site: 1055 N. Military Road

Friends in High Places
LENTEN JOURNEY RETREAT



- Discover anew the sources of supernatural strength for Catholics
- Learn the truth about the mission and message of the Holy Angels
- Unlock the meaning of the Communion of Saints on our lives today
- Understand the Indispensable Role of Our Lady in our Spiritual Journey

“Thomas is in the top 10% of the best Catholic speakers today.”
 - Dr. Tim Gray, President of the Augustine Institute, author of *Praying Scripture for a Change*



Our Retreat Director
 Thomas Smith, a former Baptist minister, was received into the Catholic Church in 1996 bringing with him a wealth of experience and insight on the Word of God. Thomas is the former Director of the Denver Catholic Biblical School, and co-author of many Catholic Bible studies for Ascension Press. He speaks internationally as a conference speaker, clergy retreat director, and parish mission leader.

March 19-21, 2018 Mon-Wed at 7 pm nightly
St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
 Mon.-Tues. will be at St. Leo site, 2748 Military Rd., Niagara Falls
 Wed. evening at Prince of Peace site, 1055 N Military Rd., Niagara Falls
 Wed. mission will be followed by Confessions
 For more information, contact 282-1379

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday
During Lent at 7pm

Shadow Stations
Friday, March 23 at 7pm

LOST & FOUND

FOUND

A cross with a relic has been found. It may have come off of a necklace, bracelet, or rosary. If you lost it and can describe it, please see Fr. Jim.