

March 17 & 18, 2018

Immaculate Conception Church



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Prayer

Sacrifice

Fasting

Reconciliation

Fifth Sunday of

Lent

Penance

Almsgiving

“Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold” (Mt 24: 12)

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

Email: icransomville@yahoo.com

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Monday	March	19	9:00 am	In memory of Fathers Living and Deceased req. by Parishioners
Tuesday	March	20	9:00 am	Prayer and Communion Service
Wednesday	March	21	6:30pm	Penance Service at Prince of Peace.No Mass at Immaculate Conception
Thursday	March	22	9:00 am	In memory of Holy Souls req. by Cindy Antoncich
Friday	March	23	9:00 am	Prayer, Communion Service, and Adoration
Saturday	March	24	4:00 pm	In memory of Lionel Barrick req. by Cindy Antoncich
Sunday	March	25	8:30 am	In memory of Charles & Jennie Ruggirello req. by daughter Maryann Mahar
			11:00 am	In memory of Matthew Marin req. by Marin Family

DIGGING DEEPER– A LENTEN REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"Now there were some Greeks among those who had come to worship at the feast. They came to Philip and asked him, 'Sir, we would like to see Jesus.'" It has begun. News of Jesus has spread beyond native-born, Aramaic-speaking Jews. We don't know if the Greeks mentioned here heard of Jesus from fellow travelers or if news of this intriguing rabbi had reached all the way to their home. What we do know is that this interaction spurred an interesting comment from Jesus: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." In other words, it has begun. The time has come for the message to move beyond the geographic bounds of Israel.

But what does this message require? The Gospel is clear: "he said this indicating the kind of death he would die." A grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies to its life as only a seed. A caterpillar takes on the appearance of temporary death in order to transform into a butterfly. In the Gospels, sacrifice and death are a way of becoming something more than you were before. This Lent, new life can come from our sacrifices. When we enter into the season with Jesus, our difficulties can transform our perspective. "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

As we abstain from meat and fast from eating between meals, we can grow in compassion for the hungry. We can give alms of our time, sacrificially spending time with the lonely, the sick, and the marginalized. Our little Lenten "deaths" - death to unnecessary preferences, death to selfish living, death to ignorance of other's pain - can bring new life to the world long after the season is over. This is the invitation this Sunday and every Lenten season, to begin anew from death to life.

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

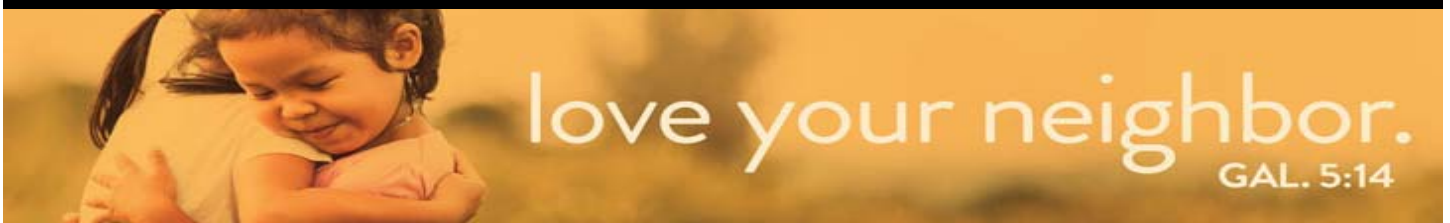
The Care Givers Ministry in need of Easter Hams

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	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
Mon. March	19- 2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16;Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 ;Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24
Tue. March	20- Nehemiah 21:4-9;Psalm 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; John 8:21-30
Wed. March	21- Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 ; John 8:31-42
Thu. March	22- Genesis 17:3-9;Psalm 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; John 8:51-59
Fri. March	23—Jerimiah 20:10-13;Psalm 18:2-3, 3b-4, 5-6, 7 ; John 10:31-42
Sat. March	24- Ezekiel 37:21-28;Jerimiah 31:10, 11-12, 13 ; John 11:45-56
Sun. March	25- Mark 11:1-10 ; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



“Love your neighbor” Gal. 5:14. Immaculate Conception Church is in our second week of Catholic Charities Appeal and we are off to a resounding start!!

Please help us to help the diocese reach the overall goal of \$11million by contributing or pledging today! Your donation helps educate, counsel and train parents and guardians in our communities. Your donation provides food, clothing and shelter to individuals and families alike, mental health and chemical dependence treatment and affordable counseling for all ages. **The 2018 Appeal is an opportunity to love your neighbor in Western New York** by ensuring they can receive the assistance they need.

St. Clare, 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, 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. 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**
- TUE. March 20—Caritas Bowling 10am** Lewiston Event Center
- WED. March 21—Confession 6:00-6:25pm**
- WED. March 21—No Bible Study**
- WED. March 21—I.C. Impact Teen Youth Group 6:30pm**
- THU. March 22—Knitting Group 1:00 pm**
- THU. March 22—Life in the Spirit 6:30-8pm**
- FRI. March 23—Eucharistic Adoration 10am– 4pm.**
- FRI. March 23—No Bible Study**
- FRI. March 23—Shadow Stations 7pm.**
- SUN. March 25—Bible Study 9:45-10:45am**
- SUN. March 25—Easter Egg Hunt, Crafts and games— noon**
- SAT/SUN. March 24/25— Blood Pressure Screenings**

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**.

VICARIATE LENTEN MISSION: March 19-21 St. Leos and Prince of Peace. Look for additional info. In the bulletin

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM I.C. IMPACT TEENS

Dear Immaculate Conception Church,

I.C. IMPACT and the youth of Immaculate Conception Church Ransomville would like to sincerely thank you for supporting all our fund raisers, including our spaghetti dinner. We are truly blessed to have such a generous and supportive parish. Month after month, year after year, you continue to support us. That generosity does not go unnoticed nor is it ever taken for granted. We will always strive to be worthy of your generosity and use those gifts in God's service.

Your generosity made it possible to send 15 youth and 2 chaperones to the 66th Annual Buffalo Diocesan Youth Convention. Convention is a chance for our youth to join with hundreds of other youth, from the region, for a weekend of faith and fellowship. It is a powerful and life changing experience for many of the attendees. Please know that your generous support made a real difference.

Thank you and God bless,

Julia
Mark Goeric
Mary M.
Karen Hummer

Emma Johnson

Patrick Brady
Adam Zappa
Mark
Smith

Mary Sacilowski
Mia Fiorentino



VICARIATE LENTEN RETREAT INFORMATION

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

Upcoming Events In our Parish

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**

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.

Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt

Easter
EGG HUNT

Sunday, March 25

Following the 11:00 am Mass

For Pre-K thru Grade 5

The "footsteps of Jesus" are the clues to finding the eggs throughout the church!

NIAGARA HOSPICE GRATEFUL FOR PARISHIONERS SUPPORT

On behalf of Niagara Hospice I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation to our parishioners' for their overwhelming support of last weekend's Spring Bouquet Sale.

We sold all 90 bouquets, three hospice pet calendars and received additional donations totaling \$50. In all, the bouquet sale generated **\$786.00** for Niagara Hospice in support of Niagara County's only provider of end-of-life services. The total is the highest in the four years Immaculate Conception has served as a site for the Spring Bouquet Sale. Our faith community's generosity continues to amaze me.

I also want to thank parishioners Gloria Pilarski, Marybeth Carroll and Sheryl Johnson for their assistance during the sale. Gloria and Marybeth are Niagara Hospice volunteers and Sheryl is a member of the Niagara Hospice Nursing Staff.

If you are interested in learning more about Niagara Hospice's specialized services, please visit www.NiagaraHospice.org.

Thank you, and may the Lord Jesus continue to bless our parish family- *Mike Shaw*, Niagara Hospice Volunteer

ALTAR PREPARATIONS

We will prepare for the Triduum and Easter on Wednesday March 28 at 9:00. We will finalize preparations for Easter on Saturday March 31 at 9:00.

Please consider helping. The more help the lighter the load.

MARIO'S PET FOOD PANTRY

Mario's Pet Food Pantry would appreciate donations of pet food to restock their supplies. Donations can be left in the donation area near the sacristy.

Opened containers are also accepted. Thank you!