

# Immaculate Conception Church



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CHRIST IS RISEN!



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## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



### Parish Staff:

Rev. James Bastian (ext. 102)  
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Safe Environment Coordinator:  
Miss Cynthia Curione

RCIA Coordinator: Donna Kelsch  
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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:

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

### 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."*

**GIVE+Online**

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	April	7	4:00 pm	In memory of <b>Lionel Barrick</b> req. by Happy Klan
Sunday	April	8	8:30 am	In memory of <b>Gene Massucci</b> req. by Hank & Janet Fraas
			11:00 am	In memory of <b>Matthew Marin</b> req. by Marin Family
Monday	April	9	9:00 am	In memory of <b>Mothers Living and Deceased</b> req. by Parishioners
Tuesday	April	10	9:00 am	<b>Prayer and Communion Service</b>
Wednesday	April	11	6:30pm	In memory of <b>Eugene Rutkowski</b> req. by wide Dorothy
Thursday	April	12	9:00 am	In memory of <b>Fathers Living &amp; Deceased</b> req. by Parishioners
Friday	April	13	9:00 am	<b>Prayer, Communion Service, Adoration</b>
Saturday	April	14	4:00 pm	In memory of <b>Hugh R. Farrell</b> req. by Paul & Irene Banks
Sunday	April	15	8:30 am	In memory of <b>Edward Johnson</b> req. by Carol Haseley
			11:00 am	In memory of <b>Lionel Barrick</b> req. by Campbell Family

### What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. It is based on the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, which recommended a particular devotion to the Divine Mercy.

### What is the Divine Mercy image?

The Divine Mercy image is a depiction of Jesus based on a vision that St. Faustina had in 1931. There have been a number of paintings made of this image.

A basic explanation of the image is:

Jesus is shown in most versions as raising his right hand in blessing, and pointing with his left hand on his chest from which flow forth two rays: one red and one white (translucent).

The depictions often contains the message "Jesus, I trust in You!" (Polish: *Jezu ufam Tobie*).

The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the blood of Jesus (which is the Life of Souls), and pale for the water (which justify souls) (from Diary - 299). The whole image is symbolic of charity, forgiveness and love of God, referred to as the "Fountain of Mercy".

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Concerning the Feast of Mercy Jesus said to St. Faustina which she recorded in her diary:

Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. (*Diary 300*)

I want the image solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. (*Diary 341*)

This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of my tender mercies. (*Diary 420*)

On one occasion, I heard these words: My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. **The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.\*** [our emphasis] On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (*Diary 699*)

Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to our neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it. (*Diary 742*)

I want to grant complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy. (*Diary 1109*)

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Sat.	April	7- Acts 4:13-21;Psalm 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21;Mark 16:9-15
Sun.	April	8- Acts 4:32-35;Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;1 John 5:1-6;John 20:19-31
Mon.	April	9- Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10;Psalm 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38
Tues	April	10- Acts 4:32-37;Psalm 93:1, 2, 5 ;Jn 3:7-15
Wed.	April	11- Acts 5:17-26;Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; John 3:16-21
Thurs.	April	12- Acts 5:27-33;Psalm34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 ;John 3:31-36
Fri.	April	13- Acts 5:34-42;Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 ;John 6:1-15
Sat.	April	14- Acts 6:1-7;Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; John 6:16-21
Sun.	April	15- Acts 3:13-15, 17-19;Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48



**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**



Join us at Immaculate Conception on Sunday, April 22 at 3:00 pm for

**EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR**

For Vocations to the

PRIESTHOOD \* RELIGIOUS LIFE \* DIACONATE \* LAY MINISTRY

Please pray for our Priests.

Without them, we have no Sacraments

We have no Eucharist...They are the light in the darkness.

Will you pray for them to show them your love and support?

**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, Norbert Kaleta, Cathy Kean, Donna Keener, Happy Klan, Angela Lissen, Lynn Maggioli, Christopher McGillion, Charles McQuay, Peter Modaffari, Donovan Miller, Renee Morrison, Debbie Nolan, Heather Nugent, Rosa Margevich, Wendy Osucha, Luke Pogran, Dennis Shaw, Noah Shelvay, Linsey Shelvay, Donald Sinclair, Andrew Stack, Bruce Stauff, Diane Taylor, Janice Turnbull, Kim Vallaincourt, Janice Ventimiglia, Florence Walker, Charlotte Wimett, 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.

Its not too late to oppose the Abortion Expansion Bill! **Take Action Now!** Visit our web-site and click on the link or go to [nyscatholic.org](http://nyscatholic.org)

**PARISH ACTIVITIES**

**SAT./SUN April 7/8—Anointings after all Masses**

- SUN. April 8—Religious Education 9:45-10:45am**
- SUN. April 8—Bible Study 9:45-10:45am**
- MON. April 9— Annunciation of the Lord 9am Mass**
- TUE. April 10—Caritas Bowling 10am** Lewiston Event Center
- TUE. April 10—Rosary Altar Mtg. 7pm** (6:30pm Rosary)
- WED. April 11—I.C. Impact Teen Youth Group 6:30pm**
- WED. April 11—Bible Study 7:00 pm**
- THU. April 12—Knitting Group 1:00 pm**
- THU. April 12— Life in the Spirit 6:30 pm**
- THU. April 12— AL Anon 7:00 pm**
- FRI. April 13—Adoration 10am-4pm**
- FRI. April 13—Spiritual Warfare Presentation 6:30pm**
- SAT. April 14—Confirmation Retreat 9:30am** St. Raphael's
- SUN. April 15—Religious Education 9:45-10:45am**
- SUN. April 15—Bible Study 9:45-10:45am**
- SUN. April 15—Baptism Following 8:30am Mass**

**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 THE DIOCESE OF BUFFALO**

Bishop Malone and his Presbyteral Council are currently looking into ways to promote both the spiritual welfare of priests and the liturgical life of each parish. They are particularly concerned about the number and quality of Masses celebrated at each parish. With a declining number of priests, we should not expect priests to celebrate more liturgies on a weekend than are needed; and, fewer Masses with larger attendance would encourage more vibrant celebrations of the Eucharist.

The Bishop is asking all parishes to engage in a collaborate effort to look at Mass schedules and Mass attendance. This will be coordinated at the Vicariate level with suggestions to be sent to a Diocesan Task Force that has been established by the Bishop. Engagement in this process at the parish level will be vital in creating a revised and coordinated Vicariate Mass schedule that will promote the physical and spiritual well-being of priests as well as provide quality liturgical celebrations in each parish.

**Help Wanted**

- Lawn cutters needed: A team of two people is needed approx. 1x/per month to cut the grass using a riding lawn mower
- To help serve lunch at the First Communion/ First Reconciliation retreat on April 22  
A few volunteers are needed to help with food
- Serve at the café after 11 am Mass
- Serve as a Minister of Holy Communion  
Diocesan training is required. There is a local training June 23rd at St. Amelias in Tonawanda.
- Help plan Vacation Bible School scheduled for August 6-10 9:30am-noon.
- Serve on the "tech team."  
We are looking for tech savy people to support the computer network, carillon bells, and sign. Meet as needed for training.

If you are interested in volunteering, please complete this form and place it in the offering basket. Someone from the appropriate ministry will contact you.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

**Goodbye Snow Shoveling...**



**Hello Lawn Mowing!**

Spring has sprung! We are grateful to the lawn cutting teams who offered their time and talent this past Spring/Summer to help maintain the church grounds:

- Joe Batt and Danny Stack
- Tom and Sally Reed
- Mark, Brandon and Nick Seider
- Rose and Art Sullivan
- Joe Miskey and Chris Zastrow

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule in service to our church!

If anyone is interested in serving on the Lawn Care team, please contact Chris Zastrow or call the parish office.

**Thank you from Care Givers Ministry**

The Care Givers Ministry would like to thank all those who donated hams for the Easter food baskets. Your donations helped eight families enjoy an Easter meal together which might not have been otherwise possible.

**Thank You For Preparing The Church**

Thank you to all those who helped prepare the Church for the Triduum. Your sacrifice of time and effort helped all who participated enter more deeply into the Holy Days and rejoice more fully in the Resurrection!

***SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTER: NORRIS PLAISANCE***

UNDERSTANDING THE TRUTHS  
OF  
SPIRITUAL  
WARFARE

Friday April 13, 2018

6:30pm

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Special Guest Speaker: Norris Plaisance

To understand the battle, we need to begin with acknowledging that we are in a war. Battles make up smaller components of the bigger picture. As Christians, we are in a spiritual battle of some sort on a daily basis. In warfare, battles are fought on different fronts, for different reasons, and with varying degrees of intensity. The same is true in spiritual warfare. Our spiritual battles and warfare are real, even though we cannot physically see the attacker. But, we can educate ourselves on how the battles are fought and how they impact our lives on a daily basis.

**Ephesians 6:10-18** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.