

MAY 5 & 6, 2018



Immaculate Conception Church

Parish Staff:

Rev. James Bastian (ext. 102)
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Miss Cynthia Curione

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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.

Rosary Prayed in May: 30 min. before
weekend Masses and Weds. Mass

Prayer and Communion 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 pa-
rishioners 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



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Visit the Immaculate Conception Website

icransomville.org

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MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

In the Catholic tradition, the month of May is dedicated to Mary. We remember the role she played in our salvation. By saying "Yes" to God, Mary enabled the Word to become flesh. Her faith allowed Jesus to enter into our world. Her faith is our example. We honor her in a special way this month.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	May	5	4:00 pm	In memory of Ethel Kyle req. by Margevich family
Sunday	May	6	8:30 am	In memory of Paiten Pierce req. by Judy Heppner family
			11:00 am	In memory of Harriett Worosz req. by Amy McQuay
Monday	May	7	9:00 am	In honor of Fathers Living & Deceased req. by Parishioners
Tuesday	May	8	9:00 am	Prayer and Communion Service
Wednesday	May	9	6:30pm	In memory of Agnes DeGolier req. by her sister Jan Zitzka
Thursday	May	10	9:00 am	In memory of Robert Bridgeman req. by Mary Zastrow
Friday	May	11	9:00 am	Prayer, Communion Service, Adoration
Saturday	May	12	4:00 pm	In memory of Robin Laubacker req. by husband Joe & girls
Sunday	May	13	8:30 am	In memory of Edward Johnson req. by Gary & Judy Heppner
			11:00 am	In memory of Matthew Marin req. by Marin Family

May Crowning at 11am Mass

**LECTIO DIVINA –
MEDITATION-**

As God did not create man for life in isolation, but for the formation of social unity, so also “it has pleased God to make men holy and save them not merely as individuals, without bond or link between them, but by making them into a single people, a people who acknowledges Him in truth and serves Him in holiness” (cf. Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, Chapter II, n. 9: AAS 57 [1965]. pp. 12-13). So from the beginning of salvation history He has chosen men not just as individuals but as members of a certain community. . . .

As the firstborn of many brethren and by the giving of His Spirit, [Jesus] founded after His death and resurrection a new brotherly community composed of all those who receive Him in faith and in love. This He did through His Body, which is the Church. There everyone, as members of one of the other, would render mutual service according to the different gift bestowed on each.



DIGGING DEEPER– SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 6, 2018 6th Sunday of Easter

"I have called you friends." Authentic friendship can seem hard to come by these days, especially in our transient society. We move away from family, change jobs, switch parishes, and end up in entirely new places with entirely new people. When we look for new friends, we all have different qualities we're looking for. While we may think of certain standards of behavior necessary to be a "good" friend, we would hardly refer to them as rules or "commandments."

In fact, if a friendship or romantic relationship--new or old--becomes characterized by imposed obligations, we would rightly be suspicious. Friendships, we understand, ought to be characterized by freedom. We love the person, even sacrifice for them at times because, within ourselves, we want to maintain the friendship. So why does Jesus use the language of command as he calls the Apostles his friends? "You are my friends if you do what I command you."

Jesus is radically transforming the concept of commandment. In the Jewish heritage of the Apostles, they would hear the word "command" and immediately think of the strict Levitical law and distance from God. In introducing the language of friendship, Jesus ties "commandment" to inner freedom of heart. The disciples have this freedom precisely because they know "what [the] Master is doing." Jesus has invited his followers into intimate friendship all along. He shares openly with them. He has patience with their flaws. He isn't scandalized by their failures. He celebrates their successes. We, too, have been called by love and invited into a relationship with Jesus. It is you and I that Jesus chooses and appoints. He does so personally, not from a distant mountain shrouded in clouds. This "new commandment" to "love one another" is received around the shared table in the breaking of the bread. LPi

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**HOLY DAY
OF OBLIGATION**

Holy Day Vigil Mass: Wed. May 9 at 6:30 pm

Holy Day Mass: Thurs. May 10 at 9:00am

IN OUR PARISH- SAVE THE DATES

Holy Name Society

Women's Breakfast

Sunday, May 20

9:30am-1pm

Fr. Nuwer Hall

The Holy Name Society invites all women of the parish to be served by the men of the parish a delicious breakfast just ...surprised by

Love



RSVP: Sign up in the Narthex or contact the parish office.

Cost: Free

Bring children, grandchildren or come solo.

Holy Name Society

Sponsors Roadside Clean-up

Thurs, May 24

5:30pm

Meet in Narthex

All men and women are invited to join the Holy Name Society men with the Route 429 Adopt a Highway Roadside Clean Up Thursday night at 5:30pm.



Holy Name Society
Co-sponsors

Parish Spring Clean Up Day

Saturday, June 2

10:00am-1pm

Church Grounds



All are invited (and needed) to help with Spring clean-up around our church grounds. We will be planting flowers and spreading mulch. Bring a shovel and some work gloves.

Holy Name Society

Meat Raffle

Saturday, June 16

5:30pm doors open; 6:00pm Raffles

Church Grounds



Tickets: \$5 and include 1 meal/drink ticket, and chance for 3 larger prize drawings and door prizes

Children under 18 free with parents

PARISH NURSING MINISTRY

The Parish Nursing Ministry is requesting the input of parishioners in helping them discern topics of interest as they develop and grow their ministry. In addition to free blood pressure screenings, the Nursing Ministry would like to offer workshops, as well as, invite speakers to talk on the topics that matter to YOU. Please complete this questionnaire and place it in the offering basket at Mass.

- ◇ Understanding Substance Abuse
- ◇ Advance Directives and Living Wills
- ◇ Hospice and end life care
- ◇ Elder law
- ◇ Nutrition/diet
- ◇ Diabetes
- ◇ Hip, knee and joint health
- ◇ Mental health/depression/Alzheimer's
- ◇ Organ donation
- ◇ Other _____

ROSARY ALTAR SCHOLARSHIP

Rosary Altar Society offering Annual College Scholarship



The Rosary Altar Society will Award a \$250 scholarship to an Immaculate Conception Parish graduating high school senior.

Eligible students must write a 1-2 page, double spaced essay, describing how their faith has helped them in a specific situation or gave them strength to help another person. Some examples include, but aren't limited to:

- Describe the situation and who was involved (you don't have to name the person)
- The interventions that were used
- How the situation was resolved and how it made you feel

Scholarship applicants must use the **back** of the essay to include their name, address, home telephone number, the college he or she will attend, and their anticipated major.

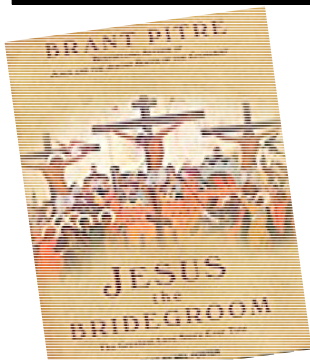
Essays should be mailed to:

Mrs. Linda Palmeri

5838 Joann Dr., Sanborn 14132

Essays must be received by May 25th, 2018

JUNE BOOK CLUB BOOK ANNOUNCED!



In the pages of *Jesus the Bridegroom*, dozens of familiar passages in the Bible—the Exodus, the Song of Songs, the Wedding at Cana, the Woman at the Well, the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, and even the Second Coming at the End of Time—are suddenly transformed before our eyes. Indeed, when seen in the light of Jewish Scripture and tradition, the life of Christ is nothing less than the greatest love story ever told! A must read! **Facilitator: Judy Kirkpatrick**

Sign up on bulletin board to reserve your copy by May 6 **2 Book Club dates and times to fit your schedule!**

Weds., June 6 at 7pm or

Thurs., June 7 at 10am

Cost: \$16 payable at meeting


ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY INVITES YOU TO PRAY THE ROSARY

During the Month of May, the Rosary Altar Society will lead the Rosary 30 minutes prior to all weekend Masses and Wednesday evening Masses. We encourage all parishioners to arrive early and share in this powerful prayer.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sat. May	5- Acts 16:1-10; Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5; John 1 5:18-21
Sun. May	6- Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17
Mon. May	7- Acts 16:11-15; Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 and 9 ;John 15:26--16:4
Tues May	8- Acts 16:22-34; Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 7-8; John 16:5-11
Wed. May	9- Acts 17:15, 22--18:1; Psalm 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; John 16:12-15
Thurs. May	10- Acts 18:1-8; Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 ; John 16:16-20
Fri. May	11- Acts 18:9-18; Psalm 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 ;John 16:20-23
Sat. May	12- Acts 18:23-28; Psalm 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 ;John 16:23b-28
Sun. May	13- Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 ;Ephesians 1:17-23



Congratulations on your First
COMMUNION

Cole J. Herrmann
Alexander M. Hylinger
Mariana F. Martin
Juliet M. Nicholson
Bryson A. Pallone
Logan R. Reinard
Bailey R. Rodger
Henry T. Wortkoetter

CARITAS

Lunch Thursday, May 17 at Noon
Fieldstone Restaurant

All seniors in the parish are invited to the Caritas Society Luncheon on May 17th at noon at Fieldstone Restaurant on Transit Road in Lockport. See the bulletin board for more information and to sign up to attend.

Golf Begins May 8, 9-9:30am
Gothic Hill Golf Course

All are welcome to join the Caritas Group at Gothic Hill Golf Course as they begin golfing on Tuesdays beginning May 8th (weather permitting). Contact Peter Palmieri at 731-2004 with questions.

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, Debbie Foe, Skip & Joan Freeland, Mary Gross, Lisa Harris, Ron Hicks, Haven Hiller, David Hestand, Norbert Kalleta, Cathy Kean, Donna Keener, Happy Klan, Angela Lissen, Lynn Maggioli, Rosa Margevich, Christopher McGillion, Charles McQuay, Peter Modaffari, Donovan Miller, Renee Morrison, Debbie Nolan, Leo Notaro, Heather Nugent, Wendy Osucha, Luke Pogram, Dennis Shaw, Noah Shelvay, Linsey Shelvay, Donald Sinclair, Andrew Stack, Bruce Stauff, Diane Taylor, Janice Turnbull, Kim Vallaincourt, Janice Ventimiglia, Florence Walker, Gerry Wick, Charlotte Wimett, Roberta & Clarence Walker, Mark Zastrow, Jeannine Ziolek

PARISH ACTIVITIES

- SAT./SUN 5/6—Rosary prayed 30 min before Mass**
- SUN. May 6—First Communion Liturgy 11am**
- TUES. May 8—Confirmation Rehearsal 6pm St. Raphael's**
- TUES. May 8—Caritas Golf**
- TUES. May 8—Confirmation at St. Raphael's 7pm**
- WED. May 9—Rosary prayed at 6pm**
- WED. May 9—I.C. Impact Teen Youth Group 6:30pm**
- THU. May 10—Knitting Group 1:00 pm**
- THU. May 10—AI Anon 7:00 pm**
- FRI. May 11—Adoration 10am-4pm**
- SUN. May 13—May Crowning 11am**
- SAT./SUN 12/13—Rosary prayed 30 min before 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 \$7/class or \$12/wk**

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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**.