

MAY 12 & 13, 2018

Immaculate Conception Church



Parish Staff:

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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
parishioners who are confined to their
homes because of any illness or other
infirmity. Call 731-4822 to make ar-
rangements.

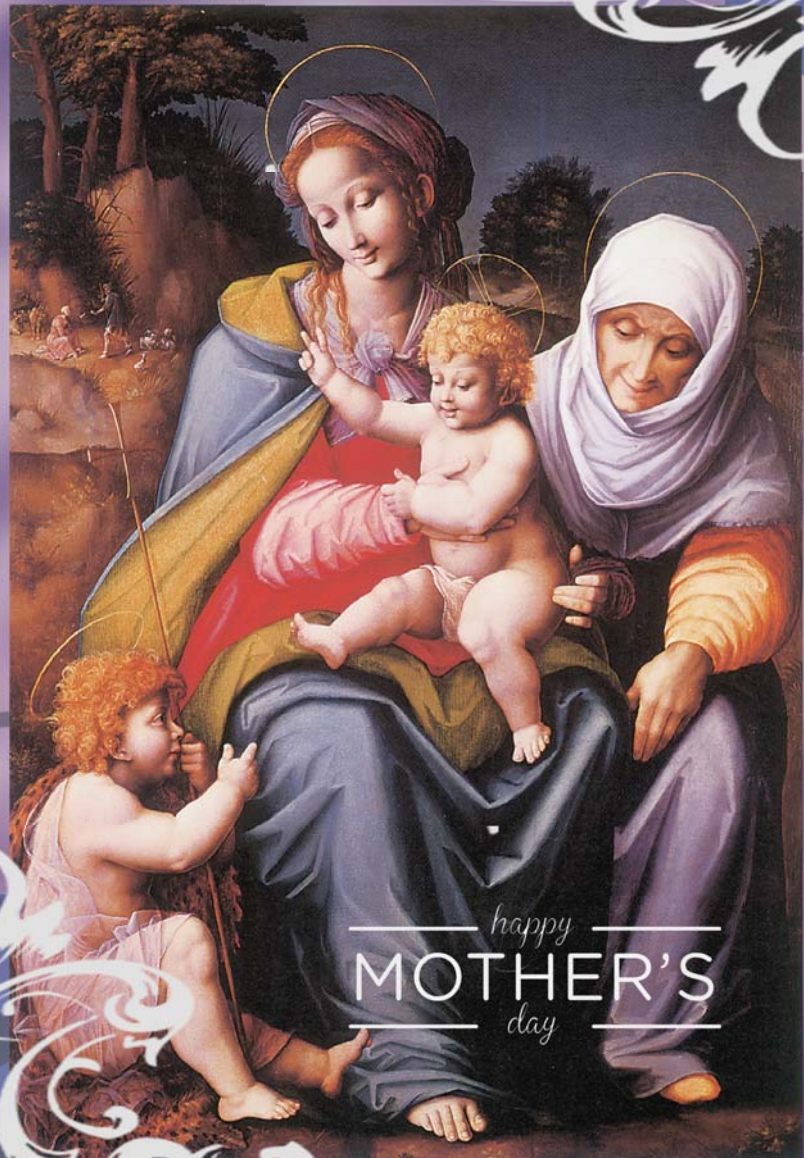
Outreach Program - Primary Contacts:

Mr. Michael Shaw 481-9001
Mr. Howard Morgan 417-7584

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2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Monday	May	14	9:00 am	Prayer and Communion Service
Tuesday	May	15	9:00 am	Prayer and Communion Service
Wednesday	May	16	6:30pm	In memory of Deceased Loved Ones req. by Parishioners
Thursday	May	17	9:00 am	In memory of Tony & Verny Antoncich req. by daughter Cindy
Friday	May	18	9:00 am	Prayer, Communion Service, Adoration
Saturday	May	19	4:00 pm	In memory of Knapp & Greaser Families req. by Gordon Knapp Family
Sunday	May	20	8:30 am	In memory of Edward Johnson req. by Gary & Judy Heppner
			11:00 am	For the Repose of the Soul of Harriett Laws req. by niece Donna Kelsch

LECTIO DIVINA – MEDITATION-

Reflect on your own life. What are your Summas? Is there anything that you do that is actually you trying to earn God’s love? Are there things in your life that you busy yourself with to avoid thinking about your longing for God and for love? Particularly, think of anything you do for the Church or in your local community. **How can you let God transform that thing so that it is actually an encounter of his love for you?**

Where do you see this pattern in your own life? Think of the people in your immediate circles. Are there times that you ignore their needs because you are too focused on your own? **How would this change if you believed that God loves you and wants to give you joy?**

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DIGGING DEEPER– SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 13, 2018 7th Sunday of Easter

This Sunday's Gospel is known as the "priestly prayer" of Jesus. The entire passage is Jesus entrusting us to the Father. "When I was with them I protected them ? I guarded them," Jesus says. He asks his Father, "Keep them in your name." In this prayer of Jesus, we see the paradoxical tension of our life as Christians in the world. He anticipates struggle for the believer. He describes it in strong words, words that could even appear frightening to the believer. "I gave them your word, and the world hated them." Not only that, but with our eyes on eternal life, we "do not belong to the world." And yet in the midst of those realities, Jesus doesn't take us out of the world. On the contrary, "as you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world."

Christians live in this tension daily. The call of Jesus often defies nice, neat categories. We uphold justice as virtue yet are invited to love our enemies. We offer gifts and generous hospitality to others while being reminded of the value of temperance. We are called to teach the truth of right and wrong without losing sight of the beam in our own eye. It can be difficult to find the balance in our own lives, and a Church that preaches moral perfection can easily fall under scrutiny when it falls short.

In the midst of these complications, Jesus offers a message of hope. He is well aware of the contradictions into which he sends us, and his Father will equip us accordingly. "Consecrate them in truth." "Keep them from the evil one." Jesus does not abandon us to the tensions of our time but remains near at hand by the grace alive in his Church. ^{1pt}

Special Memorial Day Service

Please join us in honoring the service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Deacon Paul will hold a Service in the Chapel here at Immaculate Conception on Memorial Day, May 28, at 9:00 a.m.. Please note that it will not be at the cemetery this year as Deacon Paul has difficulty walking on uneven surfaces. The Chapel is a better option for this service at this time.

IN OUR PARISH- SIGN UP ON BULLETIN BOARD

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

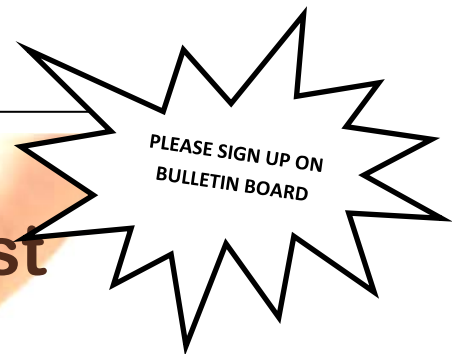
Saturday, June 2

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

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 for you.

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

Cost: Free

Bring children, grandchildren or come solo.

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



PROCEEDS TO HELP REPAIR CULVERTS AND REPAIR DRIVEWAY/PARKING LOT

A TEACHING MOMENT FROM THE RESPECT LIFE TEAM

Why Is Our Lady of Guadalupe , The Patroness of the Unborn?



Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego in December of 1531 with a message to him to build a shrine to God and dedicate it to her. Upon his petition to the Bishop, the Bishop did not believe Juan Diego. As proof that the apparition was real, Juan Diego gathered roses in his tilma (a type of pancho) which miraculously grew out of season. He spilled them out before the Bishop and upon doing so, the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe miraculously appeared on his tilma. In this image, Our Lady is pregnant, carrying the Son of God within her womb and her head is bowed down in submission to God. This miracle converted nine (9) million Aztecs from a world view of despair to one of hope, acknowledging that God is a God of life and love, and that He is present and very near to us. Our Lady of Guadalupe has been called the Patroness of the Unborn because she submits to God. Our Lady's image reminds us to live in that obedience to God each day, choosing life and love. The Aztec people were convicted to do the same, and even eliminated their barbaric practice of human sacrifices.

For those who are struggling with an unplanned pregnancy and find themselves in despair, may they turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe and find that same hope. May they find their strength in God's love made present in the miracle of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and find hope to courageously carry on in their pregnancy knowing that God is near.

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. 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

BOOK CLUB

Anyone interested in participating in the June book club and have not signed up yet should contact Judy Kirkpatrick to reserve your copy of *Jesus the Bridegroom*.

If you already reserved your copy, the books have been ordered and will be available for you in the Narthex when they arrive.

Book club sessions: (2 to choose from)

Weds, June 6 at 7pm or

Thurs., June 8 at 10am

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION



A Niagara Falls Eucharistic Procession will be held Sunday, June 3rd. It begins at 1pm at St. Mary of the Cataract Church, and processes down 3rd Street, Main Street and

Pine Avenue to St. Joseph's church. At 2pm, the procession leaves St. Joseph's and continues to Divine Mercy Church where the day concludes with Benediction and a reception.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



New Altar Server Training June 6 at 7pm

Any youth who has received their First Holy Communion is invited to become an Altar Server! This is a beautiful way to serve our beloved Church.

Questions? Contact Rae LaNasa at 754-1802

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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
Mon. May	14- Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
Tues. May	15- Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and ; John 21:20-25
Wed. May	16- Acts 25:13b-21; Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; John 21:15-19
Thurs. May	17- Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Psalm 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 ; John 17:20-26
Fri. May	18- Acts 20:28-38; Psalm 68: 29-30, 33-35, 35-36 ; John 17:11-19
Sat. May	19- Acts 20:17-27; Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21; John 17:1-11
Sun. May	20- Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 ; John 15:9-17



COMMUNITY EVENT

The Ransomville Library Basket Auction is on May 19th at the Ransomville Fire Hall. Over 100 baskets to raffle! Come and support their Summer Reading Program!

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Marilynn, Jeff Antoncich, Christine Blagus, Jason Busey, Francis Barone, Cheryl Cicero, Mark Corrairie, Janice DePlato, Lauren Devin, Jennette DiLorenzo, Diane Fallgotter, Mark Farmer, Faye Finley, Debbie Foe, Skip & Joan Freeland, Mary Gross, Lisa Harris, Ron Hicks, Haven Hiller, David Hestand, Norbert Kaleta, 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

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.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

End of the Year Banquet and New Officer Installation Dinner

The Rosary Altar Dinner will be held at Danny Sheehan's Steakhouse, 491 West Ave. in Lockport on Tuesday, June 5th beginning at 5:30pm. The cost is \$25. Sign up on the bulletin board.

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.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

- SAT./SUN 12/13—Rosary prayed 30 min before Mass**
- TUES. May 15—Caritas Golf 9-9:30am starts Gothic Hill**
- WED. May 16—Rosary prayed at 6pm**
- THU. May 17—I.C. Impact Teen Youth Group 6:30pm**
- THU. May 17—Knitting Group 1:00 pm**
- FRI. May 18—Adoration 10am-4pm**
- SUN. May 20—Women's Breakfast 9:30am-1pm**
- SAT./SUN 21/22—Rosary prayed 30 min before Mass**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 24 Roadside Clean up- Adopt a Highway 5:30pm
- June 2 Parish wide yardwork day 10am-1pm

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**