

June 16 & 17, 2018



Immaculate Conception Church

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Parish Staff:

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Trustees: Claire Curione, Kiersten
Ryndak

Safe Environment Coordinator:
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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Wednesday 6:00 - 6:25 p.m.
By appointment: 716-731-4822

Prayer Service Schedule:

Tuesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.

Mass Schedule:

Saturdays 4:00 p.m.
Sundays 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Monday, Thursday 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Adoration:

Adoration in Chapel every
Friday
10:00 a.m. until 4:00 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

RCIA Coordinator: Donna Kelsch

AI-Anon:

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

11th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of
God? It is like a mustard seed ... once it is sown,
it springs up and becomes the largest of plants."

- Mk 4:30a, 31a, 32

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 and uplifting litur-
gies, ministry, service and outreach."*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	June	16	4:00 pm	In memory of Joleen Sutton req. by Edward Margevich Family In memory of Daniel Sheehan req. by Jim Skinard
Sunday	June	17	8:30 am	In memory of Francis Mahar req. by wife Maryann
			11:00 am	In memory of Carol Rhoney req. by Pat & Ron Pantan & family
Monday	June	18	9:00 am	In memory of Deceased Loved Ones req. by Parishioners
Tuesday	June	19	9:00 am	Prayer and Communion Service
Wednesday	June	20	6:30pm	For the Respect For All Life req. by Rosary Altar Society
Thursday	June	21	9:00 am	In honor of Mothers Living and Deceased req. by Parishioners
Friday	June	22	9:00 am	Prayer, Communion Service, Adoration
Saturday	June	23	4:00 pm	In memory of Karl Wagner req. by Bev Crawford & Rose Carberry
Sunday	June	24	8:30 am	In memory of Lionel Barrick req. by Figurski Family
			11:00 am	In memory of Carol Raisig req. by Pat Simpson & Kay Humphrey

LECTIO DIVINA –

MEDITATION-

When we think about serving God we can get overwhelmed just thinking about where to start. The image of the mustard seed is meant to encourage us. It is okay that we are only one person. It is okay that we are small and that our abilities are few! **How does this image challenge your ideas of what it means to serve the Lord and build his Kingdom? What are some ways you can practically change your approach to spreading the Gospel away from worrying about numbers to simply loving one person at a time?**

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DIGGING DEEPER

June 17, 2018 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"This is how it is with the kingdom of God." What is a kingdom? Is it the brick and mortar that build up the castle? Is it the expanse of land a king can reasonably defend? Our notions of kingdoms may be romanticized in the modern era, but for the Israelites, a kingdom held deep historical meaning. Thousands of years before the birth of Christ, the Israelites had asked God for a king. After the reigns of David and Solomon, the united kingdom dissolved into factions, and the land was conquered by the Assyrians, Babylonians, and, finally, Romans. For the Israelites, a kingdom was something to build, both structurally and civilly. While this had ended in ruin for their ancestors, many of Jesus' contemporaries longed for the restoration of an earthly kingdom.

Jesus' words in today's Gospel are a radical departure from this perspective. He compares the Kingdom of God to a field, but it appears that the farmer has little to do with its progress. "The seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord, the land yields fruit." Jesus introduces his followers to a new sort of kingdom, a kingdom where God provides the growth.

There is work to be done, of course. "When the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come." But for the Kingdom of God to flourish, there are certain things that are outside of our control. We sow seeds of kindness, justice, and integrity? and then we must be patient. As shoots of faith appear, we nurture the growth with encouragement. As Christians, our task is not to build the Kingdom of God under our power alone, but to trust in the life-giving movement of God."

TEACHER APPRECIATION BRUNCH

Sunday, June 24 beginning with 8:30am Mass

In gratitude for your service to our parish, all Faith Formation teachers are invited to attend the 8:30am Mass on Sunday, June 24th followed by a light reception in your honor. We will also use this time to review the year and begin planning and idea sharing for next year. Please RSVP to Laurie if unable to attend. Lmuth@icransomville.org

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sat.	June	16- 1 Kings 19:19-21; Psalm 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10; Matthew 5:33-37
Sun.	June	17- Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34
Mon.	June	11- 1 Kings 21:1-16; Psalm 5:2-3, 4-6, 6-7 ; Matthew 5:38-42
Tues	June	12- 1 Kings 21:17-29; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 11 and 16; Matthew 5:43-48
Wed.	June	13- 2 Kings 2:1, 6-14; Psalm 31:20, 21, 24 ; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs.	June	14- Sirach 48:1-14; Psalm 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7; Matthew 6:7-15
Fri.	June	15- 2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Psalm 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18; Matthew 6:19-23
Sat.	June	16- 2 Chronicle 24:17-25; Psalm 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34 ; Mt 6:24-34
Sun.	June	17- Isaiah 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 ; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



A FATHER'S DAY MESSAGE BY POPE FRANCIS



Every family needs a father. The first need is this: that a father be present in a family. That he be close to his wife, sharing everything—joy and sorrow, hope and hardship. And that he be close to his children as they grow—when they play and when they strive, when they are carefree and when they are distressed, when they are talkative and when they are silent, when they are daring and when they are afraid, when they take a wrong step, and when they find their path again: a father who is always present. To say “present” is not to say “controlling.” Fathers who are too controlling stifle the spirit of their children; they don’t let them develop. The Gospel speaks to us about the exemplarity of the Father who is in Heaven who alone, Jesus says, can be truly called, “the good Father” (cf. Mk10:18). Everyone knows that extraordinary parable of the Prodigal Son, or better yet, the Merciful Father (Luke 15:11-32). What dignity and what tenderness there is in the expectation of that father who stands at the door of the house waiting for his son to return! Fathers must be patient. Often there is nothing else to do but wait; pray, and wait with patience, gentleness, magnanimity, and mercy. A good father knows how to wait, and he knows how to forgive from the depths of his heart. Certainly, he also knows how to correct with firmness: he is not a weak father, submissive and sentimental. The father who knows how to correct without humiliating is the one who knows how to protect without sparing himself... [All of this is, of course, not easy, so Fathers need God.] Without the grace that comes from the Father who is in Heaven, fathers lose courage and give up. Children need to find a father waiting for them when they come home after failing. They will do everything not to admit it, not to show it, but they need it. And not to find it opens wounds in them that are difficult to heal. The Church, our Mother, is committed to supporting with all her strength the good and generous presence of fathers in families, for they are the irreplaceable guardians and mediators of faith through their goodness, justice, and protection. —Excerpted from a catechesis on the family at a general assembly on February 4, 2015.

A PRAYER FOR FATHERS FROM THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

A Prayer for Fathers

Almighty God, you have taught us that you are the Father of us all,
 And that all fatherhood takes its origin from you.
 You protect us from evil
 And provide our daily bread.
 You are strength and integrity, blessing and the font of life.
 We thank you, then, for our fathers.
 Though human, they are also a reflection of you, Lord God.
 They are your gift to us.
 We pray for all fathers today.
 May they realize the greatness of their vocation
 And have the strength to live it without fear.
 Forgive their sins, and keep their eyes raised up to you
 To those who still make this earthly journey with us,
 Give us the grace to love them as we should;
 And to those whom you have called from this life,
 Give a special place of honor in the heavenly kingdom
 With you, the Father of all.
 We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen. Priests for Life



TRAVELING MASS AT LAZY LAKES CAMPGROUND



This past Wednesday, parishioners gathered at Lazy Lakes Campground in Ransomville and brought Holy Mass to the campers! Gathered in the beautiful clubhouse overlooking the peaceful ponds, Mass was celebrated with both campers and parishioners alike. The Traveling Mass calls to mind Matthew 22:9: "Go to the main crossroads and invite everyone you can find to the wedding," and to the message of St. John Paul which encourages the faithful to bring Christ to the people. Our next Wednesday night Traveling Mass will July 18th at the gazebo in the Town of Cambria. Stay tuned for more information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Marilynn, Carolin Adamson, Jeff Antoncich, Christine Blagus, Devin Burns, Jason Busey, Cheryl Cicero, Mark Corraine, Janice DePlato, Lauren Devin, Diane Fallgotter, Faye Finley, Debbie Foe, Skip & Joan Freeland, Mary Gross, Lisa Harris, Haven Hiller, Nicole Hiller, Norbert Kaleta, Cathy Kean, Donna Keener, Angela Lissen, Lynn Maggioli, Christopher McGillion, Charles McQuay, Donovan Miller, Renee Morrison, John Moudy, Debbie Nolan, Leo Notaro, Heather Nugent, Wendy Osucha, Dennis Shaw, Noah Shelvay, Linsey Shelvay, Donald Sinclair, Andrew Stack, Deacon Paul Stankiewicz, Bruce Stauff, Diane Taylor, Kim Vallaincourt, Janice Ventimiglia, Florence Walker, Gerry Wick, Charlotte Wimet, Roberta & Clarence Walker, and Mark Zastrow,

MEMORIAL MASS

A Memorial Mass for Mark Farmer will be held on June 22nd at 6pm at St. Phillip the Apostle 950 Lawson Road in Cheektowaga.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

- SAT. June 23— **Movie Night** following 4pm Mass
- SUN. June 24— **RE Teacher Appreciation Brunch** 9:30 am
- MON. June 25— **Marios Pet Food Pantry** 11am —noon
- TUE. June 26— **Caritas Golf** 9 am Gothic Hill Golf Course
- WED. June 27— **Confession** 6:00-6:25pm
- WED. June 27— **Finance Council** 7:00pm
- WED. June 27— **Praise & Worship** 7:00pm
- THU. June 28— **Knitting Group** 1:00 pm
- THU. June 28— **IC Imapct Teen Youth Group** 6:30 pm
- FRI. June 29— **Eucharistic Adoration** 10:00 am— 4pm.
- SAT. June 30— **Wedding** 1pm
- SAT./SUN. — **Blood Pressure Screenings**
- SAT./SUN. — **Anointings after all Masses**

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

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP



Congratulations to Seth and Nick!

The Rosary Altar Society would like to congratulate this year's \$250 Scholarship recipients:

Seth Warner is a graduating senior from Newfane High School. He plans to attend NCCC to study Mechanical Design Technology. **Nicholas Seider** is a graduating senior from Wilson High School. In the Fall, he plans to attend the University of Buffalo where he will study Computer Engineering.

PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Movie Series Begins Saturday, June 23

5:00pm-Following Mass
Church Hall

Hot dogs and popcorn will be provided.

Sign up on bulletin board. Bring a lawn chair for added comfort

Movie Feature: Let There Be Light



August 6-10

9:30 a.m.—noon

Pre-K - grade 6

More information to come or

Contact Laurie Muth

lmuth@icransomville.org

What do kids do at VBS?

- Outdoor games
- Learn Bible stories
- Enjoy Music
- Make Crafts
- Eat Snacks
- Waterworks Day
- Scavenger Hunts
- Make friends
- Grow in their faith
- And much more

Crafters/Teachers Needed for VBS!

Sign up on bulletin board

Parish Picnic

Volunteers wanted

- To help on the grill
- To help with outdoor games
- To donate side dishes
- To help with set up
- To help with take down
- To help in the kitchen for a short time
- To monitor bounce house for a short time



Save the Date:

**August 12
at noon**

Sign up on bulletin board

STEWARDSHIP

PARISH INCOME FOR JUNE 9 & 10, 2018

Offertory Collection	\$3,346.00
Online Giving.....	\$694.30
Cath. Communication Campaign.....	\$225.30
Church in Latin America (Addt'l).....	\$10.00
Ascension (Addt'l).....	\$10.00
Renovation Fund.....	\$455.00
Children.....	\$4.00

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