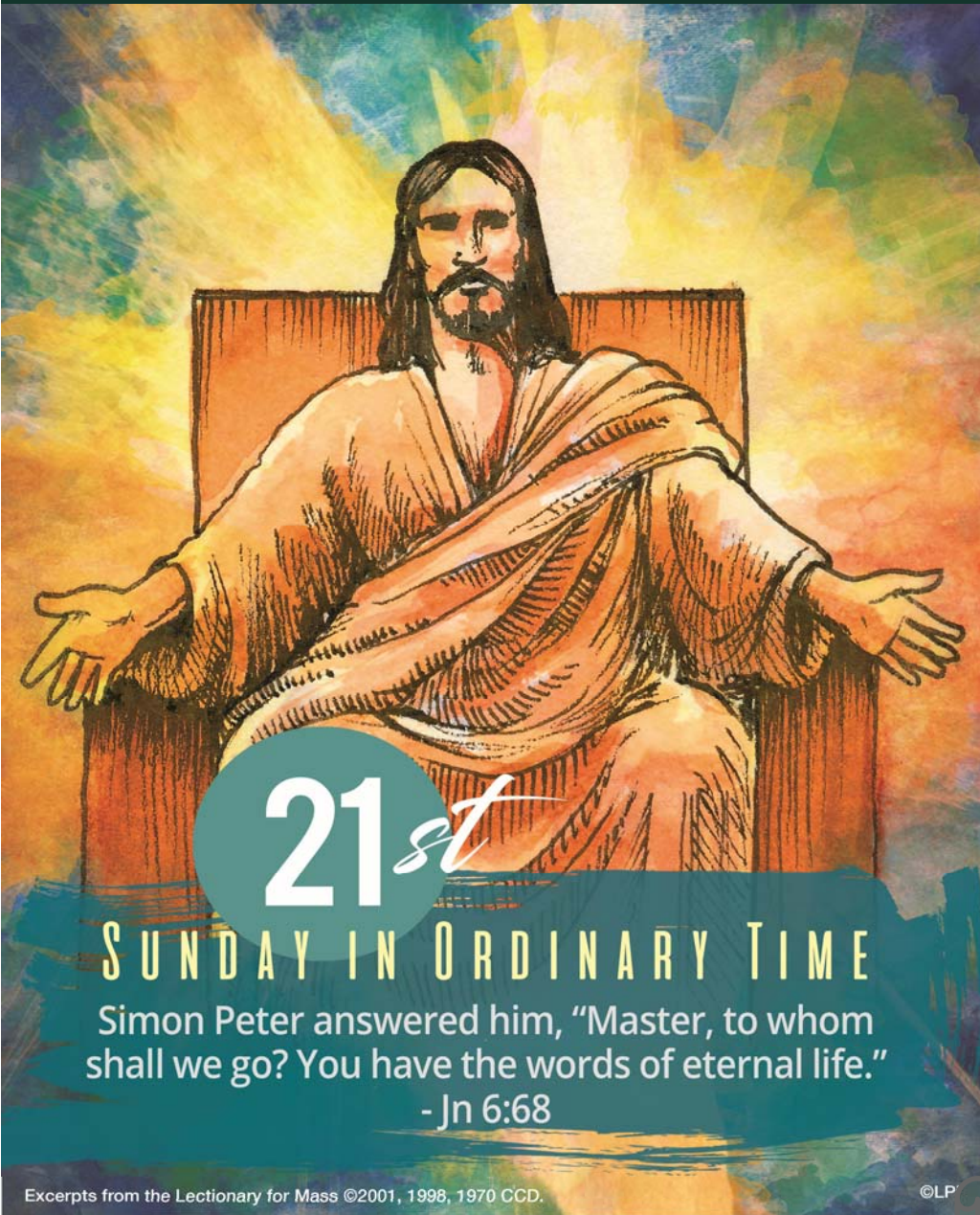


August 25 & 26, 2018



Immaculate Conception Church

4671 Townline Road, Ransomville, New York 14131 www.Iransomville.org FORMED.org Code: X7RQGP



21st

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

- Jn 6:68

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Parish Staff:

Rev. James Bastian (ext. 102)
Dcn. Paul Stankiewicz, Deacon Emeritus
Mrs. Mary Zastrow (ext. 101), Secretary
Mrs. Laurie Muth (ext. 103), Pastoral Associate
Mr. Hugh Benton, Custodian
Mr. Marc Mosher, Maintenance

Safe Environment Coordinator
Miss Cynthia Curione, volunteer

RCIA Coordinator:
Donna Kelsch

Trustees: Claire Curione, Kiersten Ryndak

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. 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.

Narcotics Anonymous: meets every Monday 7:30pm-9:30pm

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 liturgies, ministry, service and outreach."

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday | August | 25 | 4:00 pm | In memory of George & Ruth Banks req.by Paul & Irene Banks |
| Sunday | August | 26 | 8:30 am | In memory of David Wik req. by Angie Inzinna |
| | | | 11:00 am | In memory of Jacqueline Kennedy req. by Heppner Family |
| Monday | August | 27 | 9:00 am | In memory of Rita J. Cronce req. by daughter Bonnie Cronce |
| Tuesday | August | 28 | 9:00 am | Prayer and Communion Service |
| Wednesday | August | 29 | 6:30pm | In memory of Bob Favero req. by Donna Kelsch |
| Thursday | August | 30 | 9:00 am | In honor of Mothers Living & Deceased req. by Parishioners |
| Friday | August | 31 | 9:00 am | Prayer, Communion Service, Adoration |
| Saturday | September | 1 | 4:00 pm | In memory of Jim Lombardi req. by Carol & Cliff Koppmann |
| Sunday | September | 2 | 8:30 am | In memory of Lionel Barrick req. by Perno Family |
| | | | 11:00 am | In memory of Ron Kurek req. by wife Barb and family |

LECTIO DIVINA –

MEDITATION-

Questions to reflect on this week:

First Reading

Just prior to his death, Joshua (who succeeded Moses in leading the Israelites into the Promised Land) declared his complete fidelity to the God of Israel: "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

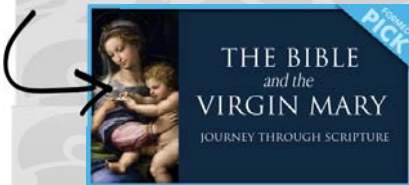
How do you bear witness to your faith to family and friends?

Second Reading

In the closing part of his letter to the Ephesians, Paul addresses household codes of conduct for believers. In this regard, Paul speaks of the love between husband and wife as analogous to the love between Christ and the Church, concluding "this is a great mystery." What do you find compelling in Paul's words on marriage?

Gospel Reading

The Bread of Life Discourse concludes with John reporting that many of Jesus' disciples "no longer accompanied" him. How do you react to family or friends who choose to walk away from Jesus?



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DIGGING DEEPER

August 26, 2018 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"This saying is hard; who can accept it?" The words of Jesus' disciples in today's Gospel must sound familiar. At some point in our lives, you and I have said it about some article of our faith. Christianity makes firm demands on our ethical behavior and gives no easy answers for suffering. Many disciples were confused and dismayed by Jesus' words in the Bread of Life Discourse. Not all of them, however, had the same reaction. When the disciples question Jesus' teaching, he confirms its truth. "The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life." For some, Jesus' reassurance was not enough. These disciples do not question Jesus further or wrestle with their lack of understanding. The mighty deeds Jesus has done fade to the background. "Many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." For them, their doubt proves too much.

Jesus turns to the Twelve, knowing that confusion lives in their hearts as well. Peter answers. "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Notice this is not a confession of perfect understanding. It is a confession of faith in Jesus. The precise words may still confuse them, but they believe the One who said them.

In our own lives, we face doubt, confusion, and disillusionment in our Christian faith. The same choice available to the disciples is available to us. Do you have faith in Jesus, even when you lack perfect understanding? Will you stay or will you go? What do you do with your doubt?

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TRAVELING OUTDOOR MASS



This Wednesday, August 29

6:30 pm

Ransomville Library Gazebo
 3733 Ransomville Rd.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR...**FALL CRAFT FAIR****Saturday, September 15, 2018****9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.**

Basket Auction, 50/50 Raffle

Food including roast beef, chili, loaded potatoes

Children's fun zone including face painting!Gift Items, Blankets, Primitives, Jewelry, Candles,
Home Décor and much more!**Start your holiday shopping early!****Religious Education****Classes Now Forming****Returning Families:** Look for your registration in the mail.**First year students and new families:** Please call the office to have a registration form mailed to you.**Classes begin on Sunday, September 23rd** from 9:30am– 10:45am.**Teaching Assistants Needed****God doesn't call the equipped...he equips the called.** Please contact Laurie in the Parish office. We are in need of aides and substitutes**AN INVITATION FROM BISHOP MALONE**Bishop Malone and the Diocese of Buffalo would like to invite couples who are celebrating their 50th, 60th, and 70th Anniversaries of Marriage in 2018, to a special Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday October 14 at 10:30 a.m.

During the Mass couples will have the chance to renew their marriage vows, and celebrations will be followed with an informal reception at the Adam's Mark Hotel.

If interested, call the church office by September 4th, so that Mary Zastrow can add you to the list.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ...**

Marilynn, Carolin Adamson, Jeff Antoncich, Christine Blagus, Devin Burns, Jason Busey, Mark Corraine, Janice DePlato, Lauren Devin, Jim & Edith Faery, Diane Fallgotter, Faye Finley, Debbie Foe, Joan Freeland, Mary Gross, Lisa Harris, Haven Hiller, Nicole Hiller, Norbert Kaleta, Cathy Kean, Donna Keener, Angela Lissen, Lynn Maggioli, Kenneth Mayer, 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, Sharon Trentini, Kim Vallaincourt, Janice Ventimiglia, Florence Walker, Gerry Wick, Charlotte Wimett, Roberta & Clarence Walker, and Mark Zastrow

PARISH ACTIVITIES**SAT/SUN — Blood Pressure Screenings****SUN Aug 26— Baptism Noon****MON. Aug 27—Pet Food Pantry 11am –noon****TUE. Aug 28—Caritas Golf 9 am****WED. Aug 29— Outdoor Traveling Mass Ransomville Library Gazebo 6:30pm****THU. Aug 30—Knitting Group 1:00 pm****FRI. Aug 31— Eucharistic Adoration 10:00 am– 4pm.****SAT. Sept 1— Confession 3:15-3:45pm****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/wkIf you would like to have a name added to or taken off of the prayer list, please call the parish office at **731- 4822**.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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| Sat. | August | 25- Ezekiel 43:1-7; Psalm 85:9 and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Matthew 23:1-12 |
| Sun. | August | 26- Joshua 24:1-2, 15-17, 18; Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69 |
| Mon. | August | 27- 2Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12; Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5 ;Matthew 23:13-22 |
| Tues | August | 28- 2Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17 ;Psalm 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b];Mt 23:23-26 |
| Wed. | August | 29- 2Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18;Psalm 128:1-2, 4-5 [1];Mk 6:17-29 |
| Thurs. | August | 30- 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 ;Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1];Mt 24:42-51 |
| Fri. | August | 31- 1 Corinthians 1:17-25 ;Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5];Mt 25:1-13 |
| Sat. | September | 1- 1 Corinthians 1:26-31;Psalm 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 [12];Mt 25:14-30 |
| Sun. | September | 2- Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 ;Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a];Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27;Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 |

CANDLES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Sanctuary Candle Chapel:
In loving memory of **Matthew Marin**
req. by Marin Family

St. Joseph Candle:
In loving memory of **Fran Mahar**
req. by wife Maryann Mahar



Sanctuary Candle Church:
In loving memory of **William Doty & Jeff Wassell**
req. by Louise Doty

Blessed Mother Candle:
In loving memory of **Joanne Johnson**
req. by **Darlene Fegatilli**



CATHOLICISM UNCORKED IS BACK!!!!

CATHOLICISM

Save the Date



Friday Night
September 7th
Topic: Humanae Vitae.



More details to follow.

Rosary Altar Society

First meeting of the year:

Tuesday, September 4, 6:30pm Rosary, 7pm meeting
Please bring Christmas cards for Stockings for Soldiers

Caritas Society

September Luncheon at Knead the Dough
3768 Ransomville Rd, Ransomville

There will be a Caritas Luncheon on Thursday,
September 20, 11:30am

Oder off of the menu. Sign up on bulletin board

Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille... A lifeline for marriages

- ◇ Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- ◇ Are you frustrated hurt or angry with your spouse?
- ◇ Are you constantly fighting? Or do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does just talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille provides marriage help!

Next Retrouvaille weekend is September 21-23

For confidential information or to register for the weekend visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call

1-800-470-2230