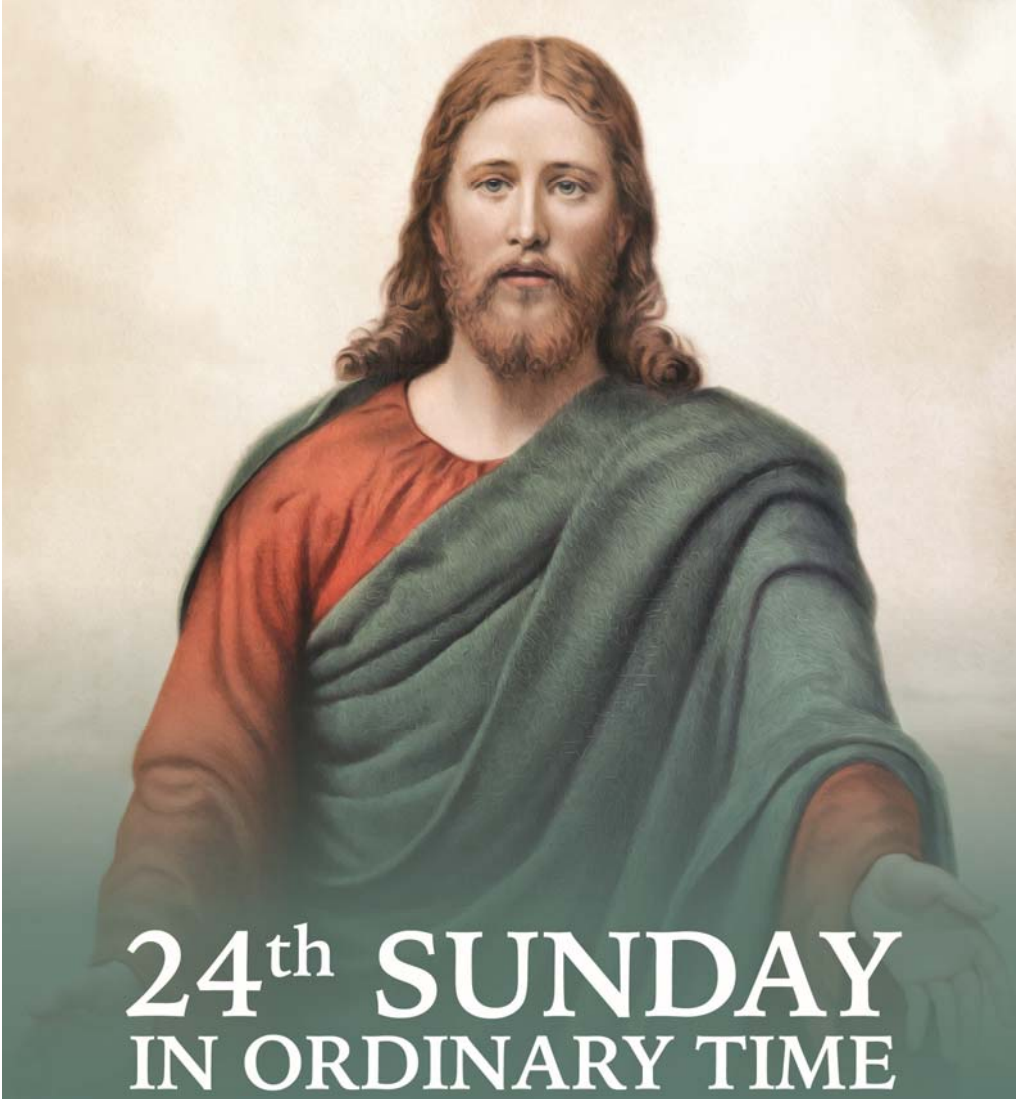


September 15 & 16, 2018



Immaculate Conception Church

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



24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” - Mk 8:34b

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.”

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
Karli Leggett, Bulletin (ext. 106)
Marina Muth, Website
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

Communion/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

Al-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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	September 15	4:00 pm	In memory of Lionel Barrick req. by Perno Family
Sunday	September 16	8:30 am	In memory of Evelyn Curione req. by Jan Zitzka
		11:00 am	In memory of Matthew Marin req. by Marin Family
Monday	September 17	9:00 am	In memory of Fathers Living & Deceased req. by Parishioners
Tuesday	September 18	9:00 am	Prayer and Communion Service
Wednesday	September 19	6:30pm	In memory of Maureen Devin req. by Shanahan & Devin Families
Thursday	September 20	9:00 am	In memory of Deceased Loved Ones req. by Parishioners
Friday	September 21	9:00 am	Prayer, Communion Service, Adoration
Saturday	September 22	4:00 pm	In memory of Knapp & Greaser Families req. by Gordon Knapp Family
Sunday	September 23	8:30 am	In memory of Edward (Ned) Johnson req. by Johnson Family
		11:00 am	In memory of Eugene Ruzskowski req. by Wife Dorothy

LECTIO DIVINA –

MEDITATION-

Questions to reflect on this week:

First Reading

We hear today how the prophet Isaiah suffered, even though he was innocent of any wrongdoing. Yet Isaiah put his trust in the Lord. What does this tell us about Isaiah's character?

Second Reading

James emphasizes the importance of faith producing good works. What good works do you do that stem from your faith?

Gospel Reading

Jesus asks the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter rightly identifies him as the Messiah but fails to see the role of Jesus' suffering. Why do you think Peter (and many modern believers) struggles with the idea of a suffering Messiah?

FORMED is available to parishioners as a gift from Immaculate Conception. It is an online resource with all things Catholic. Catholic Bible studies, audio books, movies and more.



EMBER DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING

September 19, 21, and 22

The term *Ember days* refers to three *days* set apart for fasting, abstinence, and prayer. Fr. Jim has invited all parishioners to join him in observing the upcoming Autumn Ember Days in reparation for sins committed by clergy and the episcopacy. *"Some sins, like demons, can only be driven out through prayer and fasting"*

DIGGING DEEPER

September 16, 2018 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We know the signs of defeat: slumped shoulders, downcast eyes, a chastened demeanor. For those of us sincerely trying to follow Jesus, defeat is inevitable. We commit to spending more time with our kids, but that one project still looms. We resolve to be a good person, but our selfishness strikes again. It can be easy to get discouraged over our moral failures. Today's Gospel is a small, intriguing look at this process in the life of St. Peter. First, Jesus' questions get the Apostles thinking about his true identity. This results in a confession of faith from Peter: "You are the Christ." Eager faith characterizes Peter's relationship with Jesus. First to follow, first to leap out of the boat, and, we know, first to deny. It's the latter tendency that manifests itself later in the Gospel. When Jesus predicts the Passion, "Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him." Jesus' rebuke in turn is stinging. While Peter's caution to Jesus is in private, Jesus intentionally turns back to the others as he declares, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Like Peter, we rarely get it right all the time. Peter understood that Jesus was the Messiah, but he had a false concept of what that Messiah would accomplish. Jesus wants to make sure the rest of the disciples don't follow down the wrong road. The Christian life is a difficult one, as Jesus later tells the crowds. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself." Yet the mercy of God is abundant. If we renew our trust and our efforts after a fall, every defeat is transformed into redemptive grace. "Whoever loses his life for my sake ? will save it."

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Caritas Society

**September Luncheon at Knead the Dough
3768 Ransomville Rd, Ransomville**

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

ELVIS TRIBUTE



Saturday September 29th
Cost: \$25
Dinner: 5:15pm
Show: 6:30pm
Tickets available in the Narthex after all Masses

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Classes Now Forming

Classes begin on Sunday, September 23rd from 9:30am– 10:45am.

Please remember to send in your registration forms

HEATH MINISTRY PRESENTS



Advanced Directive & DNR Workshop
Sunday, September 23rd
Following the 8:30 am Mass
in the office building.

UNDERSTANDING THE ADVANCED DIRECTIVES & MAKING HEALTH CARE DECISIONS NOW!

About the workshop: Advance directives are legal documents that allow you to spell out your decisions about end of life care ahead of time. They give you a way to tell your wishes to your family, friends, and healthcare professionals and to avoid confusion later on.

The forms we will be learning about: Medical / Health Care Power of Attorney, Living Will, Do Not Resuscitate

Pet Blessing at IC Honors St. Francis of Assisi

Blessing of the Pets

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi

There will be a **Blessing of Animals**

Saturday, October 6 at 2:00 pm

Meet at St. Francis Statue



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, and Mark Zastrow

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.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

- MON. Sept 17— Narcotics Anonymous 7:30pm**
- TUES. Sept. 18— Caritas Bowling 10 am** Lewiston Event Center
- WED. Sept. 19— Confession 6:00-6:25pm**
- WED. Sept. 19— Security Meeting 7:00pm**
- WED. Sept. 19— Bible Study 7:15pm**
- THU. Sept 20— Caritas Lunch 11:30 am** Knead the Dough
- THU. Sept 20— Knitting Group 1:00 pm**
- THU. Sept 20— Faith Essentials class 6:30-8:30pm**
- FRI. Sept. 21— Eucharistic Adoration 10:00 am– 4pm.**
- SAT. Sept 22— Grass Cutters Appreciation Dinner 5:30pm**
- SUN. Sept 23— First Day of Religious Ed 9:45-10:45am**
- SUN. Sept 23— Bible Study 9:45-10:45am**
- SUN. Sept 23— Advanced Directives Workshop following 8:30am Mass in office buliding**
- SUN. Sept 23— Café reopens after Sunday Masses**

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sat.	September 15-	1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Psalm 116:12-13, 17-18; John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35
Sun.	September 16-	Isaiah 50:5-9; Psalm 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35
Mon.	September 17-	1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33; Psalm 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17; Luke 7:1-10
Tues	September 18-	1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31; Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 4, 5; Luke 7:11-17
Wed.	September 19-	1 Corinthians 12:31--13:13; Psalm 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22; Luke 7:31-35
Thurs.	September 20-	1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 28; Luke 7:36-50
Fri.	September 21-	Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5; Matthew 9:9-13
Sat.	September 22-	1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Psalm 56:10-12, 13-14; Luke 8:4-15
Sun.	September 23-	Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6-8; James 3:16--4:3; Mark 9:30-37

Support our Troops This Christmas

SOME OF THE THINGS WE NEED

- ★ Any Small Fun Adult Games
- ★ Bobby Pins
- ★ Brushes
- ★ Bubbles
- ★ Candy/Candy Canes
- ★ Chapstick/Blistex
- ★ Chips
- ★ Cigars
- ★ Clear Nail Polish
- ★ Combs
- ★ Craft Items
- ★ Decks Of Cards
- ★ Dental Floss
- ★ Deodorant
- ★ Dice
- ★ Disposable Razors
- ★ Drink Flavoring
- ★ Flashlights
- ★ Glow Sticks/ Reflective Items
- ★ Gum
- ★ Hair Ties
- ★ Hand Sanitizer
- ★ Hats
- ★ Hot Sauce
- ★ Jerky
- ★ Lighters
- ★ Lip Gloss
- ★ Nuts
- ★ Pens - Pencils
- ★ Phone Cards
- ★ Shaving Cream
- ★ Lotion, sun block
- ★ (no bar soap, please)
- ★ Socks
- ★ T-Shirts
- ★ Toothbrushes



Stocking for Soldiers 2018

The Rosary Altar Society is asking for your assistance in supporting our troops this Christmas. We will be collecting items to fill Christmas stockings which will be shipped in December to servicemen and women.

The Collection bins are located near the Sacristy



Food Pantry/Care Givers Ministry

Non Perishable Food Items Needed

This is the time of year when we need to replenish our food pantry for the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We are in need of canned goods, cake mixes, stuffing, etc. Please remember that we are unable to accept outdated food items. If you or someone you know are in need, please contact the parish office. All information is confidential. Place items in bin near the Sacristy.



STEWARDSHIP

PARISH INCOME FOR SEPTEMBER 1 & 2, 2018

Offertory Collection	\$3721.00
Online Giving	\$962.38
Renovation Fund	\$59.00
Mission Co-Op (Add'l).....	\$1.00
Priest Retirement Fund (Add'l)	\$1.00
Assumption (Add'l).....	\$2.00

Narcotics Anonymous

NA meets at Immaculate Conception every Monday from 7:30-9:00pm in the Cronin/Crissy Room

In Our Faith Community— Brought to you by the Respect Life Committee



You are invited to join the "40 Days For Life" Fall Campaign, the largest Pro-Life mobilization in history, bringing together record numbers of prayer volunteers across all 50 states and all around the world to pray, fast and publicly stand for Life!

Since the inception of our Buffalo campaign in 2007, many babies (and their families) have been spared the tragedy of abortion because of the faithful prayer and fasting of more than 500 local volunteers.

Please consider performing a spiritual work of mercy by sacrificing one hour or more of your time at our peaceful, prayerful and lawful vigil in front of the Buffalo Women Services facility at 2500 Main Street, in Buffalo, NY. Organize a parish group to participate if you can. The campaign will run from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM daily from **September 26 through November 4**. Logging onto <http://40daysforlife.com/register/> will take you directly to the Sign-Up menu or You may also contact Cathy Agugliaro at 946-0126. Once signed in you can select the day and time most convenient for you.

Please spread the word and encourage others to join this Life-saving campaign. Feel free to contact Gene Mendrysa at (716) 634-8997, or at buffalo40dfl@gmail.com for more information as you consider committing one hour or more to promoting a culture of Life. Sign up today! All are welcomed!

Volunteers Needed



We are again putting crosses on the church lawn near the Respect Life sign for Respect Life Sunday. It is meant to be a reminder that we are all called to love and celebrate human life, especially the most vulnerable. We can do this by

protecting the unborn, serving those faced with disabilities, caring for the sick, and standing against violence. Volunteers are needed to help the Conformation students install the crosses on **Sunday, October 7** from 9:30am-10:45am. Holy Rosary prayed afterward.

Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Be a Part of the Life Chain



Sunday, October 7th marks the beginning of the Annual Respect Life Program in which the Buffalo Diocese is once again forming the Life Chain. Life Chain is a powerful witness of pro-life Americans, standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. Thousands of pro-lifers throughout the United States will take a stand for life and

our diocese will stand along Niagara Falls Boulevard from Buffalo to Niagara Falls. Our church community will stand in prayer at 101st Street (and park in the Allstate parking lot) where signs will be available. **We will stand from 2-3pm.** Rain or Shine! Bring a chair if you need one. Dress warm (even wear gloves!).

Rosary Crusade for World Peace



You are cordially invited to celebrate the 38th Annual Rosary Crusade for World Peace on

**Sunday, October 7, 2018
2-3:30pm**

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine
1023 Swann Road, Lewiston

Guest Speaker: Ann Marie Zon, a Lay Missionary in Nicaragua

Rosary Procession, Blessing of Children & Unborn Babies,
Blessing of Children, Benediction

Summit Life Outreach Banquet



Let Life Shine on Annual
Banquet

When: October 11th from 6:00pm-9:00pm

Where: Antonio's Banquet & Conference Center (located in the Quality Inn Hotel) 7708 Niagara Falls Blvd.

Cost: \$50. For tickets see Cathy A. or Kathy Z. or call the center 716-298-8600

Special Guest: Roxanne Kalata Ertel, BA, CNMT, RDMS, Clinical Instructor and Educator, Medical Sonography training in the nurse sonographer field for pregnancy resource centers. Also, come meet some of their clients and their children saved from abortion.