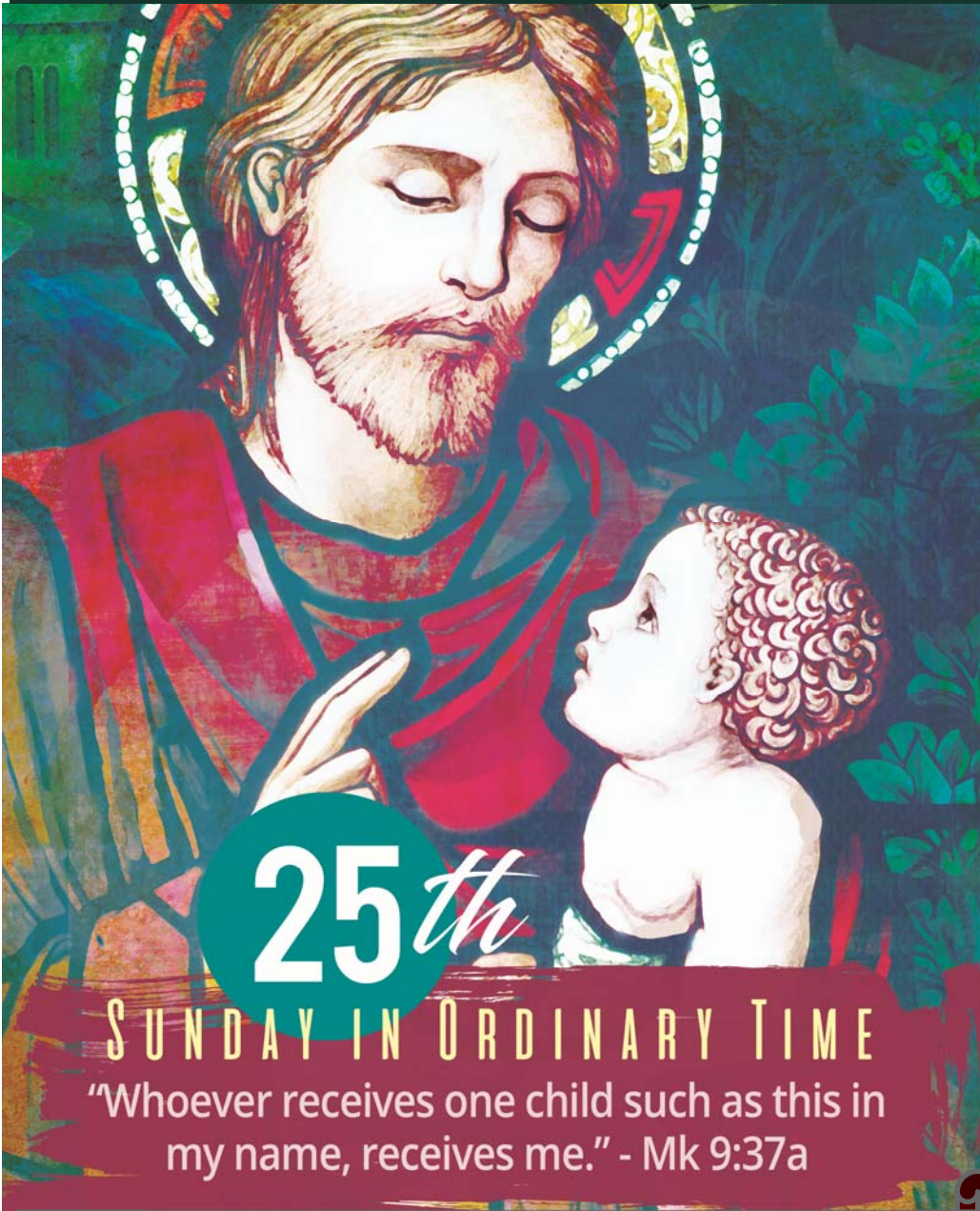




Immaculate Conception

September 22 & 23, 2018

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



25th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:37a

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

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

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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 Ruszkowski req. by Wife Dorothy
Monday	September 24	9:00 am	For the intentions of Jenna Burke req. by her Aunt Jill Webb
Tuesday	September 25	9:00 am	Prayer and Communion Service
Wednesday	September 26	6:30pm	In memory of Mark Farmer req. by Kathy Campbell & Family
Thursday	September 27	9:00 am	In memory of Mothers Living & Deceased req. by Parishioners
Friday	September 28	9:00 am	Prayer, Communion Service, Adoration
Saturday	September 29	4:00 pm	In memory of John D. Reynolds req. by Wife Joanne
Sunday	September 30	8:30 am	In memory of Lionel Barrick req. by Lozinsky Family

LECTIO DIVINA –

MEDITATION-

Questions to reflect on this week:

First Reading

We hear from the Wisdom writer the mindset of those who oppose God. Where do you see this mentality in the world today?

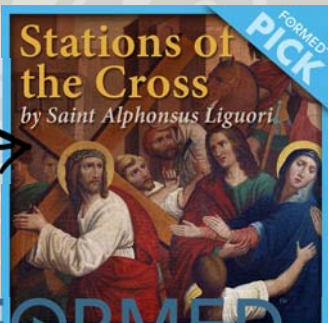
Second Reading

James speaks of one's passions as the source of much conflict in the world and in ourselves. Which of your passions have caused conflict for you?

Gospel Reading

Jesus teaches the disciples today that true discipleship requires humility and simplicity. In what ways is this condition of discipleship a challenge for you?

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DIGGING DEEPER

September 23, 2018 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Oscars. The Super Bowl. TV talent shows. Your son's Little League championship. We live in a culture set on competition. The desire to "be the best" goes beyond hobbies and into politics, the corporate world, and parenting comparisons at the park. This desire is as old as the human race, and it surely arose in Jesus' day. While Biblical society was significantly less open and upwardly mobile than our own, power was attractive. From what we know, many of Jesus' disciples had come from lowly backgrounds. Now they followed an increasingly popular rabbi who seemed primed to do something big.

Jesus does his best to dissuade their high hopes by prophesying his own defeat. "The Son of Man is to be handed over ? and they will kill him." Internalizing the message proves challenging for the disciples, and their attention remains fixed on earthly glory. "They ? [discuss] among themselves on the way who was the greatest." True to style, Jesus flips their pretensions on their heads. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

We have heard these Biblical principles before. Do we believe them? In our professional lives, do we do whatever we can to get ahead, or are we concerned with the entire team succeeding? In the lives of our children, are we more concerned with victory or with building character? Jesus doesn't condemn success, but he reframes it. "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." Today's Gospel is a reality check. In God's eyes, our success will not be measured by worldly output alone but by how much love and service we offer to others in the process.

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Like us on Facebook! Follow us on Instagram username:

Immaculateconceptionchurch1891 for daily Catholic posts, and information on upcoming parish events.



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
- ★ Glow Sticks/ Reflective Items
- ★ Gum
- ★ Hair Ties
- ★ Hand Sanitizer
- ★ Hats
- ★ Hot Sauce
- ★ Jerky
- ★ Lighters
- ★ Lip Gloss
- ★ Nuts
- ★ Pens - Pencils
- ★ Phone Cards
- ★ Shaving Cream
- ★ Small Hand Tools
- ★ Lotion, sun block
- (No soap, please)



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.



Pet Blessing at IC to Honor 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, 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 Walker, 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

- SUN. Sept 23— **First Day of Religious Ed.** 9:45am-10:45am
- SUN. Sept 23— **Bible Study** 9:45am-10:45am
- SUN. Sept 23— **Advanced Directives Workshop** following 8:30 Mass in the office building
- SUN. Sept 23— **Café reopens after Sunday Masses**
- MON. Sept 24— **Pet Food Pantry**
- MON. Sept 24— **Narcotics Anonymous** 7:30pm
- TUES. Sept 25— **Caritas Bowling** 10:00am Lewiston Event Center
- TUES. Sept 25— **Holy Name Society Meeting** 7:00pm
- WEDS. Sept 26— **Bible Study** 7:15pm-8:15pm
- WEDS. Sept 26— **Faith Essentials** 6:30pm-8:30pm
- THURS. Sept. 27— **Knitting Group** 1:00pm
- FRI. Sept 28— **Eucharistic Adoration** 10:00am-4:00pm
- FRI. Sept 28— **Bible Study** 10:00am-11:00am
- SAT. Sept 29— **Elvis Tribute** 5:15pm
- SUN. Sept 30— **Religious Ed.** 9:45am-10:45am
- SUN. Sept 30— **Bible Study** 9:45am-10:45am
- SAT./SUN. **Blood Pressure Screenings**

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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
Mon.	September 24-	Proverbs 3:27-34; Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Luke 8:16-18
Tues	September 25-	Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Psalm 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Luke 8:19-21
Wed.	September 26-	Proverbs 30:5-9; Psalm 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Luke 9:1-6
Thurs.	September 27-	Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Luke 9:7-9
Fri.	September 28-	Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Psalm 144:1 and 2, 3-4 ; Luke 9:18-22
Sat.	September 29-	Deuteronomy 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5; John 1:47-51
Sun.	September 30-	Numbers 11:25-29; Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER FOR REPARATION & HEALING

Please come and join Bishop Malone for a Holy Hour of Prayer for Reparation & Healing on

Sunday, September 30, 2018 at 3:00 pm

St. Joseph’s Cathedral at 50 Franklin Street, Buffalo

Priests, Deacons, Consecrated Religious and lay faithful are encouraged to come together in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament as we pray for the healing of victims, those who have offended and for the renewal of our Church and for leaders who failed to respond adequately to the crisis.

SAFETY AND SECURITY MINISTRY

This past week, 5 members of our Safety and Security Ministry met to discuss the safety needs of our parish. In light of all that is happening in our world and our church please pray with them that God will watch over us and keep us safe. They also prayed for the 107 Law Enforcement Officers who have died in the line of duty so far this year. May our Lord keep them and their families in his loving arms.



We invite you to pray the **Prayer to Saint Michael** with us for the safety and security of our beloved church and all who are called to serve and protect.

Prayer to Saint Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle

Be our protection against the
Wickedness and snares
Of the devil.

May God rebuke him,
We humbly pray, and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
By the power of God,
Thrust into hell

Satan and all the evil spirits who
Wander through the world
Seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen

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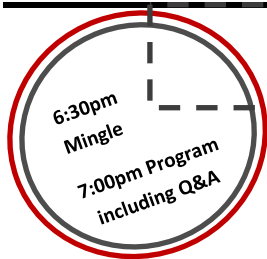
PARISH INCOME FOR SEPTEMBER 15 & 16, 2018

Offertory Collection	\$3510.00
Camp. For Catholic Education	208.00
Online Giving.....	892.69
Renovation Fund.....	\$97.00
Children	\$2.00

Mario’s Pet Food Pantry

Free Dog Coats offered in memory of Bob Favero

Mario’s Pet Food Pantry will offer dog coats free of charge on Monday, September 24 from 11am-noon in memory of Bob Favero because of the generosity of Lisa & Cal Dubois. Pet food is also available.



CATHOLICISM



CORKED

October's Catholicism Uncorked will be held at the Church in the gathering room located in the office building.



Topic: The Death Penalty

On Friday Night
October 12th

ROSARY ALTAR



Rosary Altar Society invites all ladies of the parish to an evening gathering to get to know our mission and our members.

Tuesday, October 16.
6:30pm Rosary, 7pm fellowship

Bring a Friend!

RESPECT LIFE NEWS: SEE THEIR NEW BULLETIN BOARD IN THE NARTHEX!

Crosses for Life: Volunteers Needed



Sunday, October 7th 9:45 am

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 and ending abortion, serving those faced with disabilities, caring for the sick, and standing against violence. Volunteers are needed to help the Confirmation students install the crosses on **Sunday, October 7** from 9:30am-10:45am. Holy Rosary prayed afterward. **Please meet us on the front lawn.**

Mass for Loss of a Child

Mass for the Loss of a Child

If you or someone you know is grieving the loss of a child of any age, due to any circumstance, including losses due to miscarriage, stillbirth, and abortion, please join us for a special Mass to offer a prayer, healing, and hope. Men and women of all faiths are welcome.

Saturday, October 20 at Noon

St. Mary of the Cataract RC Church
259 Fourth Street, Niagara Falls

Confessions will be offered before Mass beginning at 11:30 am and after Mass.

Sponsored by the Respect Life Committees of Immaculate Conception, St. Mary of the Cataract, and St. Stephen's, Grand Island

*If you have never done so, you will be able to name your child during the ceremony.

Summit Life Outreach Banquet



Let Life Shine!

When: Thursday, 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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

You are invited to join the "40 Days For Life" Fall Campaign

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.**

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 A. at 946-0126.** Once signed in you can select