



# Immaculate Conception Church

August 24 & 25, 2019

4671 Townline Road, Ransomville, New York 14131

www.icransomville.org

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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

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:

Mrs. Nancy Mosher 310-4902

#### AI-Anon:

Meetings take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Father Nelson Baker room.

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

FORMED.org Code: X7RQGP  
Email:  
icransomville@yahoo.com

## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

[Jesus] answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." - Lk 13:24

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

### 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

Saturday	August 24	4:00 pm	In memory of <b>Theresa Webster</b> req. by Paul & Irene Banks
Sunday	August 25	8:30 am	In memory of <b>Sabinus N. Dyke</b> req. by Judy Heppner
		11:00 am	In memory of <b>Theresa St. Onge</b> req. by John & Cathy Agugliaro
Monday	August 26	9:00 am	In memory of <b>Joseph &amp; Marianne Cannizzaro</b> req. by Daughter Barbara
Tuesday	August 27	9:00 am	<b>Prayer/Communion Service</b>
Wednesday	August 28	6:30 pm	<b>No Mass/Services</b>
Thursday	August 29	9:00 am	In memory of <b>Tony &amp; Vernly Antonich</b> req. by Daughter Mary
Friday	August 30	10:00 am	<b>No Adoration/ No Communion Service due to holiday weekend</b>
Saturday	August 31	4:00 pm	In memory of <b>Maggie Schulz</b> req. by Louise M . Waytena
Sunday	September 1	8:30 am	In memory of <b>John &amp; Jeanne Wozniak</b> req. by Jan Zitzka
		11:00 am	In memory of <b>Ron Kurek</b> req. by Wife Barb & Family

### Do you know about Formed.org?

- Formed is a free service that is provided by our Parish. Formed has a large library of Catholic resources.
- There are series to watch or listen to, movies, audiobooks, and much more for free! There is content available for adults and children.
- Formed can be accessed by going to their website [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) or by downloading their free app.
- Formed now has a market section where you can purchase different content.
- To register go to their website and enter our Parish code: **X7RQGP**.



### DIGGING DEEPER

August 25th 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Have you ever seen a celebrity? Have you ever met a political representative? Did the encounter leave you with newfound acting or musical abilities? Did it give you a grasp of the intricacies of the latest city ordinance or controversial law? Talents, expertise, and skill are hard-won traits, not rewards that spread by contact. Our life of faith is also not so easy. "We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets!" In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus notes that it requires moral strength to enter the kingdom of God. It's not mere proximity to righteousness that saves. Rubbing elbows with the righteous is not the same as being truly holy ourselves. Unfortunately, we can have this attitude in many areas. It's easy to see who may seem "first" in the eyes of the world. This occurs in our workplaces and among our public figures. It can also happen in our schools, local parishes, and the larger Church. For some of us, the temptation to have the popularity and prestige rub off on us can be fairly strong. If only we are in the right place with the right people, surely others will associate us with what they possess! But salvation is worked out in each individual life. It is our task not merely to show up, but to be transformed. And the truly transformed may not be everyone we expect. "People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south... some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." Some who seem first in reputation now may be last in the kingdom of God. Others who appear now on the furthest fringes of society - but better imitate the lowly holiness of Jesus - will be first in his kingdom. What are your concerns? Proximity and reputation? Or prayerful righteousness? Lpi

### ANNUAL ROSARY CRUSADE



#### Annual Rosary Crusade for World Peace

**Sunday, September 22, 2019**

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

1023 Swann Road, Lewiston

**Rosary Procession, Coronation,  
Blessing of Children, Benediction**

Bulletin request forms are available on the website, in the Parish office, or on the Narthex bulletin board. Questions or Concerns contact Karli Leggett: Telephone- 716-731-4822 (ext. 106), email- [Bulletin@icransomville.org](mailto:Bulletin@icransomville.org)



**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Sat.	August 24-	Revelation 21:9b-14; Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; John 1:45-51
Sun.	August 25-	Isaiah 66:18-21; Psalm 117:1, 2; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30
Mon.	August 26-	1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Matthew 23:13-22
Tues.	August 27-	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Psalm 139:1-3, 4-6; Matthew 23:23-26
Wed.	August 28-	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Psalm 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Matthew 23:27-32
Thurs.	August 29-	1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Psalm 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mark 6:17-29
Fri.	August 30-	1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Psalm 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Matthew 25:1-13
Sat.	August 31-	1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9; Matthew 25:14-30
Sun.	September 1-	Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14


**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring the following two events:

1. Work day at Mario's Pet Food Pantry, Saturday morning August 24, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Pantry is located at 6969 Nash Road. We will be building shelving for the pantry and installing insulation as well as a few other small jobs. Please sign the sheet in the narthex in you can help for even a hour that day, or contact Bob Carmichael at 812-3526.

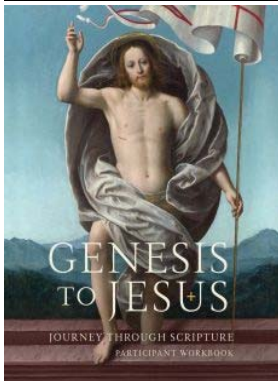
2. A morning of spiritual renewal and reflection. Save the date, September 14 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon. More details will be coming soon.

**FOLLOW US...**

Like us on Facebook! Follow us on Instagram username:  **Immaculateconceptionchurch1891**

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

**UPCOMING FALL BIBLE STUDY**



**Fall Bible Study: Genesis to Jesus**

A scripture study of our Heavenly Father's faithfulness from the beginning of creation through His Son's ultimate loving sacrifice on the Cross. A six week

presentation offered on: Wednesday evenings after Mass and Friday mornings at 10:00am. Also offered on Sundays between the Masses in a longer 12 week presentation to fit the allowable time. Sundays are free and open to all. The Bible Study start dates are Wednesday October 2nd, Friday October 4th, and Sunday October 6th. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Any questions contact Judy Heppner.

**ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA RESPITE CARE MINISTRY**



**Immaculate Conception Church IS NOW OFFERING...**



**A respite care program for caregivers of persons living with Alzheimer's disease or a form of dementia.**

This program is being offered **free of charge** to our parishioners and our local community and is scheduled to begin on **Thursday, September 12 from 10am to 2pm**. For details and registration information, contact Laurie

Muth at 731-4822 or [lmuth@icransomville.org](mailto:lmuth@icransomville.org). **Please help us spread the word. There are flyers on the library table. Please take some to display around town.**

## A MESSAGE FROM FR. JIM



Dear Parish Family,  
Prayer is a powerful thing, especially when prayed together with thousands of people. Please join your prayers with mine over the next nine days. Parishes throughout our Vicariate are beginning a novena to **Our Lady Undoer of Knots** for the healing of the Church, for vocations, and for all who whose faith is wavering. The Novena is easily accessed on our website and hard copies are available in the Narthex.

“Eve, by her disobedience, tied the knot of disgrace for the human race; whereas Mary, by her obedience, undid it”. –St. Irenaeus

Let us bring our “knots” to Mary. The “knots” of the problems and struggles we face for which we don’t see a solution. Through these nine days of prayer, let’s offer it all to Mary, our spiritual Mother. She is our advocate and our helper.

Prayer is a powerful thing! Especially when prayed together! PAX, Fr. Jim



### ROSARY ALTAR CRAFT FAIR

## Fall Harvest and Craft Fair

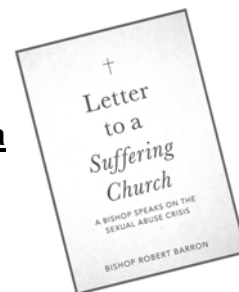
**Sat, Sept. 21 9:30am-3:30pm**  
**Immaculate Conception Church**  
**4671 Townline Rd, Ransomville**  
 Basket Raffle, 50/50, children’s face painting, lunch available

### LETTER TO A SUFFERING CHURCH

A Gift to You!

Available in the Narthex

**Bishop Barron’s book, Letter to a Suffering Church**, is available for free in the Narthex for all parishioners. It addresses the current crisis, inspires hope and reminds us all that this is not the time to leave the Church, but rather to lead the Church! It is a book of hope and inspiration.



### STEWARDSHIP

PARISH INCOME FOR AUGUST 17 & 18, 2019	
Offertory Collection.....	\$3,102.00
Online Giving .....	\$799.44
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin .....	\$394.00
Renovation Fund .....	\$50.00
Priest’s Retirement Fund .....	\$15.00
Children .....	\$1.00

*On-line giving is available through our website.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Marilynn, Carolin Adamson, Jeff Antoncich, Edward Barraclough, Christine Blagus, Marilyn Brinson, Devin Burns, Jason Busey, Dr. MaryAnn Bishara, Zoraida Case, Nancy Conti, Janice DePlato, Justin DePlato, Lauren Devin, Ron Dobrasz, Louise Doty, Lisa Eimer, Jim & Edith Faery, Diane Fallgotter, Faye Finley, Debbie Foe, Joan Freeland, Joseph Giuseppetti, Haven Hiller, Nicole Hiller, Nurice James, Norbert Kaleta, Kathleen & Gregory Klaes, Cathy Kean, Donna Keener, Marilyn Kankolenski, Carol Koppmann, Angela Lissen, Lynn Maggioli, Amy Marcir, Rosa Margevich, Steven Marshall, Timothy McCann, Christopher McGillion, Donovan Miller, Renee Morrison, John Moudy, Pat Mussall, Debbie Nolan, Leo Notaro, Heather Nugent, Wendy Osucha, Nancy Palmieri, Jennifer Retzinger, Ruth Schuler, Noah Shelvay, Donald Sinclair, Christopher Speanburg, Andrew Stack, Deacon Paul Stankiewicz, Bruce Stauff, Diane Stillinger, Diane Taylor, Gerald Thomason, Sharon Trentini, Jan Turnball, Ginger Uticone, Kim Vallaincourt, Roberta Walker, Gerry Wick, Mark Zastrow

### PARISH ACTIVITIES

- MON. August 26— Narcotics Anonymous 7:30-9:30PM**
- MON. August 26— Mario’s Pet Food Pantry 11:00AM-12:00PM**
- TUES. August 27— Caritas Golf 9:00AM Gothic Hill Course**
- WED. August 28— No Mass/Confessions**
- THURS. August 29— Knitting Group 1:00PM**
- FRI. August 30— No Eucharistic Adoration**
- MON. September 2— Office Closed**
- WED. September 4— IC Impact leader mtg 6:30PM**
- THURS. September 5— Knitting Group 1:00PM**
- FRI. September 6— Communion Service 9:00AM**
- FRI. September 6— Eucharistic Adoration 10:00-4:00PM**
- FRI. September 6— First Friday Mass 6:30PM**

#### Prayers for our Military Personnel



Lance Corporal Andrew Farmer, Petty Officer 3rd Class Hospitalman James Farmer, Captain Kevin Farmer, 2nd Lieutenant William Farmer, E4 SPC Tyler Fleming, E7 SFC Timothy Fleming, 2nd Lieutenant Philip Joseph Giovannini, Major Heather Heppner, Specialist Riley Johnston, Airman Apprentice Micah Prieto, Hospitalman Samuel Prieto, MSGT Christopher Zastrow



**CARITAS SOCIETY**



**What is Caritas Society?**

The Caritas Society is a social group that is open to anyone in the Parish. They meet monthly for a luncheon and meet weekly for bowling and golf depending on the season. Bowling begins on Tuesday, September 10th at 9:00am at the Lewiston Event Center. The next luncheon will be on Thursday, September 19th at noon at Gordie Harper’s Bazaar in Newfane. All are welcome see the bulletin board for more information on the luncheon.

**CENTER OF RENEWAL**

**The Center of Renewal**

The Stella Niagara Center of Renewal Retreat and



Conference Center located in Lewiston. Has many opportunities for weekend long and day retreats. Some of the upcoming retreat/ excursion topics include: Faith/Heritage Trail: Catholic Journey, The Master’s Vineyard, Spirituality of Aging, and a Men’s Retreat Weekend. For more information visit [www.stellaniagararetreats.org](http://www.stellaniagararetreats.org). Cost varies for each retreat or excursion. To register call 754-7376.

**HAPPENINGS OUTSIDE THE PARISH**

- **Chicken BBQ** and Basket Raffle on Sunday, September 8th from 11:00am-3pm at St. Jude the Apostle Parish, 800 Niagara Falls Blvd., N. Tonawanda. Tickets for the BBQ cost \$10 and are available at the rectory office.
- **Magnificat, A Ministry of Catholic Women** presents guest speaker Susan Piarunas Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 9:45am-12:10pm. Advanced registration by September 5th is \$20. For more info call Maureen 683-2290.
- **Fall Fun Fest** on Friday, September 20 at 5:30pm at St. Raphael R.C. Parish Hall, 1018 College Ave., Niagara Falls. Tickets are \$25 which includes raffle ticket, pasta & meatball dinner, beverages, and desserts. Call 282-5583 for tickets.
- **Retrouvaille** provides marriage help. The next weekend is September 27-29th. For confidential information or to register for the weekend visit: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230
- **Immaculata Home** Harvest Dinner Dance fundraiser Saturday September 28th at 6:00pm at All Saints Hall, 76 Church Street Lockport. Tickets are \$25 to purchase tickets call 716-727-0003 or go to [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com).
- **Oktoberfest** Sunday, September 29 4-8pm at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church 157 Cleveland Dr., Cheektowaga. Tickets are \$5 and include popcorn, pretzels, and music. Call 759-6454 ext. 200 for tickets.
- **Public Rosary** on the 13th of each month starting at 6pm at St. Mary of the Cataract 259 4th Street, Niagara Falls

**CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY MILESTONE?**

Bishop Malone and the Diocese of Buffalo would like to invite couples who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, and 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries of Marriage in 2019, to a special Mass at St. Joseph’s Cathedral on Sunday, September 22 at 10:30 a.m.

During the Mass couples will have the chance to renew their marriage vows Following Mass, the opportunity to take photographs with the anniversary couples will take place in the Lady Chapel.

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

