



Immaculate Conception

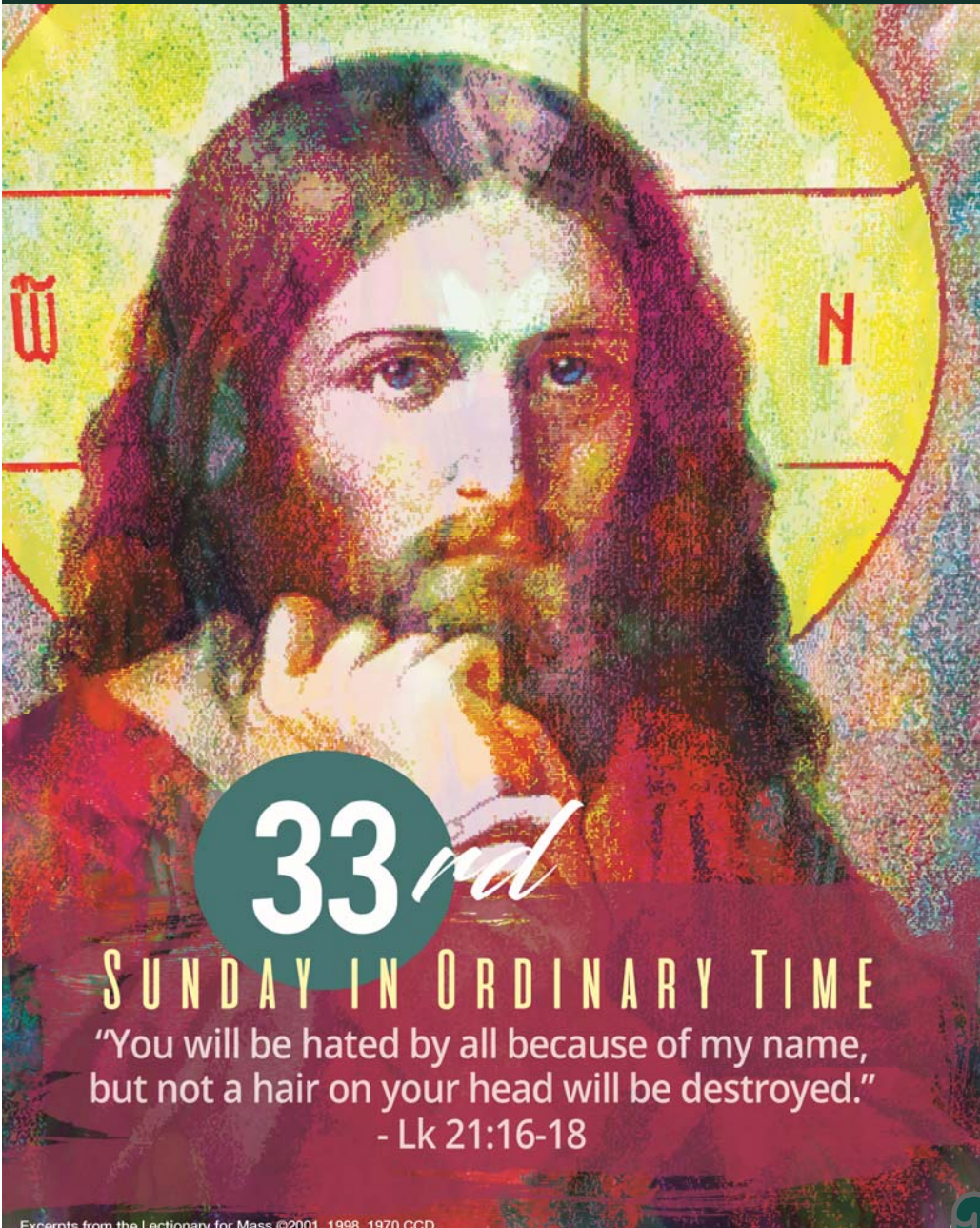
November 16 & 17, 2019



4671 Townline Road, Ransomville, New York 14131

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716-731-4822



33rd

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"You will be hated by all because of my name,
but not a hair on your head will be destroyed."
- Lk 21:16-18*

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."

- Parish Staff:**
 Rev. James Bastian, Pastor (ext. 102)
 Dcn. Paul Stankiewicz, Deacon Emeritus
 Mrs. Mary Zastrow, Secretary (ext. 101)
 Mrs. Laurie Muth, Pastoral Associate (ext. 108)
 Karli Leggett, Bulletin (ext. 106)
 Mr. Marc Mosher, Maintenance
 Mr. Nick Drumsta, Custodian

Safe Environment Coordinator:
Miss Cynthia Curione, volunteer

RCIA Coordinator:
Donna Kelsch

Trustees: Claire Curione, Kiersten Ryndak

Disability Advocate: Amy McQuay

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 Contact:
Mrs. Nancy Mosher 310-4902

AI-Anon:
Meetings take place on the 2nd 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: lcransomville@yahoo.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	November 16	4:00 pm	In memory of Lionel Barrick req. by Friends of the Barrick Family
Sunday	November 17	8:30 am	In memory of Hugh Benton req.by Parish Family
		11:00 am	In memory of Rodger Adamson req. by Wife Mary & Children
Monday	November 18	9:00 am	In memory of Lawrence Carella req. by Eleanor Masic
Tuesday	November 19	9:00 am	Prayer/Communion Service
Wednesday	November 20	6:30 pm	In memory of Mother's Living & Deceased req. by Parishioners
Thursday	November 21	9:00 am	For Father Jim's Birthday req. by Joanne Reynolds
Friday	November 22	9:00 am	Communion Service/ Prayer/ Adoration
Saturday	November 23	4:00 pm	Happy Birthday Fr. Jim req. by Donna Kelsch
Sunday	November 24	8:30 am	In memory of Living & Deceased Members of Flattery & Bastian Families req.by Fr. Jim
		11:00 am	In memory of Matthew Marin req. by Marin 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 or by downloading their free app.
- Formed is a great resource for catechesis. There is content for any age and any level of knowledge.
- To register go to their website and enter our Parish code: **X7RQGP**.



DIGGING DEEPER

**November 17th, 2019
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Where would you go if the world was ending? What would you do? The last decade has seen a rise in doomsday prepping, the marketing of survival techniques, and a sea of products designed for you to weather the apocalypse. *“The days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another that will not be thrown down,”* Jesus warns in today’s Gospel. On the one hand, he is referring to the literal downfall of the city of Jerusalem. Indeed, many of his prophecies here have come true over the last few millennium. Nations have indeed *“rise[n] against nation[s],”* kingdoms against kingdoms. Surf any world news website today alone, and you will see stories of *“powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues.”* Jesus’ advice to his disciples, however, isn’t to build a bunker. It’s to persevere in faith ... which won’t be easy.

“They will seize and persecute you ... you will be handed over ... you will be hated because of my name.” This warning, too, has come to pass in the Church throughout history in state-sponsored persecutions and martyrdoms. Jesus is the Messiah, but his first coming was not a coming of earthly victory. Any disciple of his can expect a challenge. The coming of Christ didn’t disrupt our free will. Evil still exists and sometimes even appears to triumph. This does not mean God has abandoned His people!

Jesus reminds the disciples — and us — of his constant presence. *“I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking.”* In other Gospel passages, Jesus promises and sends the Holy Spirit upon his followers. The presence of God is real in our lives, no matter what trials come our way. It’s tempting to be distracted or dismayed by natural destruction and moral evil in the world. But the Church has weathered greater storms. The sacredness of the human person endures. We can have hope! This day and every day, we can persevere in hope and trust in God.
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NOVEMBER NUMBERS

Did you win?

Every week in the Narthex there will be a poster of the winners for the week, with the name of who won, the amount they won, and a print out from the Pennsylvania lottery of the winning numbers. The winners from Saturday to Friday will be on the Poster each week. Don’t forget to it check to see if you won!

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sat. November 16- Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Psalm 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Luke 18:1-8
Sun. November 17- Malachi 3:19-20a; Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19
 Mon. November 18- 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Psalm 119:53, 61, 134, 155, 158; Luke 18:35-43
 Tues. November 19- 2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Psalm 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Luke 19:1-10
 Wed. November 20- 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Psalm 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15; Luke 19:11-28
 Thurs. November 21- 1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Psalm 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Luke 19:41-44
 Fri. November 22- 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chronicles 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Luke 19:45-48
 Sat. November 23- 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Psalm 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19; Luke 20:27-40
Sun. November 25- 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

VOCATION CROSS

Vocation Cross



We are in need of people to commit to taking the Vocation Cross home for a week to pray for vocations, and especially for an increase in religious vocations including the

Priesthood, the Diaconate, and Consecrated Religious life. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. There are now Vocation Crosses in each Religious Education classroom. Father Jim will be speaking to each Religious Education Class about the new classroom Vocation Crosses.

This provides an excellent opportunity for families to pray for Vocations at home and teaches our children to appreciate the value of all vocations.

ST. NICHOLAS FAMILY EVENT

Save the Date:

**Friday, December 6th after 6:30pm Mass
in the Father Nuwer Hall**



Oh Holy Night

All Parish Families are invited to a St. Nicholas Feast Day Family Event on Friday, December 6th after 6:30pm Mass. This event includes Christmas cookie frosting, Advent Bingo, crafts, and more. Join us to celebrate St. Nicholas's feast day and the Advent season together as a Parish Family! More information to come, stay tuned!



CARITAS SOCIETY

November Luncheon



The Caritas Society invites all members of the Parish to their November Luncheon on Thursday, the 21st at

Solidays Restaurant, 6935 Ward Rd., Niagara Falls, at noon. We will be ordering off the menu. Please sign up on the bulletin board. All are welcome!

PRAYER FOR THIS HUNTING SEASON

Dear Lord,

I pray for the good sense to care for my weapon, to carry it and fire it responsibly. I pray for the animals that I encounter, that my shots are clean and do not cause them any unnecessary suffering.
- Amen



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Annual Christmas Party

The Rosary Altar Society Annual Christmas Party



Save the Date!

Tuesday, December 3 at 5:30 p.m.

at Cammarata's Restaurant

6336 Robinson Road, Lockport, NY 14094

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All women of the Parish are invited!

A MESSAGE FROM FR. JIM



Dear Parish Family,

Have you ever had to purchase an item that was very meaningful to you? Did you take your time? Did you do a lot of research? Did you ask many people for their input? Things that are important to you deserve that kind of care and attention.

Several parishioners have asked me about the status of the new altar, ambo and tabernacle stand. All I can simply say is let's take our time. There is no rush. Such a decision should be made prayerfully, as it is a gift we will bestow on many generations to follow.

So during this holiday season, let's focus on being thankful. Thankful for family and friends. Thankful for our predecessors who provided us with our beautiful church building to worship in. And most importantly, thankful to our God who is deserving of our worship for the gift of salvation found in Jesus Christ.

After the Christmas season, I will invite anyone interested to a "town hall" meeting where I will share insights from the visit with Fr. Ribits, my own personal thoughts, and ask for your input, as well.

PAX,

STEWARDSHIP

PARISH INCOME FOR NOVEMBER 9 & 10, 2019

Offertory Collection.....	\$3,644.05
Online Giving	\$1,093.69
Renovation Fund	\$163.00
All Saints Day (Addtl).....	\$28.00
Catholic Universities of America (Addtl).....	\$40.00
Children	\$1.00

PARISH ACTIVITIES

- SUN. November 17— Mass Sponsored by 10th grade 8:30AM**
- SUN. November 17— Religious Education 9:45-10:45AM**
- SUN. November 17— 10th grade parent meeting 9:45-10:45AM**
- SUN. November 17— Bible Study 9:45-10:45AM**
- SAT./SUN. November 16 & 17— Anointing of the Sick & Layette Bake Sale after Masses**
- MON. November 18— Narcotics Anonymous 7:30PM**
- TUES. November 19— Caritas Bowling 10:00AM** Lewiston Event Center
- WED. November 20— IC Impact Youth Group 6:30PM**
- WED. November 20— Bible Study 7:15PM**
- THURS. November 21— Knitting Group 1:00PM**
- FRI. November 22— Eucharistic Adoration 10:00-4:00PM**
- FRI. November 22— Bible Study 10:00AM**
- SAT./SUN. Nov. 23 & 24— Cake after all Masses, Happy Birthday Fr. Jim!**
- SUN. November 24— Religious Education 9:45-10:45AM**
- SUN. November 24— Bible Study 9:45-10:45AM**

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Marilynn, Carolin Adamson, Jeff Antoncich, 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, Larry Harris, Justin Healey, Haven Hiller, Nicole Hiller, Nurice James, Norbert Kaleta, Kathleen & Gregory Klaes, Cathy Kean, Donna Keener, Marilyn Kankolenski, Carol Koppmann, Angela Lissen, Lynn Maggioli, Amy Marcin, 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

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



THANK YOU!

The Rosary Altar Society would like to thank all our parishioners for their generosity, because of your donations we were able to fill 150 stockings for our Military men and women who are deployed. A special thank you to the parishioners of Hope Methodist Church and the Hoover Dairy for their donations which provided us with additional snacks, gloves, games and essentials.

FOOD PANTRY/CARE GIVERS MINISTRY



We are in Need of Turkeys!

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 frozen turkeys, please place donations in the kitchen freezer.** Other food items can be placed in the bin near the Sacristy.

THE GIVING TREE



Help a Child in Need this Christmas!

The giving tree is once again in the Narthex, please take an ornament off the tree and purchase the gift for a child in need. The items can be placed in the Narthex under the tree. Have all items in by December 8th. Thank you for blessing a child in need this Christmas!

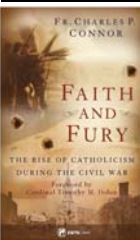
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



Christmas Pageant at Christmas Eve Mass

All children of the Parish are welcome to participate in this year's Christmas Pageant at the Christmas Eve Mass. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex and plenty of roles available! Practices will be held on Wednesday, December 18th and Monday, December 23rd at 6:30 pm.

BOOK CLUB



Book Club News

Hey guys! We've chosen *Faith and Fury (The Rise of Catholicism During the Civil War)* by Fr. Charles P. Connor as our first book for our book club. The cost is \$19.95 from Sophia Institute Press, but feel free to buy elsewhere. Until New Year's we will be meeting Tuesdays at 12:45pm at Tina's restaurant in Sanborn, the first meeting is on Tuesday, December 9th. Please order your book. We could also meet at night at the Church if there are at least 2 people interested. Email Donna Kelsch at sisterdssc@gmail.com if you are interested in meeting at night at the Church.

IN OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

- **Public Rosary** on the 13th of each month starting at 6pm at St. Mary of the Cataract 259 4th Street, Niagara Falls
- **Preparing Yourself & Loved Ones for End of Life**— The St. Peter's & St. Bernard's Pro Life Committee is hosting an End of Life Presentation on Monday, November 18th at 7pm in the St. Peter's School Cafeteria, 140 N. Sixth Street, Lewiston. Expert speakers include Fr. Gregory Faulhaber, Moral Theologian; Dr. Stan Bukowski, M.D.; and Brian Seaman, Attorney at Law. Join us for informative and practical advice, including time for question and answers. Contact 754-4118 with any questions.
- **St. Gregory the Great MOMS Assisi/Rome Retreat** May 13-21, 2020. Visit Assisi, Rome, Loreto and much more. Our next gathering is Wednesday, November 20th at 6:30pm a St. Leo's in the Saint Monica Room. For more information contact Nadine Bargnes at 830-8530.
- **Magnificat Special Event** at Our Lady of Victory Basilica in Lackawanna on December 7. Guest Speaker is Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, internationally known author and vocations director of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. He will present a morning prayer and testimony on how the extraordinary love and mercy of Our Lord, through the persistence of Our Blessed Mother Mary rescued him from a life of sin. Advanced registration by November 29th cost is \$35. Call Maureen Wilson at 683-2290 for questions/concerns.
- **Our Lady of Fatima Shrine Holiday Festivities:** Festival of Lights free Christmas concert series November 23rd to January 6th lights from 5pm to 9pm. Concert series dates include Sat. Nov. 30th at 6pm- KC6, Wed. Dec. 11th at 7:30pm- Buffalo- Niagara Concert Band, Sat. Dec. 14th at 5:00pm- Lock City Glee Club, and Sat. Dec. 28th 6:30pm- Voice of Mercy. All concerts are free, good will offering to benefit the Shrine.
- **Blessed Sacrament Parish in Tonawanda** will start Divine Mercy Cenacle prayer, study, and action groups this Advent. The "Diary of St. Faustina", the Catechism, and Scripture will be discussed on the first and third Sundays from 11:00-12:45pm. Parallel meetings will be held the following Wednesday at 1:30-3:15pm and Thursday at 6:30-8:15pm. Starting the first week of December. To register call the parish office at 834-4282