



# Immaculate Conception

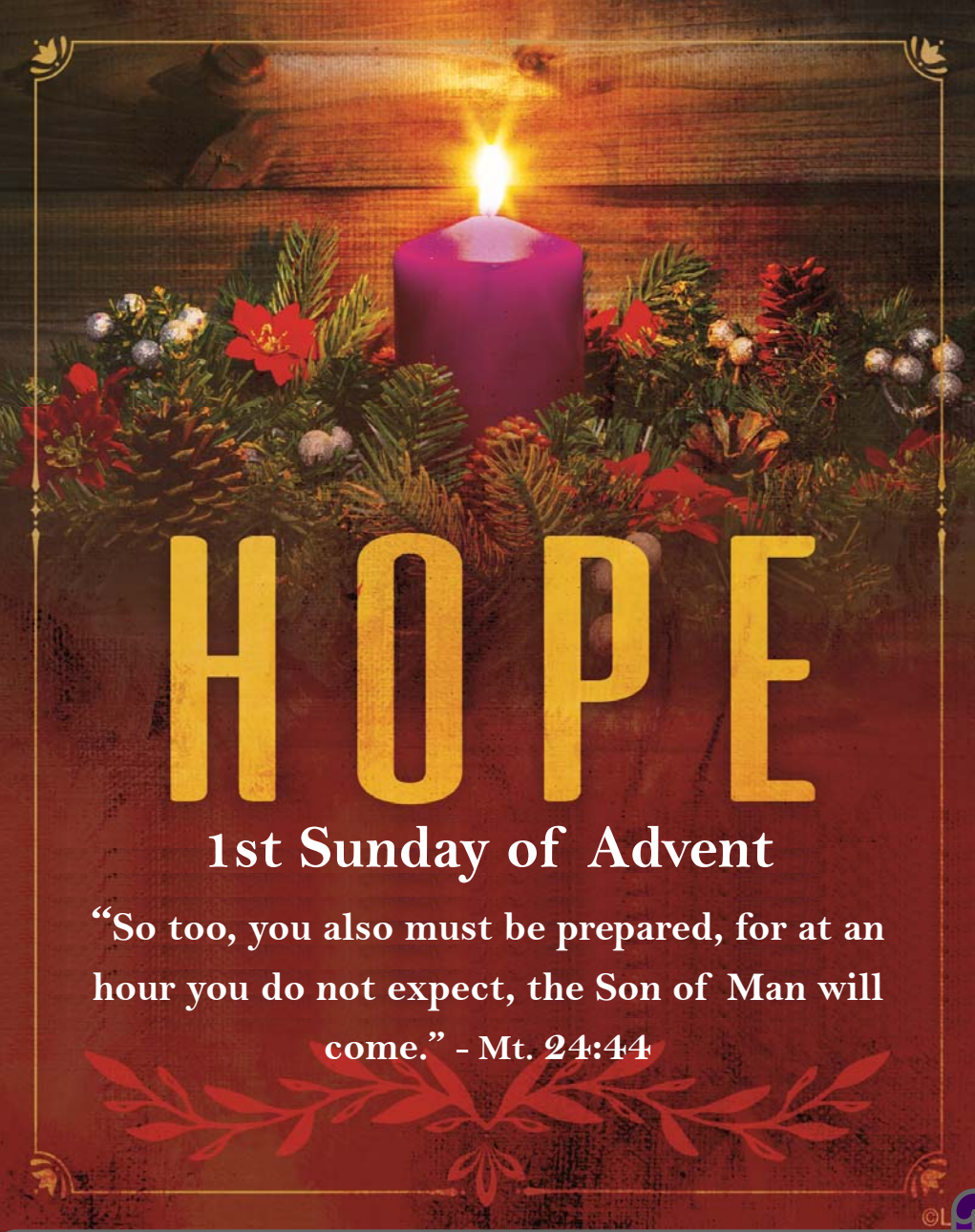
November 30 & December 1st, 2019



4671 Townline Road, Ransomville, New York 14131

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716-731-4822



# HOPE

## 1st Sunday of Advent

“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” - Mt. 24:44

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

## 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.”*

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

**FORMED.org Code:** X7RQGP  
**Email:**  
[icransomville@yahoo.com](mailto:icransomville@yahoo.com)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

|           |             |          |   |
|-----------|-------------|----------|---|
| Saturday  | November 30 | 4:00 pm  | In memory of <b>Angele Spear</b> req. by Laura Banks Lizotte            |
| Sunday    | December 1  | 8:30 am  | In memory of <b>Lionel Barrick</b> req.by Friends of the Barrick Family |
|           |             | 11:00 am | In memory of <b>Maggie Schulz</b> req. by Louise M. Waytena             |
| Monday    | December 2  | 9:00 am  | In memory of <b>Mother's Living &amp; Deceased</b> req. by Parishioners |
| Tuesday   | December 3  | 9:00 am  | <b>Prayer/Communion Service</b>   |
| Wednesday | December 4  | 6:30 pm  | <b>For the Respect for All Life</b> req. by Rosary Altar Society        |
| Thursday  | December 5  | 9:00 am  | In memory of <b>Father's Living &amp; Deceased</b> req. by Parishioners |
| Friday    | December 6  | 9:00 am  | <b>Communion Service/ Prayer/ Adoration</b>                             |
|           |             | 6:30pm   | <b>In Reparation for the Sins Committed Against the Sacred Heart</b>    |
| Saturday  | December 7  | 4:00 pm  | In memory of <b>Dorothy Rolling</b> req. by Patricia Brandt             |
| Sunday    | December 8  | 8:30 am  | In memory of <b>Melvin John Case</b> req.by wife Zoraida Case           |
|           |             | 11:00 am | In memory of <b>Frank Zuccari</b> req. by Paul & Jan DePlato            |

**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 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



**DIGGING DEEPER**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent December 1, 2019**

"I'm never getting enough rest! How can I possibly be 'asleep'?" In a world of jam-packed schedules and high anxiety levels, physical rest may be hard to come by. Yet relentless pursuit of our to-do lists and social calendars may keep our minds off of the things that really matter. Jesus knows all too well a pattern of busy, hurried ignorance. *"In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage ... they did not know until the flood came and carried them all away ... two men will be out in the field ... two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left."* When it comes to the spiritual life, we can be at work or at relaxation and still be spiritually asleep.

Each year, we are called back to remember the essential things. God comes to save His people. He becomes flesh to dwell among us. Supernatural light pierces the world's darkness and our own. Advent wakes us up. *"Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."* Every Advent, we prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming at Christmas, and we anticipate his second coming at the end of time.

*"At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."* There's another hour, too, both known and unknown. It's the present moment. Whether it's a lazy Saturday morning or a major business proposal, whether it's attending a kindergarten play or an elderly relative's bedside, at every moment the Lord wants to enter into

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

**Respect Life Committee  
Presents Christmas  
Caroling**

**At Our Lady of Peace Nursing  
Home in Lewiston**

**Sunday, December 15**  
following the 11:00 am  
Mass. Sign up on the  
bulletin board in the  
Narthex



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.        | November           | 30-   | Romans 10:9-18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Matthew 4:18-22                      |
| <b>Sun.</b> | <b>December 1-</b> | <b>Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44</b> |   |
| Mon.        | December           | 2-  | Isaiah 4:2-6; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Matthew 8:5-11          |
| Tues.       | December           | 3-  | Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]; Luke 10:21-24         |
| Wed.        | December           | 4-  | Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]; Matthew 15:29-37          |
| Thurs.      | December           | 5-  | Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalm 118: 1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Matthew 7:21, 24-27     |
| Fri.        | December           | 6-  | Isaiah 29:17-24; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; Matthew 9:27-31                      |
| Sat.        | December           | 7-  | Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 |

## ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

## Annual Christmas Party

The Rosary Altar Society Annual Christmas Party



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

at Cammarata's Restaurant

6336 Robinson Road, Lockport, NY 14094

Lockport, NY 14094

All women of the Parish are invited!

## 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,

## DECORATING THE CHURCH



*Oh Holy Night*

Monday, December 16 at 9:00am.

We will be decorating the church for Christmas, we need volunteers come any time you can make it. We have light jobs and heavy jobs and everything in between. A light lunch will be served. If you are able to help please meet us in the Church on Monday December 16th at 9:00am.

## 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 10th. 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

## RESPITE CARE MINISTRY

## Respite Care Ministry

This is a 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 our next respite day is on **Thursday, December 12 from 10am to 2pm**. For details and registration information, contact Laurie Muth

## CANDLES ARE AVAILABLE FOR 2020

**Candles are available for 2020! Sanctuary Church** is available for November and December, **Sanctuary Chapel** is available for March, June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., & Dec., **Blessed Mother** is available in Jan., Feb., March, July, Sept., Oct., Nov., & Dec., **St. Joseph** is available in Jan., Feb., May, June, Aug., Oct., Nov.

**ST. NICHOLAS DAY PARISH EVENT DECEMBER 6!**

# ST. NICHOLAS DAY PARISH EVENT

Friday, December 6th 7:15pm-9:00pm

First Friday Mass 6:30pm, activities to follow

*Live in the spirit of giving*



For those counting, this is the 6th First Friday Mass

- Make presents for mom, dad, grandma and grandpa!!
- Enjoy cookie decorating!!
- Make blessing bags to donate to Community Missions



- Come and decorate ginger bread houses
- Play card games including Euchre
- Make cards for nursing home residents
- Opportunity for Confession 7:30-8:15pm

## STEWARDSHIP

| PARISH INCOME FOR NOVEMBER 9 & 10, 2019 |            |
|---|------------|
| Offertory Collection.....               | \$3,592.00 |
| Online Giving.....                      | \$935.44   |
| Renovation Fund.....                    | \$260.00   |
| All Saints Day (Addtl).....             | \$20.00    |
| Campaign for Human Development.....     | \$195.00   |

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

- SUN. December 1— No Religious Education
- MON. December 2— Narcotics Anonymous 7:30PM
- TUES. December 3— Caritas Bowling 10:00AM Lewiston Event Center
- TUES. December 3— Rosary Altar Society Christmas Dinner 5:30PM
- WED. December 4— IC Impact Youth Group Leader Mtg
- THURS. December 5— Knitting Group 1:00PM
- FRI. December 6— Eucharistic Adoration 10:00-4:00PM
- FRI. December 6— First Friday Mass 6:30pm
- FRI. December 6— St. Nicholas Day Party 7:15PM
- SUN. December 8— Religious Education 9:45-10:45AM
- SUN. December 8— Bible Study 9:45-10:45AM
- MON. December 9— Narcotics Anonymous 7:30PM
- TUES. December 10— Caritas Bowling 10:00AM Lewiston Event Center
- TUES. December 10— Book Club Mtg 12:00PM Tina's Restaurant
- WED. December 11— IC Impact Youth Group 6:30PM

## 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, 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, 

## A VOCATION VIEW



Christ will come again! This we have been promised. The same Christ has called us all to different vocations, and some of these include Holy Orders and Religious Life. What greater way is there to honor our Lord and King than by faithfully answering his call. If you think God is calling you, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

### MARIO'S PET FOOD PANTRY

Mario's Pet Food Pantry has moved to 6969 Nash Rd., Wheatfield. They are still available to help any parishioners in need. They accept open or closed bags of dog and cat food and anything associated with animals. Donations can be brought to the address above. Thank you for your continued support. Any questions contact Paulette Coty, 465-3654 or mariospetfood@roadrunner.com

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

1. **Immaculate Conception: Friday, Dec. 6th-** Fr. Jim will be available during the St. Nicholas Party to hear confessions throughout the night
2. **St. Peter's, Lewiston-Saturday, Dec 7th at Fr. Jim,** along with other area priests, will be hearing confessions from 9-10am
3. **St. John's, Lockport- Mon, Dec 16th 7pm**
4. **Good Shepherd, Mon, Dec 16th 7pm**

### CARITAS SOCIETY



#### December Luncheon

The Christmas Caritas Luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 12th at the Wilson House Inn Restaurant in Wilson at 12:00pm. Details and sign up sheet are on the bulletin board in the Narthex. RSVP and payment are due by December 8th. All members of the Parish are invited to join us!

### NOVEMBER NUMBERS

The finance Committee would like to thank you for supporting the November numbers! Unfortunately, the numbers were not very lucky for us, only 7 winners so far. Ion thanks for your great support, there will be a second chance drawing at the St. Nicholas Party on Friday December 6th. A total of 6 tickets will be drawn, 5 will win \$50 and 1 will win \$100. You do not have to be present to win. Hope to see you there!

### OUTREACH PROGRAM

#### Immaculate Conception Outreach Program Activity Report September & October 2019

#### Transportation Total: 6 trips, 13.5 hours

- Shopping: 0
- Doctor's Appts.: 6 trips, 13.5 hours
- Church: 0
- Other: 0

#### Eucharistic/Pastoral Visits Total: 24 trips, 17.0 hours

- In the home: 13 trips, 11.5 hours
- Hospital, Nursing Home, etc.: 11 trips, 5.5 hours
- Nursing Home, Niagara Hospice and Home Visits Total: 3 trips, 3.0 hours**
- Pet visits: 4 trips, 1.5 hours
- Respite care: 1 trips, 1.5 hours
- Miscellaneous (yard work, home repairs, & maintenance assistance): 4 trips, 5.0 hours

#### Outreach Total: 38.5 hours

#### Thank you to our wonderful volunteers:

Howard & Lee Morgan, Joanne Reynolds,

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