



Immaculate Conception

December 21st & 22nd, 2019

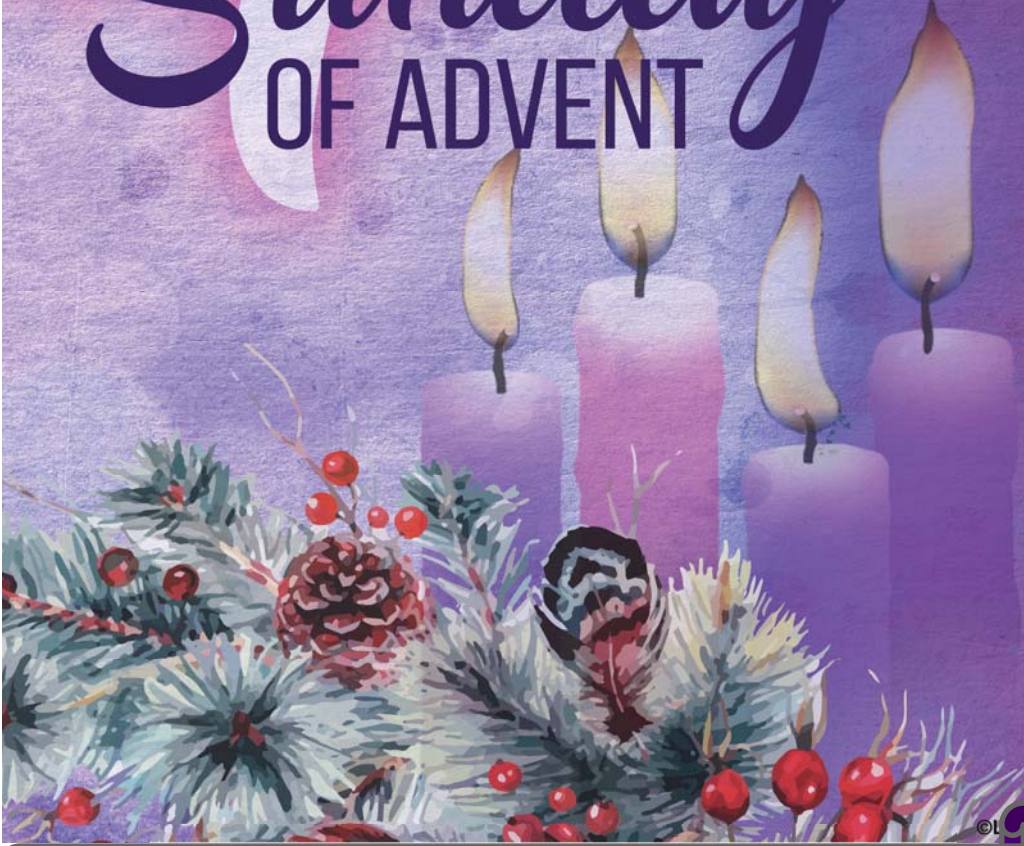


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716-731-4822

4th Sunday OF ADVENT



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: icransomville@yahoo.com

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	December 21	4:00 pm	In memory of Donald Hibbard req. by Joyce Lombardi
Sunday	December 22	8:30 am	In memory of Dennis Eggers req. by LaNasa Family
		11:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received req. by Joanne Reynolds
Monday	December 23	9:00 am	In memory of Deceased Loved Ones req. by Parishioners
Tuesday	December 24	4:00 pm	In memory of Cindy LoTempio req. by Finnerty Family
			In memory of Matthew Marin req. by Marin Family
		6:00 pm	In memory of Donna Klemp req. by LaNasa Family
Wednesday	December 25	10:00 am	In memory of Walter & Jane Kelsch req. by Daughter Donna
Thursday	December 26	9:00 am	Office Closed/No Mass/ Services
Friday	December 27	9:00 am	Office Closed/No Services
Saturday	December 28	4:00 pm	In memory of Geoffrey Linderman req. by Paul & Irene Banks & Family
			In memory of Bernie Shanahan & Maureen Devin req. by Shanahan & Devin Families
Sunday	December 29	8:30 am	In memory of Mildred Terrameo req. by Rosary Altar Society
		11:00 am	In memory of James Di Lorenzo req. by Dcn. Paul & Pat Stankiewicz

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CHRISTMAS MASSES

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MASS TIMES

MASS AND CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

December 24 at 4:00 pm in the Church

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

December 24 at 6:00 pm in the Church

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

December 25 at 10:00 am in the Church



DIGGING DEEPER

4th Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019

Each Advent season, we prepare to welcome Jesus into the inns and stables of our hearts. But Jesus' coming wasn't welcomed by everyone with choirs of angels. For St. Joseph, the first coming of Jesus was a bit more complicated. *"When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit."* For Joseph, opening his heart (and home) to Jesus meant, at best, appearing to all the world like a man who had impregnated his wife out of wedlock. At worst, he appeared a cuckold, raising the child of another man. God doesn't always appear the way we expect.

For some of us, the birth of Christ is a bit relationally complicated. Perhaps over the past few months, a loved one has died. This Christmas, you're taking it upon yourself to keep up the traditions and hold the family together. Welcoming Jesus means welcoming grief. Perhaps it's a difficult relative (or two or three) and it's all you can do to bite your tongue and swallow your pride while they're under your roof. Welcoming Jesus means welcoming strife, discord, and tension.

Yet *"do not be afraid,"* the angel says. Do not be afraid. Why? Because we celebrate the birth of *"Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"* Before Jesus' earthly ministry would begin, Jesus would lose his father, Joseph. God is with us in our grief. Wherever Jesus went, he stirred up controversy and faced down challenging personalities. God is with us in our stress. The trick is, like Joseph, to allow supernatural grace to prevail. Joseph was a good man, filled with natural virtue in that he didn't want to *"expose [Mary] to shame."* Yet he was prepared to *"divorce her quietly"* all the same. Our natural abilities only take us so far. Where is receiving Jesus complicated this Christmas season? Are you relying on your own strength to get you through, or are you truly ready to accept the grace of Emmanuel, God with us?

A VOCATION VIEW

Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 22, 2019

Today we hear that Jesus' coming into our world and all of the love he poured out for us, through much sacrifice, was done in obedience to the Father's will. Remember that it may be God's will that you be a priest, or a religious sister or brother. If so, will you follow Jesus' example of faithfulness? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sat. December 21- Song of songs 2:8-14; Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Luke 1:39-45
Sun. December 22- Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24
 Mon. December 23- Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Luke 1:57-66
 Tues. December 24- Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25
 Wed. December 25- Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18
 Thurs. December 26- Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
 Fri. December 27- 1 John 1:1-4; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]; John 20:1a, 2-8
 Sat. December 28- 1 John 1:5—2:2; Psalm 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]; Matthew 2:13-18
Sun. December 29- Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Colossians 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

ADVENT: SHARING THE FAITH THROUGH OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION



Today we relight the first three candles of the Advent Wreath — the candles of HOPE, PEACE and JOY.

Now we light the fourth candle of Advent. This is the candle of LOVE.



IC IMPACT SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER DINNER 2020

IC Impact Presents
The Roaring Twenties
 5:30pm - 9:00pm, February 1st at
 Immaculate Conception Church
 4671 Townline Rd, Ransomville

*\$8 for Adults
 \$5 for ages 5-12
 Under 5 is free*

Accepting Donations for:

- Spaghetti
- Sauce
- Baskets

Donations of spaghetti, sauce and baskets can be placed on the designated table in the Narthex

Spaghetti Dinner

The IC Impact Youth Group is raising money to help cover the cost of the Diocesan Youth Convention.

What are the GOALS of the Convention?

1. To provide teenagers with a healthy, positive experience of Christian community
2. To help teens connect with God
3. To help young people know and live their Catholic faith more fully
4. To help teenagers grow in personal wholeness and holiness

LITURGICAL MINISTRY WORKSHOP



SAVE THE DATE : SATURDAY, JANUARY 11 AT 9:00-11:00AM

For Ministers of Holy Communion , Lectors, Ushers, Greeters, and members of Music Ministry



Fr. Jim is asking all members of Liturgical Ministries to plan on attending. We will begin an in-service in the church with coffee and refreshments will follow.

Ushers & Greeters



BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST– GET INVOLVED IN PARISH LIFE

There are so many ways to be involved in our wonderful Parish to help grow in your faith and be Christ to another. We are called to more than weekly Mass attendance. We are called to being the hands and feet of Christ! Which means we are called to help those in need, to evangelize our community, and to grow in our own faith! Please consider joining one of these beautiful ministries, it will change who you are and will greatly impact those in our community! Chose one or more that interest you and see where God is calling and leading you!

Altar Servers

Any youth who have made their First Communion and are interested in helping with Mass are encouraged to join. We make every effort to have siblings serve together at the Mass their family normally attends.

Contact: Raphaelle LaNasa – 754-1802

Alzheimer's and Dementia Respite

This is a respite care program for caregivers of persons living with Alzheimer's disease or any form of dementia. Volunteers are needed to provide one on one support, lead crafts, leave games, meals, and more.

Contact Laurie Leggett– 628-0806

Bereavement Ministry

Our Bereavement Committee shows Parish support to the grieving family by helping them plan the funeral liturgy. They also provide the option of a "Meal of Mercy", which is served in the Parish hall following the funeral, to celebrate the life of the deceased.

Contact: Laurie Muth for funeral planning ministry, Jane Knapp-791-4637 or Claire Curione-731-4266 to support Meals of Mercy

Bible Study

Twice a year we offer Bible Studies which are typically include a video presentation followed by discussion.

Bible Study meets once a week and is offered at multiple times to fit your schedule.

Contact: Judy Heppner – 731-5264

Café Ministry

If baking or serving is your thing, then the café ministry is perfect for you! Volunteers are needed after Sunday masses to help serve coffee and provide baked goods.

Contact Joanne Reynolds- 216-4086

Caritas

We meet once a month for lunch at different local restaurants and meet weekly for bowling or golf depending on the season. Join us!

Caregivers

Dedicated individuals who focus on supplying food to those in our community in need.

Contact: Erica Brenner – 799-3064

Cleaning Team

The cleaning team is a group of men and women who volunteer to beautify and decorate the church in preparation for Holy Mass and holidays. We can always use more help.

Contact: Janet Fraas – 791-3822

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed in the Monstrance on the Altar in the Chapel. For the hours that it is Exposed, members of this ministry maintain a constant presence in silent Adoration before the Lord.

Contact: Gail Hastings – 791-4133 or gail4133@roadrunner.com

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are members of the congregation that have been recommended by the Pastor, received Diocesan training, and given approval from the Bishop to assist in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ. This Ministry is done both at Mass in the Parish and privately to those unable to attend Mass.

Anyone interested in becoming an EM must attend a training. Contact the Parish Office for info.

Faith Formation

We are always in need of volunteers to help with the many different aspects of helping others grow in their faith.

Contact: Laurie Muth- 731-4822 ext. 108

Garden Club

We welcome all volunteers for planting and care of flowers around our church property. We work as a group, or at your convenience. There are no age restrictions. Come "grow" with us.

Contact: Joanne Penna-Cowe- 731-5636

Giving Tree

During the Christmas season, the Giving Tree provides an opportunity for parishioners to donate presents for families in need. Members of the Giving Tree Ministry help organize and distribute gifts in an effort to bring the joy of Christ's birth into the homes of others.

Contact: Colleene Maska – 433-9396

I.C. Impact

We are a group of 8th through 12th graders who gather on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. for fun and fellowship. We learn respect, responsibility, trust, how to touch others with our faith, and to develop a deeper relationship with God.

Contact: Karen Kummer – icimpactyouthgroup@gmail.com

I.C. Young Adults

We are a group for young adults ages 18-30. As young adults are lives are often busy, and it is important to make time for God and fellowship. Join us for our next event in January of 2020!

Contacts: Karen Kummer- kummerkm01@mail.buffalostate.edu & Karli Leggett-kleggett25@gmail.com

Knitters

We meet every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Parishioners of all ages who are interested are invited.

Martha's Movers Women's Exercise Ministry

Martha's Movers is a Ministry whose motto is: Body, Mind, and Spirit. It is an exercise group of Christian women where conversation and exercise is encouraged. We are open M-F 10 a.m. until noon. We are also open on Tues, Weds, Thurs. afternoon from 3:15-5:00 p.m.. Come join us for fitness and fellowship!

Contact: Parish Office- 731-4822

Music Ministry

All are welcome to participate in the music ministry. Simply approach the musicians after Mass to discover how you might be involved.

Outreach Program

We offer a variety of services to meet the needs of our parish community, including transportation to doctor's visits, respite, support after surgery or birth of a child, and light house work for mobility impaired. If you or a member of your family would benefit from our Outreach Program, please don't hesitate to contact Nancy Mosher-791-8101

Prayer Chain

We offer intercessory prayers for those intentions that are requested of our team members. If you have a prayer request please contact the Parish office.

Parish Tech Team

With ever-changing technology, those who have a gift for all things "techy" are needed to help with all things digital at the parish.

Contact: Guy Christopher- gtchrist@hotmail.com

Respect Life

Our mission is to make our fellow parishioners more aware of pro-life issues and needs, and to recruit volunteers to help meet those needs. If you have a Christian concern for the many pro-life issues that are being challenged by our culture today, and would like to help, please join us.

Contact: Kathy Zdziebko – 791-5883

R.C.I.A.

Right of Christian Initiation of Adults and older children, is a program that gradually introduces its members to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life.

Contact: Leave a message in the Parish Office for Donna Kelsch.

Rosary Altar Society

The Rosary Altar Society assists the Parish in various ways. Their prime purpose is to beautify and prepare the Altar of the Lord for Eucharistic celebration. They honor the Blessed Mother through devotion and praying the Rosary. They meet monthly on the first Tuesday and always welcome new members!

Contact: Judy Heppner, President 574-0028

Summer Lawn and Maintenance Volunteers

This Ministry is a group of volunteers who enjoy outdoor yard work including mowing the lawn and maintaining the church gardens. If you have a green thumb, this Ministry needs you!

Contact: Parish Office- 731-4822

Book Club

We meet weekly on Tuesdays at Tina's Restaurant in Sanborn for lunch and discussion of the book we are currently reading.

Contact: Donna Kelsch-sisterdssc@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP

PARISH INCOME FOR DECEMBER 14 & 15, 2019

Offertory Collection.....	\$4,589.00
Online Giving	\$1,354.38
Retirement Fund for Religious.....	\$1,407.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$448.00
Renovation Fund	\$50.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$45.00
Children	\$1.00

*On-line giving is available through our website.
Safe. Easy. Convenient.*

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, Lynn Kellmer, 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, Petty Office Third Class (AME 3) Garith Kam, Airman Apprentice Micah Prieto, Hospitalman Samuel Prieto, MSGT Christopher Zastrow



PARISH ACTIVITIES

- SUN. December 22— No Religious Education
- MON. December 23— Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 6:30PM
- MON. December 23— Narcotics Anonymous 7:30PM
- TUES. December 24— Christmas Mass 4:00PM & 6:00PM
- WED. December 25— Christmas Mass 10:00AM
- THURS. December 26—Office Closed No Mass/Services
- FRI. December 27— Office Closed No Eucharistic Adoration
- SUN. December 29— No Religious Education
- MON. December 30— Narcotics Anonymous 7:30PM
- TUES. December 31—Office Closed No Mass/Services
- WED. January 1— Holy Day Mass 11:00AM