



# Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church



4671 Townline Road Ransomville, NY 14131

## January 18-19, 2020

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. Nick Drumsta, Custodian

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.

Safe Environment Coordinator:  
Miss Cynthia Curione, volunteer

RCIA Coordinator:  
Donna Kelsch

Trustees: Claire Curione, Kiersten  
Ryndak

Disability Advocate: Amy McQuay

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.

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

Telephone: 716-731-4822  
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FORMED.org Code: X7RQGP



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Now I have seen and testified that he is  
the Son of God.” - Jn 1:34

### *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	January 18	4:00 pm	In memory of <b>Pauline &amp; Herman Rueter</b> req. by Happy Klan
Sunday	January 19	8:30 am	In memory of <b>William Doty &amp; Jeff Wassell</b> req. by Lousie & Family
		11:00 am	In memory of <b>Joan Forgione</b> req. by Husband Angelo
Monday	January 20	9:00 am	<b>Office Closed</b>
Tuesday	January 21	9:00am	<b>Communion Service/ prayer</b>
Wednesday	January 22	6:30 pm	In memory of <b>Richard Gardner</b> req. by Lynda & Nancy Puzan
Thursday	January 23	9:00 am	In memory of <b>Mothers Living &amp; Deceased</b> req. by Parishioners
Friday	January 24	9:00 am	<b>Communion Service/ Prayer/ Adoration</b>
Saturday	January 25	4:00 pm	In memory of <b>Ron Dobrasz</b> req. by Donna Kelsch
Sunday	January 26	8:30 am	In memory of <b>Florence Walker</b> req. by Children
		11:00 am	In memory of <b>Pauline Rueter</b> req. by Caroline Lamb

### Do you know about Formed.org?

- 33 Days to Morning Glory videos are available to watch.
- 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 Parish code: **X7RQGP**.



## GOSPEL DIGGING DEEPER

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time January 19, 2020

On the cusp of fame, power, or influence, would you turn it down? Today's Gospel again features John the Baptist. Controversial but popular, John has gathered quite a group of followers. He has disciples. People come from near and far to be baptized by him. Pharisees and government leaders are drawn to his preaching. If John was another man, a lesser man, he would have claimed his own greatness. Instead, John the Baptist is a witness to humility.

*"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold the Lamb of God ... he is the one of whom I said, "A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me." ... the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known.'" Rather than point to himself, John points to Christ. John could have grasped at what he had accumulated. He could have seen Jesus as a Messianic competitor. Instead, John knows who he is. He knows his place as forerunner. Because John knows who Jesus is. "I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."*

A life of humility, a life for others, can be challenging to live. So much of our culture is built around achievement and individualism. We can justify it, too, in pursuit of "greater goods" and higher ideals. In the process, however, we might miss our own participation in the kingdom of God. John, for all of his humility, was not an afterthought. In another Gospel passage, Jesus calls him "the greatest prophet," even the greatest of men. Why? Because he fulfills the mission given to him by God: to announce the coming of the Messiah. We too are prophets and forerunners. Our witness to the Gospel is meant to point people to Jesus. Consider your own mission this week. To whom are you called to announce the good news of the Son of God?

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## A VOCATION VIEW



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 19, 2020

The miracle that Jesus performed at the Wedding at Cana made it clear that Jesus came to do remarkable acts of love for us. These acts continue, and Jesus asks some of us to assist him in very privileged ways. Is God calling you to the commitment of being a priest, deacon, brother or sister?

If so, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

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. January 18- 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Psalm 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]; Mark 2:13-17  
**Sun. January 19-** Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34  
Mon. January 20- 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]; Mark 2:18-22  
Tues. January 21- 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]; Mark 2:23-28  
Wed. January 22- 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Psalm 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1]; Mark 3:1-6  
Thurs. January 23-1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Psalm 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 [5b]; Mark 3:7-12  
Fri. January 24-1 Samuel 24:3-21; Psalm 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 [2a]; Mark 3:13-19  
Sat. January 25- Acts 22:3-16; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; Mark 16:15-18  
**Sun. January 26-** Isaiah 8:23—9:3; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



### Catholic Women's Conference

All women are invited to attend the next Catholic Women of Buffalo Conference *Blessed and Broken* on Saturday, March

14th from 8am-12pm at St. Mary's High School in Lancaster (across from Our Lady of Pompeii Church). Heather Renshaw author of *Death by Mini Van* and Rev. Jack Mattimore will be presenting. "Heather Renshaw is a on-fire revert to the Catholic faith, whose greatest desire is for all people to know the healing power of Jesus' Divine Mercy so that they may rejoice and be free in him." Tickets are \$30 for general admission and \$20 for students. Registration begins at 7:30am, Mass is at 8:00am, continental breakfast provided, and Adoration. To purchase tickets, go to [www.catholicwomenofbuffalo.org](http://www.catholicwomenofbuffalo.org)

## RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

### We will Pray the Rosary on Jan. 22nd

Please join us for the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary with reflections for the marchers for life after Wednesday's 6:30pm Mass on January 22nd. We will pray for the protection of the marchers and that God may use this demonstration as a prayer, to foster unity among those who are Pro-Life and to convert the hearts of many within our Nation.

Father Jim will bless any marchers who are present at this Mass; our hearts, thoughts, and prayers will go with them. You may watch the broadcast of the March for Life on TV; the EWTN channel starting with the Vigil Mass on Thursday January 23rd at 5:30pm through to the coverage of the March on Friday you may also tune in to live streams of the March for Life coverage on Facebook.

## IC YOUNG ADULTS



### Trivia Night

Thursday, January 30th at 8:00pm

New York Beer Project

6933 South Transit Rd. Lockport, NY 14094

Questions?

Email:

Karen Kummer: [kummerkm01@mail.buffalostate.edu](mailto:kummerkm01@mail.buffalostate.edu),

Karli Leggett: [kleggett25@gmail.com](mailto:kleggett25@gmail.com)

\*Look for the blue balloon

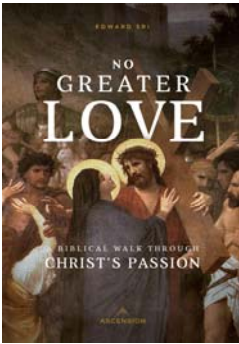
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**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**



**Lenten Bible Study: No Greater Love, A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion**

A wonderful Bible Study for Lent. Dr. Edward Sri helps us to more deeply understand Christ's Passion from Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Discover how much Christ loves you; a love so deep he freely gave his life for you. A workbook and book are available for \$30. There is no cost if you wish to join us to watch the video and listen to the discussion after. Friday mornings beginning at 10 am and between the Masses on Sunday mornings. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Feel free to contact Judy Heppner at 716-574-0028 or by email at [jblueeyedwonder@gmail.com](mailto:jblueeyedwonder@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**CANDLES FOR 2020 AVAILABLE**

Sanctuary Chapel: June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct., & Dec.  
 St. Joseph: June  
 Blessed Mother: March & July.  
 Contact the office for purchase.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**PARISH INCOME FOR JANUARY 11-12, 2020**

Offertory Collection .....	\$4,806.00
Online Giving .....	\$1,124.38
Renovation Fund .....	\$528.00
Solemnity of Mary (Add'l) .....	\$24.00
Children .....	\$1.00

*Online Giving is available. Easy. Safe. Convenient.*

**PARISH ACTIVITIES**

- SAT./SUN. January 18 & 19th— Anointings after all Masses
- SAT./SUN. January 18 & 19th— Town Hall Mtg about new Altar
- SUN. January 19 — No Religious Education
- MON. January 20 — Narcotics Anonymous 7:30PM
- TUES. January 21 — Caritas Society Bowling 9:00am
- WED. January 22— IC Impact teen youth group 6:30PM
- WED. January 22 — '33 Days' retreat Week 4 video after Mass
- WED. January 22— Finance Council Mtg 7:15pm
- THURS. January 23— '33 Days' retreat Week 4 video after Mass
- THURS. January 23— Knitting Group 1pm
- FRI. January 24— Adoration 10am-4pm
- SUN. January 26 — Religious Education 9:45-10:45AM
- SUN. January 26 — 2nd Grade Parent Mtg 9:45-10:45AM
- SUN. January 26 — 2nd Grade will sponsor 11am Mass
- SUN. January 26 — Baptism 12:00PM

**RICA NEWS**

**“Today salvation has come to this house” Luke 19:9**

Last weekend we were proud to welcome into our faith Jane Barone. Along with her husband Fran, they also had their three lovely daughters Caylyn May, Cienna Marie, and Camille Mia baptized. Also Fran's younger brother William Barone was baptized into the faith. He and his wife Andrea stood as Godparents along with another sister Tricia Barone. Congratulations! Thanks be to God for our baptismal promises and God's promise of salvation.

**CONTRIBUTION LETTERS**

**Call the Parish Office**

Contribution letters are available by Contacting Mary Zastrow in the Parish office at 731-4822. No letters will be given without contacting the office prior. They will be left in a container in the Narthex in alphabetical order.

**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, 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, 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, Nancy Palmieri, Jennifer Retzinger, Ruth Schuler, Noah Shelvay, Donald Sinclair, Christopher Speanburg, Andrew Stack, Deacon Paul Stankiewicz, Bruce Stauff, Diane Stillingner, 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 SFCTimothy 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

*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.*

## IC IMPACT SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER DINNER 2020

IC Impact Presents

# The Roaring Twenties

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

Tickets are on sale now!

Accepting Donations for:

- Spaghetti
- Sauce
- Baskets

5:30pm - 9:00pm, February 1st at  
Immaculate Conception Church  
4671 Townline Rd, Ransomville

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

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

### ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

#### Attention All High Schoolers!!



Attention all high school students the I.C. Impact Youth Group would like to invite you to this year's Diocesan Youth Convention on February 28th-March 1st at the Buffalo Grand Hotel. This year's theme is "Christ is Alive". The weekend includes workshops, small groups, social time, dinner at Pearl Street, new friends, Mass, and more! If you would like to attend, please contact Karen Kummer at [icimpactyouthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:icimpactyouthgroup@gmail.com).

### RETROUVILLE

#### Retrouville... A lifeline for marriages

A program to help couples renew their marriages.

- ◇ Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- ◇ Are you frustrated hurt or angry with your spouse?
- ◇ Are you constantly fighting? Or do you simply shut down?

Next Retrouville Buffalo weekend is **February 14-16**

For confidential information or to register for the weekend visit: [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org)

### NEW DISCUSSION GROUP

#### Catholic Current Events & Missionary Tales

Starting on Sunday, January 26th at 10:45-11:45am in the chapel we will meet to discuss Catholic current event & missionary tales. Anyone interested in meeting 2x a month to explore brief readings (provided) what is going on in the world of the Catholic Church and where and what our missionaries are doing— come join us for an hour of brief review and discussion. It will be informative & fun! For info contact Donna Kelsch at [sisterdssc@gmail.com](mailto:sisterdssc@gmail.com) or just show up.

### PIANIST NEEDED



The 8:30 am Music Ministry is looking for a piano player who is willing to donate their time and talent to assist in their music ministry. Anyone interested should contact Sr. Judith at 799-3721.

