



Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

4671 Townline Road Ransomville, NY 14131



February 8-9, 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 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

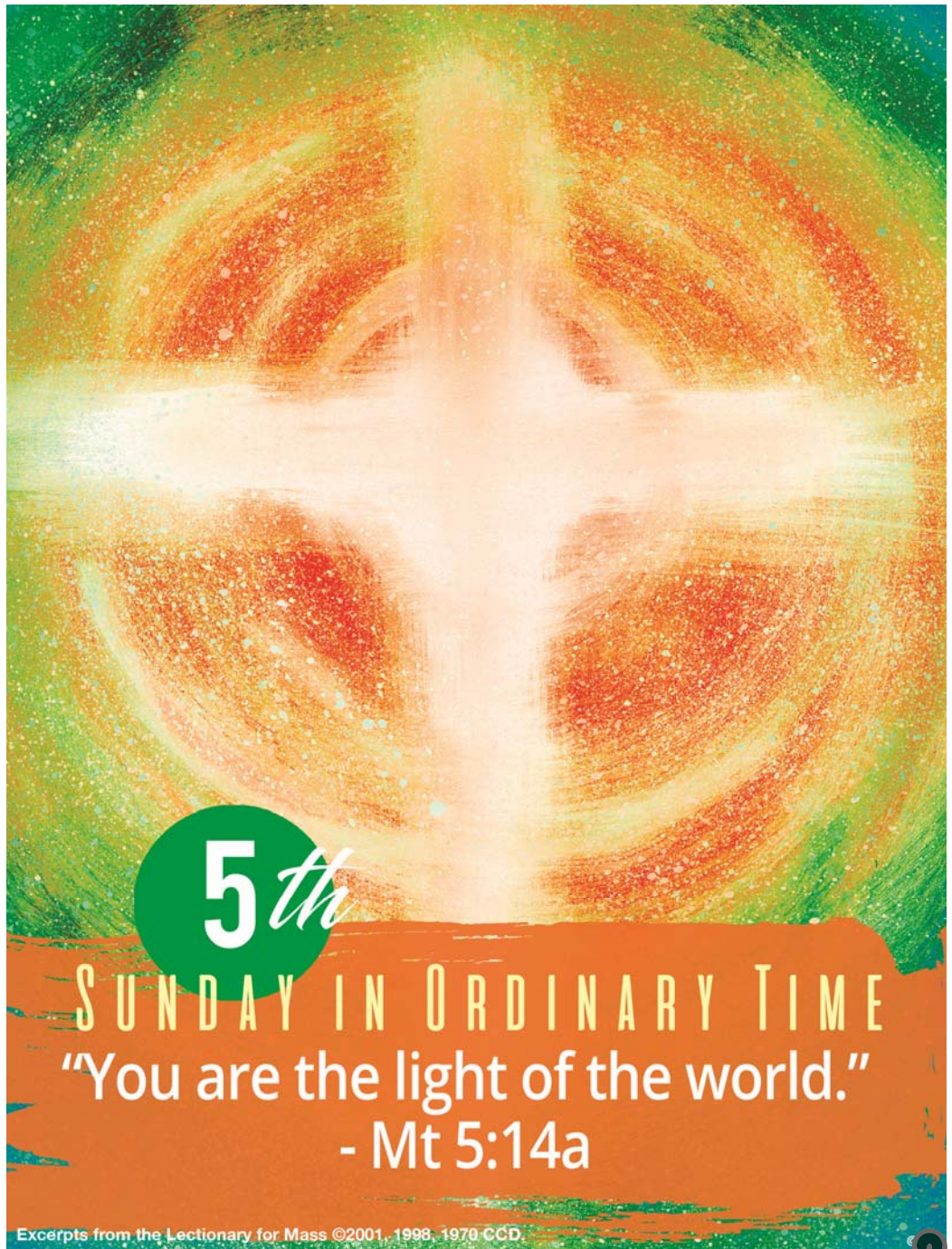
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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are the light of the world."

- Mt 5:14a

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

Our Parish Mission Statement

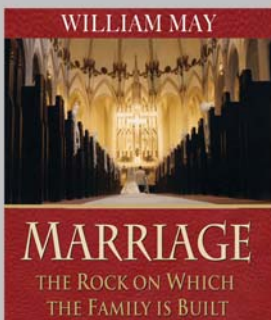
"Immaculate Conception parish is a warm and caring Roman Catholic faith community where all of God's people are welcome. We strive to bring Christ to all people through spiritually and uplifting liturgies, ministry, service and outreach."

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	February 8	4:00 pm	In memory of David Ward req. by wife Pat Ward
Sunday	February 9	8:30 am	In memory of Mildred Terrameo req. by Cindy & Claire Curione
		11:00 am	In memory of Matthew Marin req. by Marin Family
Monday	February 10	9:00 am	In memory of Ron Zitzka req. by wife Jan
Tuesday	February 11	9:00am	Communion Service/ prayer
Wednesday	February 12	6:30 pm	In memory of Donna Klemp req. by Mary Zastrow
Thursday	February 13	9:00 am	In memory of Fathers Living & Deceased req. by Parishioners
Friday	February 14	9:00 am	Communion Service/ Prayer/ Adoration
Saturday	February 15	4:00 pm	In memory of Donald Ruston req. by Sandra & John Eddy
Sunday	February 16	8:30 am	In memory of Michael Bordick req. by Pat Ward
		11:00 am	In memory of Pauline & Herman Rueter req. by Caroline Lamb

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**.



GOSPEL DIGGING DEEPER

February 9th, 2020 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What does it mean to be salt and light? If we listen carefully to Jesus' words, we gain some direction. To be salt means to bring taste, zest, and joy to life. We are asked to liven things up a bit by allowing the joy of our faith to spill over into the lives of others. Only a sincere and deep relationship with God can freshen up humanity and set it on proper course. To be light means that our faith must translate into action so that we can be Christ for others and extend the same arm of mercy and compassion that Christ did. Our acts of piety, then, cannot be directed solely at ourselves. Prayer is never about self-benefit but must always be directed toward union with God, deepening our relationships with one another and learning how to be effective stewards of the beautiful universe God has entrusted to our care.

The Master gives us wise direction in terms of how we can best become the salt and light he desires. Listen carefully to the Beatitudes. Think about the oppression and alienation that exists in our world, the violence and prejudice, the anger and the hatred, the fear and the shame. All of these things require action. The poor need food, housing, and clothes. Hatred must be replaced by love. Retaliation and violence by forgiveness. Our thoughts and speech can become more like Christ. We can change and continue to change. Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman said, "To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often."

But it doesn't end with just offering the bandages needed to heal wounds. It must go deeper. We must ask ourselves what has happened that we have found ourselves in this place with these wounds and divisions. What are their causes? Together we must address these systemic problems, politically and spiritually, and face the truth. Only then will we truly be salt and light. But then again, we may not like what the light shows us. © Lpi

A VOCATION VIEW



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 9, 2020

Not long ago we heard about Jesus' vocation as foretold by Isaiah. Today we hear of St. Paul's vocation to spread the good news of Jesus to people far and wide. What is your vocation? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, 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

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sat.	February 8-	1 Kings 3:4-13; Psalm 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mark 6:30-34
Sun.	February 9-	Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16
Mon.	February 10-	1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Psalm 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a]; Mark 6:53-56
Tues.	February 11-	1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Psalm 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 [2]; Mark 7:1-13
Wed.	February 12-	1 Kings 10:1-10; Psalm 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]; Mark 7:14-23
Thurs.	February 13-	1 Kings 11:4-13; Psalm 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 [4a]; Mark 7:24-30
Fri.	February 14-	1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Psalm 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 [11a and 9a]; Mark 7:31-37
Sat.	February 15-	1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Psalm 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 [4a]; Mark 8:1-10
Sun.	February 16-	Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

HOSPICE BOUQUETS



Hospice Bouquets are on sale now, they are \$8. See the bulletin board in the Narthex for the sign up sheet. Money is due at the time of delivery. The flowers will be delivered during the first week of March. See Janet Fraas with any questions.

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

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ROSARY ALTAR BAKE SALE



Rosary Altar Society Bake Sale is the weekend of February 8/9th

The Rosary Altar Society is sponsoring the Layette Bake Sale for new moms & babies at Niagara Falls Memorial Hospital & Mt. St Mary's Hospital. Donations of baked good (pies, cakes, breads, brownies, & cookies) are greatly appreciated and can be brought to the kitchen & labeled RA Bake Sale. The bake sale will be after all Masses the weekend of Feb. 8/9.

PALMS NEEDED TO MAKE ASHES



We will be collecting old palms to make ashes. Please drop them off in the Narthex the remaining weekends in February.

ASH WEDNESDAY



Ash Wednesday Mass Times

Ash Wednesday is on February 26th
Mass times are 9am and 6:30pm.

Old blessed palm are being collected in the Narthex to make ashes. You can drop them off throughout February

UPCOMING THIS LENT

Vicariate Lenten Retreat Life in the Eucharist beginning on March 1-April 2.

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday in Lent beginning on Fri. March 28th at 7pm.

Bible Study on Fridays and Sundays beginning on March 1st

THANK YOU FROM THE IC IMPACT TEENS

Thank you to our Parish Family For Your Generous Support of the Spaghetti Dinner

The IC Impact Youth Group would like to thank you for your tremendous support. Through your generosity, we were able to raise enough money to send 11 people to convention this year and cover the additional expenses of group t-shirts, our Saturday night convention dinner, and other supplies.

We would like to extend a special thank you to all those who helped with the renovations in the Fellowship Hall. Without your hard work, we would not have been able to have such a great parish event. Many people commented on how nice the renovations of the hall looked.



At convention, we are able to share our faith with other Catholic youth in the Diocese of Buffalo. We grow our faith through inspiring speakers, smaller breakout sessions, Sacraments, and sacramentals. Through convention, we are able to visit with old friends and make new friendships that will last throughout the years. Each year, convention is based around a special theme and this year it is "Christ is Alive." The theme is based on a document written by Pope Francis. We are excited to experience the living Christ throughout the weekend and learn how to bring the witness of the living Christ to our peers after convention. We appreciate everyone's prayerful support leading up to, during, and after the convention. We truly appreciate all you do for us!

Your children in Christ, *The IC Impact teen* youth group

STEWARDSHIP

PARISH INCOME FOR FEBRUARY 1 & 2, 2020

Offertory Collection.....	\$3,686.00
Online Giving.....	\$704.44
Renovation Fund.....	\$340.00
Catholic Relig. Assit. Poland & East. Europe	\$200.00
Catholic Relief (Addt'l).....	\$17.00
Children.....	\$1.00

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SAT./SUN. February 8 & 9 — Rosary Altar Layette Bake Sale After Masses

SUN. February 9 — Religious Education 9:45-10:45AM

SUN. February 9 — 9th Grade will sponsor 11am Mass

SUN. February 9 — Baptism 12:00PM

MON. February 10— Narcotics Anonymous 7:30PM

TUES. February 11— Caritas Society Bowling 9:00am

WED. February 12— IC Impact teen youth group 6:30PM

WED. February 12— Liturgy Committee Mtg 7:15PM

THURS. February 13— Alzheimer's/Dementia Respite 10am-2pm

THURS. February 13— Knitting Group 1pm

FRI. February 14— Adoration 10am-4pm

SAT./SUN. February 15 & 16 — Anointing of the Sick after Masses

SUN. February 16 — No Religious Education

MON. February 17— Office Closed— President's Day

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, 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 Stillinger, Diane Taylor, Gerald Thomason, Sharon Trentini, Jan Turnbull, 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

CONTRIBUTION LETTERS

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.

CANDLES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Sanctuary Candle Chapel:
In loving memory of **Connie McMicking**
req. by **sister Suzanne Triechler**

St. Joseph Candle:
In loving memory of **Francis Mahar**
req. by **wife Maryann**



Sanctuary Candle Church:
In loving memory of **George Marin**
req. by **Marin Family**

Blessed Mother Candle:
In loving memory of **Edward & Elsie Johnson**
req. by **Family**



LIFE IN THE EUCHARIST

Grow in your understanding of the Eucharist, draw closer to Christ, meet other area Catholics
As we journey toward Lent, we often consider things we may do to make Lent meaningful in our lives. Many give up something for Lent, but this season, perhaps you should add something. Consider adding the *Life in the Eucharist* retreat. The retreat will be offered at various times and places throughout the Vicariate. It consists of 5- two hour sessions over 5 weeks. For your convenience, there are multiple options to choose from. Each session explores the mystery of the Eucharist and the Mass we come together to celebrate.

Sign up cards are in the pews or use this form



Life in the EUCCHARIST Vicariate Lenten Retreat

- Mondays- March 2,9,16,23,30 from 6:00-8:00pm
Our Lady of Czestochowa 57 Center Avenue, North Tonawanda
___Check here if participating in soup supper at 5:30pm
- Mondays- March 2,9,16,23,30 from 6:30-8:30pm
St. Vincent De Paul, St. Leo's site 2748 Military Road
- Tuesdays-March 3,10,17,24,31 from 2-4pm
St. Jude the Apostle 800 Niagara Falls Boulevard, North Tonawanda
- Tuesdays- March 3,10,17,24,31 from 6:30-8:30pm
Holy Family Parish Mt. Carmel Site-27th and Independence
- Wednesdays- March 4,11,18,25, April 1 from 6:30-8:30pm
Our Lady of Fatima Shrine Cafeteria 1023 Swann Road, Lewiston
- Thursdays- March 5,12,19,26, April 2 from 6:30-8:30pm
St. Mary of the Cataract Parish Hall 259 4th Street, Niagara Falls

**Note: No Mass at Immaculate Conception on Wed. during March

Name _____

CARITAS LUNCH

February Caritas Society Luncheon

The Caritas Society will meet for lunch at 12:00pm on Thursday, February 20th at Tin Pan Alley in Lewiston. We will be ordering off the menu. Everyone is welcome to join us, sign up on the bulletin board.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross Every Friday during Lent at 7pm



A special 'Shadow Stations' will be led by the IC Impact youth group on Friday, April 3rd at 7pm in the Hall

We are in need of people to lead Stations. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

ADVERTISE ON CATHOLIC RADIO



Hi, I'm Dana Mielke, Administrative Manager and Community Coordinator for The Station of the Cross Catholic Radio Network. I want to invite you to advertise

your parish events with us! Go to **thestationofthecross.com** and click on the **Buffalo** link on the **Events** tab. We'll place your event on our Events Calendar and create an on-air promo announcing your event to all of our listeners!

And pick up a free bumper magnet in the narthex!