



Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church



4671 Townline Road Ransomville, NY 14131

February 15-16, 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

Telephone: 716-731-4822

Website:

www.icransomville.org

Email:

icransomville@yahoo.com



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all
that you vow." - Mt 5:33

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 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
Monday	February 17		Office Closed- No Mass/Services
Tuesday	February 18	9:00am	Communion Service/ prayer
Wednesday	February 19	6:30 pm	In memory of Edwin Zastrow Sr. req. by Family
Thursday	February 20	9:00 am	In memory of Mothers Living & Deceased req. by Parishioners
Friday	February 21	9:00 am	Communion Service/ Prayer/ Adoration
Saturday	February 22	4:00 pm	In memory of John Madej 95th Birthday req. by daughter Linda Gray
Sunday	February 23	8:30 am	In memory of Mildred Terrameo req. by Hank & Janet Fraas
		11:00 am	In memory of Maggie Schulz req. by Beverement Group

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 16th, 2020 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

People are not property. We cannot exchange them at will or simply use them for our own designs and purposes. What does the word “commitment” mean to you? We can begin to understand its meaning by looking at some synonyms: dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, and bond. Commitment is primarily about relationship, and Jesus is all about relationships. How our lives affect others, how we treat our brothers and sisters, how we resolve conflict, and how we view the vows of marriage. Jesus’ teachings on obeying the commandments, murder, reconciliation, marriage, divorce, and adultery all stem from the sacredness of commitment. All of this has a God connection.

We can easily see one another as interchangeable and dispensable. We treat so much of our lives this way. What works today may not be what I want tomorrow. We search and search for the right thing only to find our hearts still restless in the end. Is real happiness achievable this side of the grave? Sometimes we expect too much out of others and want our relationships to fill a hole that we must figure out how to fill ourselves. Any seasoned married couple will tell you that their love for one another changes as time passes. Even though the understanding of romance changes as life changes, the dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, and fidelity all remain and even deepen.

Some relationships can be hurtful, and God does not want us to live with abuse or pain. Also, how a relationship develops is sometimes out of our control, and we become the victim of someone else’s decision. But we can’t be self-focused in our relationships and see them exclusively as self-fulfilling ends. We are companions on life’s journey with varying depths of relationships being enjoyed by all who are with us along the way. We have the freedom to choose. God asks us to do so wisely, with right judgment and thinking. © Lpi

A VOCATION VIEW



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 16, 2020

Proclaiming the Lord’s name and love is not always easy, and sometimes must be done in the face of persecution. Still, God promises that those who bear insult for the sake of His name will be rewarded greatly in heaven. How is God calling you to proclaim His name and love? 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 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
 Mon. February 17- James 1:1-11; Psalm 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]; Mark 8:11-13
 Tues. February 18- James 1:12-18; Psalm 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]; Mark 8:14-21
 Wed. February 19- James 1:19-27; Psalm 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]; Mark 8:22-26
 Thurs. February 20- James 2:1-9; Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]; Mark 8:27-33
 Fri. February 21- James 2:14-24, 26; Psalm 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 1b]; Mark 8:34—9:1
 Sat. February 22- 1 Peter 5:1-4; Psalm 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]; Matthew 16:13-19
Sun. February 23- Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

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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And pick up a free bumper magnet in the narthex!

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 palms 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. February 28th at 7pm.

Bible Study on Fridays and Sundays beginning on March 1st

\$18,217.01



THANK YOU

WITH MUCH MORE TO COME
AS PLEDGES ARE PAID

We have received our January disbursement of \$18,217.01 from UTR! This money will join our other disbursements totaling \$132,866.60. Thank you to all who are continuing to honor your pledges. Because of your generosity, we were able to replace our air conditioning system in the church proper, repaint the church, drywall and paint the narthex and crying room, update the kneelers and replace the flooring with new carpeting.

Your donations have also enabled us to replace the furnaces in the back half of the building and update the hall including fresh paint on the ceiling, drywall over the concrete block, a fresh coat of paint and new floors.

Like what you see? You are still able to get involved by donating to our various renovation projects. Contact Fr. Jim or Laurie in the parish office to learn how.

STEWARDSHIP

PARISH INCOME FOR FEBRUARY 8 & 9, 2020

Offertory Collection.....	\$2,800.00
Online Giving.....	\$1,595.38
Renovation Fund.....	\$71.00
Catholic Relig. Assit. Poland & East. Europe (Add'l).....	\$10.00
Children.....	\$1.00

PARISH ACTIVITIES

- 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**
- MON. February 17— Narcotics Anonymous 7:30PM**
- TUES. February 18— Caritas Society Bowling 9:00am**
- WED. February 19— IC Impact teen youth group 6:30PM**
- THURS. February 20— Knitting Group 1pm**
- THURS. February 20— Caritas Society Luncheon 12:00pm**
- FRI. February 21— Adoration 10am-4pm**
- SUN. February 23— Religious Education 9:45-10:45am**
- SUN. February 23— Mass Sponsored by 4th Grade 11:00am**
- MON. February 24— Narcotics Anonymous 7:30PM**
- TUES. February 25— Caritas Society Bowling 9:00am**
- WED. February 26— Ash Wednesday Masses 9:00am & 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, 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

NEWS & NOTEWORTHY



Luca LaNasa is Recognized as Altar Server of the Year

Luca LaNasa will be honored this Saturday, February 15th at the Altar Server of the year Banquet. He was nominated by Father Jim for his dedicated and faithful service to Immaculate Conception. Congratulations Luca!

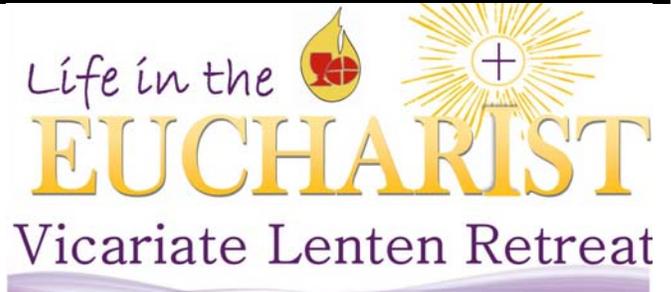
Anyone who has received their first holy communion and is interested in becoming an Altar Server and beautifully serving our church should contact Father Jim.

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 using the bottom half of the insert or this form →



- 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.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE INVITES YOU

9th Annual St. Gianna Banquet

Thursday, February 27th, 2020
6:00pm (5:30pm Check-in)

At Millennium Hotel

2040 Walden Avenue Cheektowaga, NY

Opening Remarks: Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger

Keynote Speaker: David Bereit

\$75 per person/Students \$50

Make Your Reservation by February 20:

Call 716-847-2205

Online Reservation at <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/stgiannacenter>

By email at St.Gianna@buffalodiocese.org