



Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church



4671 Townline Road Ransomville, NY 14131

February 22-23, 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
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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” - Mt 5:44

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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 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
Monday	February 24	9:00 am	In memory of Father's Living & Deceased req. by Parishioners
Tuesday	February 25	9:00 am	Communion Service/ prayer
Wednesday	February 26	9:00 am	In memory of Peter & Betty Storms req. by children
		6:30 pm	In memory of Roger EreK req. by Dave & Jennifer DePonceau
Thursday	February 27	9:00 am	In memory of Deceased Loved Ones req. by Parishioners
Friday	February 28	9:00 am	Communion Service/ Prayer/ Adoration
Saturday	February 29	4:00 pm	In memory of Vincent & Barbara Bonfante req. by daughter & granddaughter Laurie & Karli Leggett
Sunday	March 1	8:30 am	In memory of Mildred Terrameo req. by the LaNasa Family
		11:00 am	In memory of James Faery req. by Esther Barrick & Family

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 23rd, 2020 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospels continue to challenge us to the core. This is especially true in the way our social relationships have developed. Feeling safe and secure in the world are not things that come easily these days. Actually, we may find ourselves feeling more reservation, caution, reluctance, and fear than ever before. In a moment's notice, life can drastically change. When someone has been intentionally and violently hurt, especially someone we love, we can all too easily find ourselves very attracted to the Old Testament philosophy of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

Intellectually, we know this is not what Jesus wants us to do. But on some level it just seems to make practical or even political sense. After all, why should we allow someone to get away with a heinously violent act? Yet, Jesus cannot be any clearer than he is with this! Offer no resistance to one who is evil. Turn the other cheek as well. When pressed into service, go two miles. Do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. Love your enemies. Now, take a moment to reflect on all of this. Consider a horrible act of violence committed against someone you love. Listen. Think. Be honest. Can you do as Jesus directs?

We want to be holy. But we are more comfortable with a definition of holiness that can keep us saying our prayers and on our knees in church. We are not comfortable with a definition of holiness that has something to say about how we react to and negotiate life. We like to keep a sharp and strong line between the secular and the sacred. In fact, we would prefer that the doors between them be kept closed. God wants us to be holy as He is holy. If God sees this one way and we see it another, then where does this leave us on our journey to God?

Our minds like the practical, worldly, and secular answers to things. They are more black and white and at first glance appear to make more sense. Holiness wells up from our souls and is beyond reason. It cannot be explained. It is something we just simply know comes as a result of deep prayer. The truly contemplative eye knows inwardly that what Jesus asks is true and then willingly does it. It may not be easy.

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A VOCATION VIEW



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 23, 2020

We are reminded today that when we are wronged we are to seek reconciliation rather than revenge. Jesus set the tone for such reconciliation by giving his life so that we may be forgiven for our sins. How is God calling you to be an instrument of His mercy? 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 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
Mon.	February 24-	James 3:13-18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]; Mark 9:14-29
Tues.	February 25-	James 4:1-10; Psalm 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 [23a]; Mark 9:30-37
Wed.	February 26-	Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs.	February 27-	Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]; Luke 9:22-25
Fri.	February 28-	Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]; Matthew 9:14-15
Sat.	February 29-	Isaiah 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]; Luke 5:27-32
Sun.	March 1-	Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

JOIN US FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS DURING LENT

Journey with Jesus this Lent. Stations of the Cross refers to a series of images depicting Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion and accompanying prayers. The object of the stations is to help the Christian faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of the Passion of Christ. It has become one of the most popular devotions.



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7pm

beginning on February 28th

We will hold our Stations of the Cross on each Friday of Lent at 7:00 pm in the Church.



Shadow Stations April 3rd 7pm



Various groups, families, and ministries are invited to lead. Sign up on the bulletin board.

All youth grades 2-10 are invited to carry the candles. Sign up on the bulletin board.



Shadow Stations presented by the IC Impact Youth Group will be April 3rd at 7:00pm in the Hall.

REVISED MASS SCHEDULE: MARCH

Please note that there will not be Mass on Wednesday evenings in March. Instead, parishioners are invited to participate in the Life in the Eucharist retreat which is being offered throughout the Western Niagara Vicariate throughout Lent. Confessions will be heard before Saturday evening Mass or by appointment.

UPCOMING THIS LENT

What are you doing this Lent?

Please consider one of these

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

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>

[stgiannacenter](https://www.buffalodiocese.org/stgiannacenter)

By email at St.Gianna@buffalodiocese.org

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

Why ASH WEDNESDAY?



CELEBRATING RITUALS



Ash Wednesday
February 26, 2020
Mass at 9am and 6:30am

Rituals bring us together. They are prescribed by the traditions of a culture, a community (including a religious community) or even of a family. Rituals strengthen our bonds and they express our values. They help us create a sense of identity, security, and belonging. They create shared memories. We have rituals around holidays like Advent, Christmas, Lent & Easter. And we have rituals around other milestones and celebrations, like birthdays, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day. Rituals help us celebrate these special moments, celebrate life, and even to remember those who have gone before us. The Ash Wednesday distribution of Ashes marks the beginning of Lent. We mark ourselves with ashes as a sign of repentance and humility before God as we prepare ourselves for Easter.

PARISH OUTREACH PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORT

November & December 2019 Activity Report

Transportation:

-1 trip to a Doctor's Appointment 2 hrs

Eucharistic/Pastoral Visits:

-In the Home: 14 trips, 11.75 hrs

-Hospitals, Nursing Homes, etc.: 6 trips, 3 hrs

-Total: 20 trips, 14.75 hrs

Pet visits: 3 trips, 1.5 hrs

Phone Visit: 1, 0.5 hrs

Miscellaneous (yard work, home repairs, & mainten.):

3 trips, 1.5 hrs

Outreach Hours:

Nov.: 12 hrs, Dec.: 8.25 hrs, Total: 20.25 hrs

STEWARDSHIP

PARISH INCOME FOR FEBRUARY 15 & 16, 2020

Offertory Collection.....	\$2,591.00
Online Giving.....	\$1,124.69
Renovation Fund.....	\$45.00
Catholic Relig. Assit. Poland & East. Europe (Add'l).....	\$1.00
Children.....	\$1.00

PARISH ACTIVITIES

- 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**
- WED. February 26— IC Impact teen youth group 6:30pm**
- THURS. February 27— Knitting Group 1pm**
- FRI. February 28— Adoration 10am-4pm**
- FRI. February 28— Stations of the Cross in the Church 7pm**
- SUN. March 1— Religious Education 9:45-10:45am**
- SUN. March 1— Bible Study 9:45-10:45am**
- MON. March 2— Narcotics Anonymous 7:30pm**
- TUES. March 3— Caritas Society Bowling 9:00am**

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 Deida, 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 Spearburg, 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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE "Blessed and Broken"

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

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE "Being a Godly Man in an Un-Godly World"

This Lent join men from throughout the region to renew your faith, be inspired by the Holy Spirit and experience the brotherhood and sharing with other men. The day includes three great speakers, the opportunity for confession, coffee and donuts when you arrive, lunch, opportunity for individual and communal prayer, exhibits, ministry informational sessions and closing Mass. Come to Cardinal O'Hara High School, 39 O'Hara Rd., Tonawanda, NY 14150 on Saturday March 28, 2020. Doors open at 7:30 am with program starting at 8:15 am and a 3:00 pm close. Tickets are \$30.00 and \$10.00 for students. For additional information or Register Online at www.cmfofwny.org.

MAGNIFICAT BUFFALO- MINISTRY FOR WOMEN



Magnificat of Buffalo Chapter, a ministry to Catholic women, will be hosting a breakfast on Saturday March 21, 2020 featuring guest DAWN IACONO who will be presenting:

Spiritual Motherhood and Marian Moments on the Pilgrimage of Life.

Pre-registration is necessary, *early registration postmark by March 11th* saves \$5.00 on the full \$25.00 fee.

9 AM doors open at The Millennium Hotel, 20-40 Walden Ave, Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Check payable to: Magnificat-Buffalo c/o Maureen Wilson, 303 Meyer rd. Apt#1403, West Seneca, NY 14224.

To pay online go to www.facebook.com/magnificatbuffalo. You may find a flyer to register in at the main entrance of the church, or online at Facebook.

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.

Order this weekend for March delivery!!!!

LOCKPORT CARES NEEDS YOU!

Can you bring meals to the homeless

Thank you all who have volunteered to provide a meal. Included here are the remaining open dates, if you have not been put on the calendar and can take a date please email me at julcos50@gmail.com and I will put you on the calendar. Thank you ALL for your faithfulness in providing for the local homeless.

MARCH 6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 20, 27, 28, 30.

APRIL 1, 3, 4, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 22, 24, 26.