



# Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church



4671 Townline Road Ransomville, NY 14131

**Feb. 29/Mar. 1, 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

**Website:**

[www.icransomville.org](http://www.icransomville.org)

**Email:**

[icransomville@yahoo.com](mailto:icransomville@yahoo.com)



## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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### *Our Parish Mission Statement*

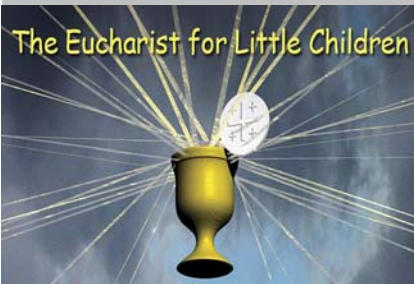
*"Immaculate Conception parish is a warm and caring Roman Catholic faith community where all of God's people are welcome. We strive to bring Christ to all people through spiritually and uplifting liturgies, ministry, service and outreach."*

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	February 29	4:00 pm	In memory of <b>Vincent &amp; Barbara Bonfante</b> req. by daughter & granddaughter Laurie & Karli Leggett
Sunday	March 1	8:30 am	In memory of <b>Mildred Terrameo</b> req. by the LaNasa Family
		11:00 am	In memory of <b>James Faery</b> req. by Esther Barrick & Family
Monday	March 2	9:00 am	In memory of <b>Mother's Living &amp; Deceased</b> req. by Parishioners
Tuesday	March 3	9:00 am	<b>Communion Service/ prayer</b>
Wednesday	March 4	4:00 pm	<b>No Mass</b> -Life in the Eucharist at Fatima Shrine
Thursday	March 5	9:00 am	In memory of <b>Father's Living &amp; Deceased</b> req. by Parishioners
Friday	March 6	9:00 am	<b>Communion Service/ Prayer/ Adoration</b>
		6:30 pm	In Reparation for the Sins Committed Against the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday	March 7	4:00 pm	In memory of <b>Ron Dobrasz</b> req. by Judy Hicks
Sunday	March 8	8:30 am	In memory of <b>Mildred Terrameo</b> req. by Rosary Altar Society
		11:00 am	In memory of <b>Pauline &amp; Herman Rueter</b> req. by Prayer 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](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

### March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 1st Sunday of Lent

Life can easily spin us out of control. While there are so many wonderful opportunities before us, we can also get easily distracted and exhausted. There is always something to do, respond to, or check. The clutter of our lives can take us off course, and the best remedy for getting back on track is the experience of the desert. Here we can face our demons square on, resist them, and get back on course. We desperately need the season of Lent. This simple time of year forces us into greater awareness and grounds us in what is good and true.

What weighs you down and keeps you trapped? Maybe you are trying to do too much and please too many people. It could be that your fragile self-image is always pushing you to prove yourself and find success. Anxiety and worry, ultimately due to a lack of faith, can quickly tempt you with despair. It could be that you are listening to too many voices and allowing all of the negativity that is present erode the genuine goodness in your heart and in all of God's creation. Or maybe you struggle too much with fear. Perhaps so much so that you are far too preoccupied with your own agenda and goals and left with little psychological or spiritual room to consider and respond to the plight of your neighbor. Do anger, bitterness, stubbornness, and hatred have homes in your heart? How about greed, gluttony, pride, apathy, or lust?

For many, their passions and what can be found on the internet are their downfall, and they are robbed of their inner life and freedom. What is it, specifically, that tempts you away from a childlike trust in God? Define this and use the next few weeks to allow God to chart you a course away from them. Silence, being alone, grace, honesty, struggle, tears, and dryness are all found in the desert. You will also find God and your true self in this holy place. Ready to go? © Lpi

## A VOCATION VIEW

### *First Sunday of Lent – March 1, 2020*

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Likewise, in places of solitude we too can hear the voice of God. Take some time to listen this Lent. 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](mailto:bulletin@icransomville.org)

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sat.	February 29-	Isaiah 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]; Luke 5:27-32
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>March 1-</b>	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
Mon.	March 2-	Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Matthew 25:31-46
Tues.	March 3-	Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Matthew 6:7-15
Wed.	March 4-	Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]; Luke 11:29-32
Thurs.	March 5-	Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]; Matthew 7:7-12
Fri.	March 6-	Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]; Matthew 5:20-26
Sat.	March 7-	Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]; Matthew 5:43-48
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>March 8-</b>	Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9

## CANDLES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

### *Sanctuary Candle Chapel:*

In loving memory of **Theresa St. Onge**  
req. by **Mom & Family**

### *St. Joseph Candle:*

In loving memory of **Peter Storms**  
req. by **Storms/Stoltman Families**



### *Sanctuary Candle Church:*

In loving memory of **65th Remembrance of still born Baby Madej**  
req. by **sister Linda Gray**

### *Blessed Mother Candle:*

In loving memory of **Marie Goodman**  
req. by **Rich & Annie Goodman**



## 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](http://www.facebook.com/magnificatbuffalo). You may find a flyer to register in at the main entrance of the church, or online at Facebook.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



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#### "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. 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

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#### "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. Cardinal O'Hara High School, 39 O'Hara Rd., Tonawanda on Saturday March 28. Doors open at 7:30 am with program starting at 8:15 am. Tickets are \$30.00 and \$10.00 for students. For additional information or Register Online at [www.cmfofwny.org](http://www.cmfofwny.org).

## Immaculate Conception Church Outreach Team Volunteer Signup Form

Now 3 years old, the Outreach program continues to grow and with it the need for more volunteers. If you are interested in joining this team of dedicated and caring volunteers, please complete the form below. Be sure to include your telephone number and email address. Completed forms may be left in the Outreach Team box on the table in the narthex or in the parish office Monday – Friday between 9:30 am and 5 pm. Please consider becoming a part of this important parish ministry. Thank you! (See back for more information)

Please indicate in which areas you wish to volunteer your services.

- Bring Holy Communion to homebound parishioners:  Weekends  Week Days
- Drive parishioners to  Church  Doctor Appointments  Grocery stores, etc.
- Make telephone calls or visit homebound parishioners
- Visit parishioners in  Hospitals  Nursing Homes  Assisted Living facilities
- Periodically prepare meals and bring them to homebound parishioners
- Assist parishioners by  Grocery shopping  Picking up medicine  Running errands, etc.
- Pet therapy/pet visits
- Help parishioners with yard work, interior and exterior cleaning, minor home repairs, etc.
- Lockport Cares
- Meals of Mercy
- Provide respite care (caregiver relief) for a few hours (maximum of three hours)
- Respite Care – Catholic Charities for Alzheimer's / Dementia
- Other Suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate on which days you are available to help and also the preferred time of day:

Sunday  Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday  Saturday

Time of day when you are available:  morning  afternoon  evening  anytime

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ email address \_\_\_\_\_

If you have questions about the Immaculate Conception Outreach Program, please contact Nancy Mosher at 310-4902, or by email at [namosher@roadrunner.com](mailto:namosher@roadrunner.com) We look forward to working with you on this parish ministry.

**Holy Communion:** With a little training, you can bring Holy Communion to home bound parishioners

**Drive Parishioners:** Help our parishioners get to Church, Doctors, Grocery Stores, or other errands, at a mutually convenient time.

**Telephone Calls:** Visit or Call homebound parishioners to help keep them connected and interacting socially with our parish family. Perhaps you will have common interests-Music, Theatre, Current Events, Sports, Reading, etc.

**Visit Parishioner in Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Assisted Living Facilities:**

On a regular basis or when other family members are unable to because of Injury/illness or Vacation / Work Trips

**Prepare Meals for Homebound Parishioners:** Maybe to occasionally ease the load for other family members or for some parishioners who don't qualify/or are out of area for Meals on Wheels

**Assist Parishioners:** Run errands for parishioners who can't get out themselves

**Pet Therapy:** If you have a loving pet, bring your pet to a parishioner's house, or to a Nursing Home. Loveable pets can really lift a person's spirit. Happiness can be the very best medicine!

**Help parishioners:** Once in a while, parishioners need an extra helping hand at home, with tasks that they can't do themselves. Perhaps temporarily due to injuries or long-term due to aging. Yard Work, minor home repairs-changing light bulbs, Cleaning, etc.

**Lockport Cares:** A non-profit crisis shelter that houses up to 12 adults and children. Make meals for the men, woman and families with children

**Meals of Mercy:** When a parishioner passes away, we offer to host the funeral luncheon and provide the meal. Join a rotating team of caring individuals to make a dish for a funeral luncheon.

**Provide Respite Care:** For a few hours, relieve a family member taking care of a loved one, so they may be refreshed and rejuvenated so they have endurance to care for their loved one.

**Respite Care – Catholic Charities:**

Come to our parish for one day a few hours a month, and work with parishioners who have Alzheimer / Dementia.

Perhaps do a craft, sing a song, play a game and have lunch with them.

Catholic Charities will train our volunteers, so that we may volunteer right here at our own parish

One volunteer per one parishioner in need.

See front to sign up to volunteer →

## STEWARDSHIP

### PARISH INCOME FOR FEBRUARY 22 & 23, 2020

Offertory Collection.....	\$3,855.50
Online Giving.....	\$992.13
Renovation Fund.....	\$190.00
Solemnity of Mary (Add'l).....	\$5.00
Catholic Relief Services (Add'l).....	\$5.00

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

- 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
- TUES. March 3— Rosary Altar Society Mtg 6:30pm
- WED. March 4— IC Impact Leader Mtg 6:30pm
- THURS. March 5— Knitting Group 1pm
- FRI. March 6— Adoration 10am-4pm
- FRI. March 6— Stations of the Cross in the Church 7pm
- SUN. March 8— Religious Education 9:45-10:45am
- SUN. March 8— Bible Study 9:45-10:45am
- MON. March 9— Narcotics Anonymous 7:30pm
- TUES. March 10— Caritas Society Bowling 9:00am
- WED. March 11— IC Impact teen youth group 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

