



# Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

4671 Townline Road Ransomville, NY 14131



## March 14 & 15, 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.  
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.

### 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

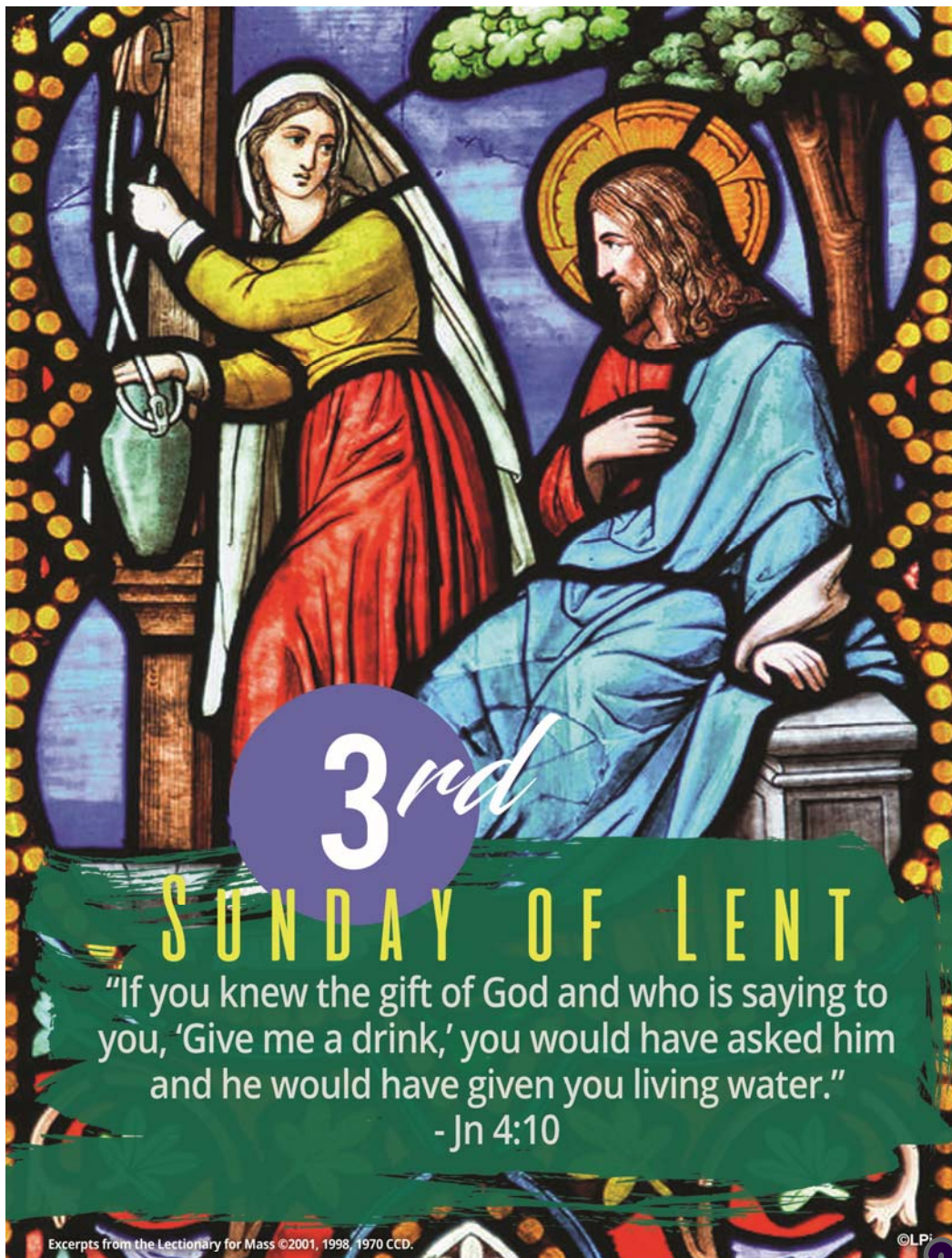
### Website:

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SUNDAY OF LENT

"If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to  
you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him  
and he would have given you living water."

- Jn 4:10

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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	March 14	4:00 pm	In memory of <b>Maggie Schulz</b> req. by Pat Ward
Sunday	March 15	8:30 am	In memory of <b>Jim Faery</b> req. by Fran & Ed Finnerty
		11:00 am	In memory of <b>Matthew Marin</b> req. by Marin Family
Monday	March 16	9:00 am	In memory of <b>Father's Living &amp; Deceased</b> req. by Parishioners
Tuesday	March 17	9:00 am	<b>Communion Service/ prayer</b>
Wednesday	March 18		<b>No Mass</b> -Life in the Eucharist at Fatima Shrine at 6:30pm
Thursday	March 19	9:00 am	In memory of <b>Deceased Loved Ones</b> req. by Parishioners
Friday	March 20	9:00 am	<b>Communion Service/ Prayer/ Adoration</b>
Saturday	March 21	4:00 pm	In memory of <b>Hugh R. Farrell</b> req. by Paul & Irene Banks & Family
Sunday	March 22	8:30 am	In memory of <b>Charles &amp; Jenne Ruggirello</b> req. by daughter Maryann
		11:00 am	In memory of <b>Darrell &amp; Maryann Thompson</b> req. by the LaNasa 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](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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

We give the definition of ourselves over to so many things. We allow our society, friends, family, work, social groups, ethnicity, and even institutions define, classify, and color how we perceive ourselves. When we listen predominantly to the voices of others, we lose touch with what is happening within our own inner voice. If we listen carefully within, we can easily discover that we are in want and need. We know our incompleteness and also know that loneliness, sadness, and self-images can propel us outward in attempts to fill those gaps. We can become not only victims of our own prejudices but can find ourselves overly self-indulgent in things that can only satisfy for a short time, if at all.

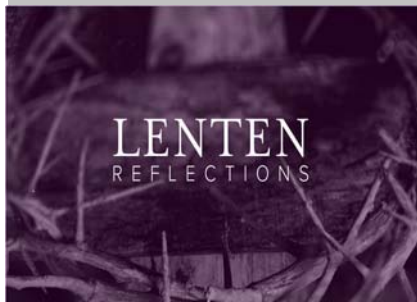
It is no wonder that money and power are things that are so fervently sought after. As long as we can keep a steady supply going, the illusion of fulfillment and satisfaction can falsely persuade us as craftily as a master magician's act. We live with illusions not truth. It is no wonder, then, that some of the wealthiest folks are also really the unhappiest. Whether we admit it, the lies we live and pursue will ultimately expose our superficiality. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. Learn to listen more deeply, not to what others are saying about you, but to what God is echoing in your heart.

We can easily get confused and misunderstand, not only about who we are but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one Person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts — Jesus the Messiah. It is not the work of corporate America that will lead us to happiness or greatness but the work of the soul. We continue to resist acknowledging this and are happier in our world of misunderstanding and illusion. The life-giving water we truly need doesn't come from the source of a well but from the Source of Life. Only God can reveal the truth of our sinfulness, the superficiality of our pursuits, and the illusions we hold so dear. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves and give us what we really need. If only our heads can catch up with where our hearts know they need to be, then will we find real contentment and life! © Lpi

## A VOCATION VIEW

**Third Sunday of Lent – March 15, 2020**

At the sight of the burning bush, Moses was responsive to God's call, while his followers were too self-righteous to hear it. God's call will only lead us to what is best for us. 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.	March 14-	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>March 15-</b>	Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42
Mon.	March 16-2	Kings 5:1-15b; Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. Ps 42:3]; Luke 4:24-30
Tues.	March 17-	Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]; Matthew 18:21-35
Wed.	March 18-	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]; Matthew 5:17-19
Thurs.	March 19-	2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Fri.	March 20-	Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]; Mark 12:28-34
Sat.	March 21-	Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]; Luke 18:9-14
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>March 22-</b>	1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

### CARITAS SOCIETY LUNCHEON

#### March Caritas Society Luncheon

The Caritas Society March Luncheon is on Thursday, March 19 at 12:00pm at the Fuji Grill-Japanese Steak House, 7310 Niagara Falls Blvd. See the bulletin board for details. All are welcome!

Note: There will be no April Caritas Society luncheon

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

#### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent  
at 7pm



Shadow Stations April 3rd  
in the Hall at 7pm



### 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.

### CURSILLO WEEKEND

#### Are You Interested in a Cursillo Weekend?

Do you know what the Cursillo Moment in the Catholic Church is?

It is best described as an experience. An experience that leads you to discover and better live what is fundamental in Christianity. The Cursillo is for all those who want to look seriously at themselves and their lives, their relationship with other people and their relationship with God.

The ultimate aim of the Cursillo Movement is to change society through the power of Christian witness, that comes about on the strength and energy of personal conversion. If you think you might be interested in making a 3 day Cursillo weekend and to extend this experience thereafter in regular meetings that help you to grow, contact **Bob or Kathy Zdziebko at 716-940-3452**. The Cursillo is open to all. The next weekend for **Men is April 23-26** and for **Women is May 14-17**.

### CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

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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).

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL



### Think of Me.

### Please Consider Donating to the 2020 Catholic Charities Appeal

Did you know? Last year, Catholic Charities impacted more than 1,500 people through its Department of Workforce and Education, empowering them with services such as job readiness skills, hands-on training and high school equivalency classes. Your contribution to the 2020 Appeal helps students of all ages and backgrounds chase and achieve their dreams. Will you think of them this Appeal season? Make a secure donation online at [ccwny.org/donation](http://ccwny.org/donation), by calling 716-218-1400, or contacting your Parish Appeal Team. Think of Me

## EASTER HAMS

### We are collecting hams for Easter

We are in need of hams for the Easter food baskets, please have all donations in by Sunday, April 5th. Please place donations in the kitchen refrigerator. If you know of a family in need, please call the church office. All information is confidential. Please remember we cannot use outdated food items. Your generosity is always appreciated!

## EXTENDED CONFESSION TIME

Throughout Lent there will be extended confession time on Saturdays from **2:30-3:45pm**. Participate in this beautiful Sacrament of forgiveness during Lent, which is a time of repentance and prayer.

## MASS TIME CHANGE NEXT THURS.

Next Thursday, March 19th morning Mass time is changed to **8:00am**.

## PENANCE SERVICE

### Lenten Penance Service at Prince of Peace April 6th

Prince of Peace is having a Lenten Penance Service on Monday April 6th at 7pm. Lent is a time of repentance and prayer. Attend this beautiful service and grow closer to our Lord during this Holy Season.

## STEWARDSHIP

### PARISH INCOME FOR MARCH 7 & 8, 2020

Offertory Collection.....	\$3,355.80
Online Giving.....	\$1,240.18
Renovation Fund.....	\$305.00
Black & Native Missions (Addt'l).....	\$35.00

*Online Giving is available on our website. Easy, safe, convenient.*

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

- SUN. March 15— Baptism 9:30am
- SUN. March 15— Religious Education 9:45-10:45am
- SUN. March 15— Bible Study 9:45-10:45am
- MON. March 16— Narcotics Anonymous 7:30pm
- TUES. March 17— Caritas Society Bowling 9:00am
- WED. March 18— IC Impact teen youth group 6:30pm
- WED. March 18— No Mass or confessions
- THURS. March 19— Knitting Group 1:00pm
- FRI. March 20— Adoration 10am-4pm
- FRI. March 20— Stations of the Cross in the Church 7:00pm
- SAT. March 21— Extended Confessions 2:30-3:45pm
- SAT./SUN. March 21 & 22— Red, White, & Blue Mass weekend
- SUN. March 22— Religious Education 9:45-10:45am

## 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, Rick Everts, 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 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



# PALM SUNDAY HUNT APRIL 5

Jesus taught the disciples that we store treasures in heaven by giving to the poor. When we offer some of what we have to others it is adding to our treasures in heaven. By focusing on what we can do to serve and uplift the people around us, the richer we become.

 Join us for food, fun, games, and a treasure filled egg hunt as we learn about serving & uplifting the poor and those

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## *TREASURES IN HEAVEN*

PALM SUNDAY  
EGG HUNT

**April 5 following 11am Mass**



Admission: Bring a canned good, nonperishable food item, your Rice Bowl, or your loose change as a blessing for those in need during this Holy season. For as Jesus said, whatever you do for the least of my brothers you do for me Matthew 25:46. Let us serve others as we are called to do.

All children ages pre-k to grade 5 are welcome!

If you can help prepare crafts at home or prep sandwiches the day of, contact Laurie 514-3178 or email [lmuth@icransomville.org](mailto:lmuth@icransomville.org)