



Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

4671 Townline Road Ransomville, NY 14131



September 5 & 6, 2020

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wednesday 5:45-6:15 p.m.
Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
By appointment: 716-731-4822

Mass Schedule:

Saturdays 4:00 p.m.
Sundays 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.

Adoration:

Adoration in the Church every
Wednesday
5:15-6:15 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

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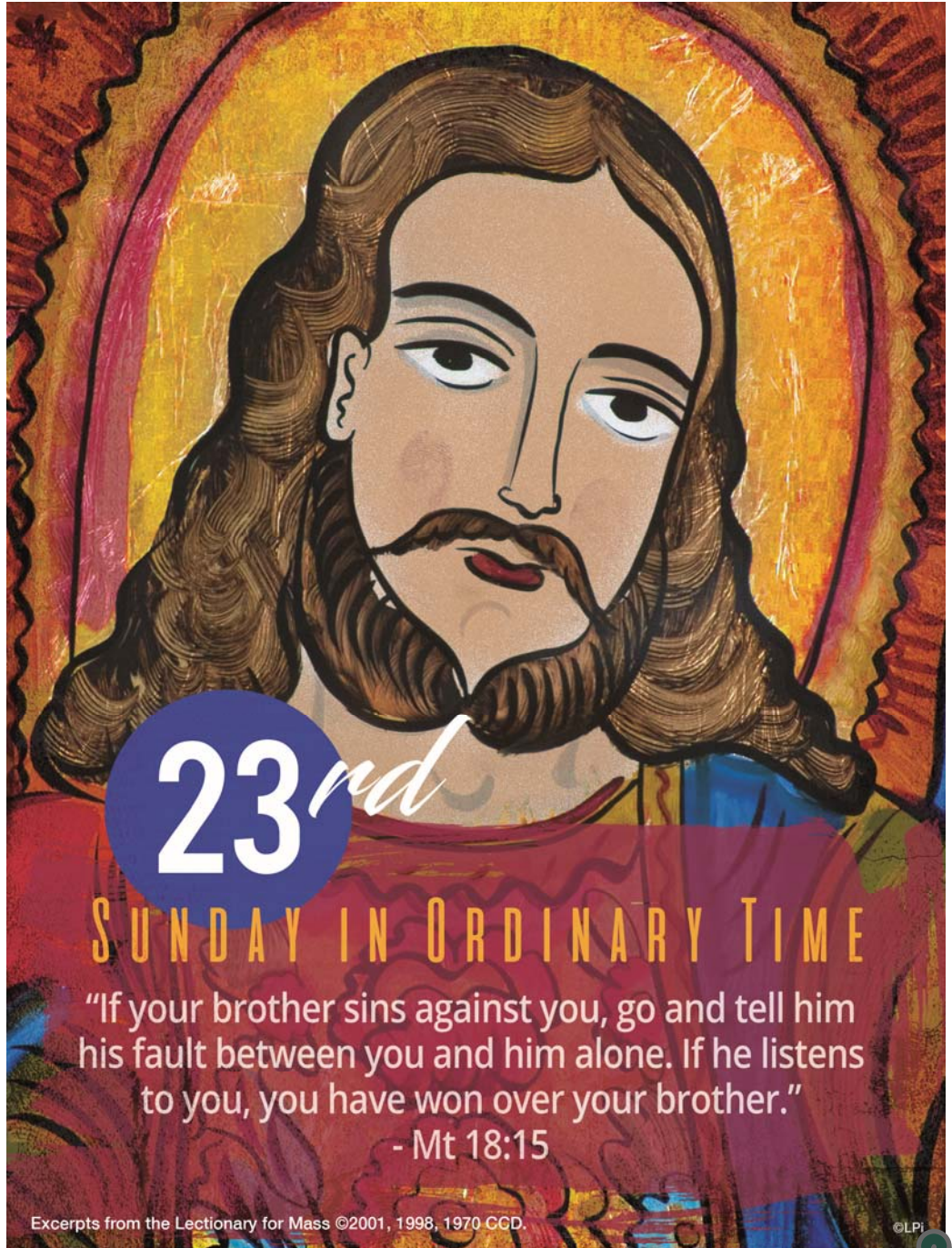
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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him
his fault between you and him alone. If he listens
to you, you have won over your brother."*

- Mt 18:15

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

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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	September 5	4:00 pm	In memory of Gail Kelley req. by Happy Klan
Sunday	September 6	8:30 am	In memory of William Doty & Jeff Wassell req. by Louise Doty & Family
		11:00 am	In memory of Eric Olds req. by Jen & Dave DePonceau
Tuesday	September 8	6: 30 pm	In memory of Mother's Living & Deceased req. by Parishioners
Wednesday	September 9	6: 30 pm	In memory of Francis Mahar req. by Maryann Mahar
Saturday	September 12	4:00 pm	In memory of Roger Collins req. by Rosa Marevich
Sunday	September 13	8:30 am	In memory of Intentions of Joe & Marina Gojevic req. by Parish Family
		11:00 am	In memory of Matthew Marin req. by Marin Family

GOSPEL DIGGING DEEPER



Barbeque chicken "fun-raiser"

Sunday, September 20

Pick up- 11am—1:00pm

Preorder only by Sept 13

Order Form (Please Print)

FULL NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Chicken dinner:

\$12.00 X _____ **= \$** _____

**Make checks payable to
Immaculate Conception Church**

Submit with payment by Sept.13

A portion of our proceeds will used to purchase vestments for Howard Morgan to celebrate his ordination to the Diaconate September 19th.

GOSPEL DIGGING DEEPER

September 6, 2020 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sat.	September 5- 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15; Psalm 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]; Luke 6:1-5
Sun.	September 6- Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20
Mon.	September 7- 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Psalm 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]; Psalm 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]; Luke 6:6-11
Tues.	September 8- Micah 5:1-4a; Psalm 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23
Wed.	September 9- 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Psalm 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]; Luke 6:20-26
Thurs.	September 10- 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13; Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]; Luke 6:27-38
Fri.	September 11- 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27; Psalm 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 [2]; Luke 6:39-42
Sat.	September 12- 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Psalm 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]; Luke 6:43-49
Sun.	September 13- Sirach 27:30—28:7; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

CANDLES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Sanctuary Candle Chapel:
In loving memory of **Our Fathers**
req. by **Chris Zastrow Family**

St. Joseph Candle:
In loving memory of **John R. Zykas**
req. by **Patti Shepherd**

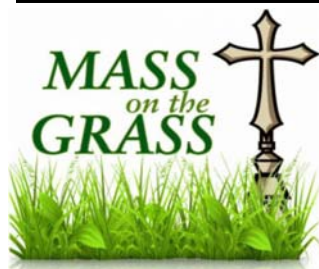


Sanctuary Candle Church:
In loving memory of **Matt Marin**
req. by **Marin Family**

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



MASS ON THE GRASS



Mass on the Grass Sunday, September 13 at 5:00pm

For those who prefer not to gather indoors, join us for our Mass on the Grass on Sunday, September 13th at 5:00pm. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and join us as we celebrate Sunday Mass on the front grass. Please note there is no rain date for this Mass.

STEWARDSHIP

Aug. 29/30	Basket Collection	Online Giving
General	\$ 3,076.00	\$ 748.75
Renovation	\$ 60.00	\$ 5.00
Candles	\$ 134.00	\$ 0

PARISH ACTIVITIES

- SAT. September 5— Wedding** 1:00pm
- SAT. September 5— Confessions** 3:15-3:45pm
- SAT. September 5— Mass** 4:00pm
- SUN. September 6— Mass** 8:30 & 11:00am
- SUN. September 6— Baptism** 12:00pm
- SAT./SUN. September 5/6— Blessing of the "Palms" at all Masses**
- TUES. September 8— Mass** 6:30pm
- WED. September 9— Adoration** 5:15-6:15pm
- WED. September 9— Confession** 5:45-6:15pm
- WED. September 9— Mass** 6:30pm
- THURS. September 10— Drive in Rosary** 4:00pm
- SAT. September 12— Confessions** 3:15-3:45pm
- SAT. September 12— Mass** 4:00pm
- SAT. September 12— Wedding** 6:00pm
- SUN. September 13— Mass** 8:30 & 11:00am
- SUN. September 13— Mass on the Grass** 5:00pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Carolyn 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, Stephanie Heim, 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, 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, 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, TSgt Carly Mullins, Airman Apprentice Micah Prieto, Hospitalman Samuel Prieto

Blessing of "Palms", Blessing of Fire, Preparation of Paschal Candle



Dear Parishioners,
Covid-19 has challenged us to think differently and act creatively.

Because we were unable to celebrate the traditions of Holy Week, we invite you to join us for the Blessing of "Palms" on Labor Day weekend and the Blessing of the Fire and Paschal Candle in the weeks following. May these sacred traditions remind us of the divine grace which flows from the Paschal Mystery and be a source of hope.

Father Jim

LABOR DAY WEEKEND– BLESSING OF "PALMS"

Blessing of "Palms"



There will be a blessing of "Palms", the palms of our hands, at all weekend Masses on September 5/6 weekend.

May the Lord bless the hands which are used in prayer, used in our daily labors, and used in service to others.

Labor Day Weekend

Traditionally, the Blessing of Fire and Preparation of the Paschal Candle happens at the Easter Vigil. However, due to COVID-19, we were unable to gather. Let us join now and discover together the richness of our Catholic faith and tradition as we Bless the Fire and Light the Paschal Candle.

The **Paschal candle** is one of the most sacred and enduring elements in Christianity. Made of beeswax to represent the purity of

Blessing of Paschal Candle

All weekend Masses will begin with the Blessing of the Fire and the Paschal Candle. We will then process into the church as we carry with us the Light of Christ.

HOLY WATER; A means of Spiritual Wealth

Holy Water is a sacramental that remits venial sin. Because of the blessing attached to it, the Holy Church strongly encourages its use upon her children, especially when dangers threaten such as fire, storms, sickness or other calamities. Every Catholic home should have a supply of holy water.

Blessing and distribution of Holy Water



Every family will receive a blessed candle, a bottle of Holy Water, and prayers that can be used to bless their homes and the homes of their loved ones.



Dear Parishioners,

Last week, I referred to Pope St. John Paul's teaching regarding suffering. Many have asked for a printed version which I have included. Please also read the letter from Archbishop Broglio and consider how we, as brothers and sister in Christ, can support those suffering from the affects of the blast in Lebanon.

Pope Saint John Paul II on suffering:

In his apostolic letter entitled *Salvifici Dolores*, Pope Saint John Paul spoke about suffering. Here is a summary: 1. Suffering is evil. Evil is the absence of good, rooted in sin, which can bring about death. The absence of good can cause greater suffering, if the one who suffers thinks he/she does not deserve such suffering. 2. There are different kinds of suffering: physical, spiritual and psychological. There is also private sufferings like loneliness. And there are common sufferings like those caused by epidemic, calamity and famine. 3. Suffering comes from the world. It does not come from God. Yet the one who suffers usually turns to God to ask about the causes and objectives of suffering. 4. Suffering can be a punishment rising from the justice of God. It can also be a test, as with Job. And God can also permit suffering in order that it can serve as a seed for a greater good that will come because of it, holiness, or greatness. 5. Our sufferings can Also be joined with the sufferings of Christ for our salvation, or for that of others, not because Christ suffering are not enough, but because Christ has left his sufferings open to love so that the bitter sufferings of man mingled, with this love, may turn into a sweet spring which shall overflow into eternity.



Calls on faithful for prayer, fasting, almsgiving and advocacy

Responding to the Tragedy in Lebanon

Taken from His Excellency, The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D. Archbishop of the Military's letter dated August 12, 2020



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Tragedy never seems to sleep. Most of us continue to struggle with the effects of the pandemic, in addition to the usual preparations typical to the end of summer. The news of the tragic explosion in Lebanon escaped no one. The country, already torn apart by strife, crowded with 2 million refugees, and struggling to maintain its fragile political equilibrium, has faced this new crisis with determination. However, even a valiant people need support of their brothers and sisters.

To that end, I ask you to include the suffering in Lebanon in your prayers and your offer your customary Friday penance for their intention. To the extent that you were permitted, I suggest that a designated offering be taken up for this purpose. **For those who desire to make a direct contribution, you may do so through Catholic relief services at 228 West Lexington St., Baltimore, MD 21201 or online at www.crs.org, indicating it is for Lebanon.**

Grateful for your attention to this request and invoking abundant blessings upon you, I remain sincerely in Christ, The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio