



Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church



4671 Townline Road Ransomville, NY 14131

September 12 & 13, 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.

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or other infirmity. Call 731-4822 to
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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother
sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven
times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times
but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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	September 12	4:00 pm	In memory of Roger Collins req. by Rosa Marevich
Sunday	September 13	8:30 am	For the Intentions of Joe & Marina Gojevic req. by Parish Family
		11:00 am	In memory of Matthew Marin req. by Marin Family
Tuesday	September 15	6: 30 pm	In memory of Father's Living & Deceased req. by Parishioners
Wednesday	September 16	6: 30 pm	For the Intentions of Father Jim's Family req. by Campbell Family
Saturday	September 19	4:00 pm	In memory of Jimmy Lombardi req. by Joyce Lombardi
Sunday	September 20	8:30 am	In memory of Jim Faery req. by Caritas Lunch Bunch
		11:00 am	In memory of Amy Kennedy req. by sister-in-law Kathy Campbell

GOSPEL DIGGING DEEPER



Barbeque chicken "fun-raiser"

Sunday, September 20

Pick up- 11am—1:00pm

Preorder only by this Sunday, 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 13, 2020 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want one thing for ourselves and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.

Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

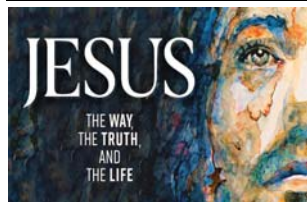
Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.

For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us. Why would we not want to do the same for others?

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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
Mon.	September 14- Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]; Philippines 2:6-11; John 3:13-17
Tues.	September 15- 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a; Psalm 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 [17]; John 19:25-27
Wed.	September 16- 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13; Psalm 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]; Luke 7:31-35
Thurs.	September 17- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Psalm 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]; Luke 7:36-50
Fri.	September 18- 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Psalm 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]; Luke 8:1-3
Sat.	September 19- 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Psalm 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]; Luke 8:4-15
Sun.	September 20- Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]; Philippines 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a

BIBLE STUDY



Upcoming Bible Study:
Jesus— the Way, The Truth, the Life

Upcoming Bible study, beginning on Wednesday, September 23rd and Friday, September 25th. Wednesdays are after Mass at 7:15pm and Friday mornings from 10:00-12:00.

Wednesdays: Sept. 23, 30; Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11, 18; Dec. 2, 9

Fridays: Sept. 25; Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30; Nov. 6, 13, 20; Dec. 4, 11

Cost: \$30 for workbook payable to Judy Heppner
Sign up in the Narthex or contact Judy H. at jblueyedwonder@gmail.com

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PARISH ACTIVITIES

- 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
- TUES. September 15— Mass** 6:30pm
- WED. September 16— Adoration** 5:15-6:15pm
- WED. September 16— Confession** 5:45-6:15pm
- WED. September 16— Confirmation Mass** 6:30pm
- THURS. September 17— Drive in Rosary** 4:00pm
- SAT. September 19— Confessions** 3:15-3:45pm
- SAT. September 19— Mass** 4:00pm
- SUN. September 20— Mass** 8:30 & 11:00am
- SUN. September 20— Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ Pickup** 11am-1pm
- TUES. September 22— Mass** 6:30pm

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

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There are Mass intentions available for weekend Masses in November and December 2020. Please call the parish office to request a Mass intention.

CANDLES FOR 2021 AVAILABLE

Candles are Available for 2021

Candles for 2021 are available for purchase for 2021. Please call the parish office to purchase your candle(s).

ANNUAL ROSARY CRUSADE

Annual Rosary Crusade at Fatima Shrine has been **cancelled**. Please pray for our world!

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, Christan Vosburgh Brown, 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

VOTING-FORMING YOUR CATHOLIC CONSCIENCE

Catholics Care. Catholics Vote.

We vote because we are citizens. But we vote conscientiously because we are people of faith. Our consciences are formed through studying Scripture and the teachings of the Church, examination of the facts, and prayerful reflection. This is a brief insert intended as a starting point to help us respond to our choices on the current political landscape.

Forming
Consciences



While there are many moral issues before us, every issue is not equal.

- ★ **Issues that directly affect human lives**—such as abortion and euthanasia—are fundamental and demand serious consideration.
- ★ Our Constitution heralds **religious liberty** in the first Amendment, yet increasingly people of faith are having to fight to retain this basic right.
- ★ There is a move in the nation to **redefine marriage**. The marriage of a man and a woman is the foundation of the family and an essential core element of a flourishing society.
- ★ The **growing disparity between rich and poor** means most of the world's resources are in the hands of a small percentage of its people. The federal budget is a moral document and must prioritize the poorest and most vulnerable among us.
- ★ The **millions of undocumented persons** living in the United States deserve our compassion. There is an immigration problem, and we need a humane solution to it.
- ★ **War, terror and violence** have caused thousands of lost lives. We must work for just solutions to conflict in the Holy Land, throughout the Middle East, and beyond.

As Catholic citizens, we should remember three things:

1. **Respect for the dignity of each person** is the core of Catholic social and moral teaching. This is our most basic principle.
2. **We focus on the common good**, not our own personal interests. We ask, how can we make the world a better place? Not, how can I improve my own personal situation?
3. **We have a responsibility**—a true obligation—to form our consciences and participate in the civic life of this nation.

The dual calling of faith and citizenship lies at the heart of what it means to be a Catholic in the United States. We stand on the shoulders of many Catholics who have gone before us, who have helped the USA become a better country because of their faith in a loving God. (For the full guide visit our website icransomville.org)

**We care.
Therefore, we vote.**



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SACRAMENTAL NEWS



Confirmation is this Wednesday at 6:30pm

Please pray for the following Conformandi as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the sacrament of Confirmation:

Alex Buzzeo, Mark Gojevic, Luca LaNasa, Valentina Moscato, Anthony Peters, Paige Rodger, & Gavin Woods

NEWS & NOTEWORTHY!



With Gratitude to Almighty God, the Diocese of Buffalo joyfully announces the Ordination of Howard Morgan to the Sacred Order of Deacon



to be conferred through the Invocation of the Holy Spirit and the imposition of hands by His Excellency the Most Reverend Edward B. Scharfenberger, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Buffalo

Saturday, September 19, 2020 at 9:30am

This is a ticketed event. The faithful are invited to join the men in thought and prayer. The ordination will be live-streamed at www.youtube.com/SaintJosephCathedral.

IC YOUNG ADULTS

IC YOUNG ADULTS: FALL FAITH FUN DAY

JOIN US FOR APPLE PICKING AT BLACKMAN FARMS



All young adults 18-30s are welcome!

Our next IC Young Adults Event will be on Saturday, September 26th. We will be meeting at Blackman Farms, 4472 Thrall Rd, Lockport, NY 14094, at **1:20pm**. We will then go to the 4pm Mass here at Immaculate Conception. Afterwards we will have pizza for dinner in the Hall, and then end the night with a bonfire. Join us for a fun filled day! RSVP to Karli at kleggett25@gmail.com by Monday, September 21st.