



Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

4671 Townline Road Ransomville, NY 14131



September 26 & 27, 2020

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Rev. James Bastian, Pastor
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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
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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.” - Mt 21:32

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 26	4:00 pm	In memory of Marilyn Kankolenski req. by Patti Shepherd
Sunday	September 27	8:30 am	For the special intentions of Peter & Claire Curione req. by children & grandchildren
		11:00 am	For the Family & Friends of the Campbell Family req. by Campbell Family
Tuesday	September 29	6: 30 pm	For those who have no one to pray for them req. by Parishioners
Wednesday	September 30	6: 30 pm	In memory of Mother's Living & Deceased req. by Parishioners
Saturday	October 3	4:00 pm	In memory of Christine Maciejewski req. by Lois & Dan Thorn
Sunday	October 4	8:30 am	In memory of Cindy Lotempio req. by Finnerty Family
		11:00 am	In memory of Teresa Gill req. by Daughter Judy

WELCOME DCN. HOWARD MORGAN!



Welcome Deacon Howard Morgan!

Dcn. Howard Morgan was ordained this past weekend at St. Joseph Cathedral.

We are very excited to welcome Dcn.

Howard as our parish's permanent deacon! His email is HMorgan@icransomville.org. We ask God's Blessing as Dcn. Howard begins his new role here at our parish.

Prayer for Deacons

Heavenly Father, bestow Your abundant blessings on all Deacons, their families, their ministry and service.

Grant that they may be filled with grace and power as they work among the people.

By Your love and grace, continue to renew the spirit of your servants, whom You have anointed.

Amen

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY PRESENTS:



Join us **Saturday, October 10th at 5:15pm (following 4pm Mass) for**

FATIMA

Based on historical events, three young shepherds in Fatima, Portugal, report visions of the Virgin Mary, inspiring believers and angering officials of the Church and the government, who try to force them to recant their story. Pizza provided. **Please bring a canned good to be donated to Thanksgiving baskets.** Good will offering graciously accepted.

GOSPEL DIGGING DEEPER

September 27, 2020
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What prompts you to make the decisions you make? When confronted with a decision, whether one that is more trivial and mundane or one that is more significant and profound, we rely on guidance. That guidance can be the result of impulse and passion or the fruit of the interior voice of conscience. Decisions made on impulse and passion can be misguided and erroneous. Decisions based on conscience, or the moral voice within, will reflect the depth and maturity of our soul work. A more contemplative soul will make more contemplative decisions. A less developed conscience will make decisions based on the individual's level of development.

Conversion and a change of heart are at the core of Jesus' message precisely because of this reality. We are works in progress. For the person on fire with the Holy Spirit and centered on God, life reflects an ever-deepening awareness and heightened sense of God's presence and a greater willingness to do God's will. What is happening internally is validated by what is witnessed externally. The hypocrite is the one who says yes when they really mean no. From the start, they had no desire to do the virtuous act but wanted to outwardly appear as if they did.

Where are you on the road of integrity? Honesty is all that is required. God is good with that. It is okay to struggle with our decisions and wrestle with ourselves. Consciences on the path to maturity and greater depth are not always going to know what action is immediately best. We may, at first, say no to what we know is right and, after prayerful reflection and thought, come around to doing it. Conversion happens when our no changes to yes, regardless of how sinful or out of sync we may be at the time. God is anxious to welcome us to Himself. But we cannot embrace Him unless we want to. Learning to orient our gift of free will to what is of divine origin, right, and best is a discipline we must always tweak and perfect.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sat. September 26- Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8; Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]; Luke 9:43b-45
Sun. September 27- Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]; Philippines 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32
 Mon. September 21- Job 1:6-22; Psalm 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]; Luke 9:46-50
 Tues. September 22- Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]; John 1:47-51
 Wed. September 23- Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Psalm 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3]; Luke 9:57-62
 Thurs. September 24- Job 19:21-27; Psalm 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]; Luke 10:1-12
 Fri. September 25- Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Psalm 91:1-2, 3-4ab, 4c-6, 10-11 [11]; Matthew 18:1-5, 10
 Sat. September 26- Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Psalm 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 [135]; Luke 10:17-24
Sun. September 27- Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]; Philippines 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Rosary prayed before Masses in October

The Holy Rosary will be recited before all weekend and weekday Masses throughout the month of October. We will begin 30mins before Mass. Anyone interested in leading the Rosary should contact Judy Heppner at 574-0028.

Rosary Altar October Meeting

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend the next Rosary Altar Society meeting on Tuesday October, 6th. Our meeting time schedule has been adjusted, Rosary at 6pm, Mass at 6:30pm, & meeting to directly follow Mass.

STEWARDSHIP

Sep. 19/20	Basket Collection	Online Giving
General	\$ 5,484.12	\$ 1,150.44
Renovation	\$ 515.75	\$ 0
All Souls/Saints	\$ 90.00	\$ 0
Retirement	\$ 260.00	\$ 0
Catholic Ed.	\$ 126.00	\$ 0
Missions	\$ 95.00	\$ 0
Assumption	\$ 25.00	\$ 0
Peters Pence	\$ 20.00	\$ 0
Christ the King	\$ 25.00	\$ 0

PARISH ACTIVITIES

- SAT. September 26— Confessions 3:15-3:45pm
- SAT. September 26— Mass 4:00pm
- SUN. September 27— Mass 8:30 & 11:00am
- TUES. September 29— Mass 6:30pm
- WED. September 30— Adoration 5:15-6:15pm
- WED. September 30— Confession 5:45-6:15pm
- WED. September 30— Mass 6:30pm
- WED. September 30— IC Impact Youth Group 6:30pm
- THURS. October 1— Drive in Rosary 4:00pm
- SAT. October 3— Confessions 3:15-3:45pm
- SAT. October 3— Mass 4:00pm
- SUN. October 4— Mass 8:30 & 11:00am
- SUN. October 4— First Communion Mass 1:00pm

ROSARY ALTAR SCHOLARSHIP



Attention 2020 High School Graduates!

Rosary Altar society is Offering their Annual College Scholarship

Please submit a short essay explaining how your Catholic faith has shaped your life choices and values. Please include activities you participate in at our parish. Please mail your essay by Thursday, October 1st to:

Judy Heppner

5399 Cambria Rd.

Sanborn, NY 14132

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

*Heather Barrick, Christan Vosburgh
Brown, Robert Grabka, Stephanie Hiem*

The pray for list is being updated and will include names that are submitted by email using the parish app, or by calling the parish office. The names will remain on the list for 3 weeks unless requested for longer. If a name was on the list previously and you would like it to remain, please call the office.

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

LETTER TO THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL-ROAD TO RENEWAL

September 19-20, 2020

My Dear Sisters and Brothers -



On this 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time we gather together in-person - or with the benefit of live-stream technology - in celebration of God present and at work among us. Yesterday, we celebrated the call of Jesus Christ, accepted and manifested in the lives of two newly-ordained priests, Father Christopher Emminger and Father Denning Achidi, as well as four transitional deacons and 6 permanent deacons. I ask for your prayers and pledge of support for these men that their lives may reveal at all times the boundless grace and love of the Lord who calls each of us in our own way to carry forth His Gospel of truth, of compassion and hope.

As you may now be aware, we have embarked on a “Road to Renewal” here in our Diocese which aims to reinvigorate Catholic faith, to optimize more fully parish and diocesan resources, and, importantly, increase the reach and impact of our varied ministries throughout Western New York. Toward this end, I formed a Diocesan Renewal Task Force this past summer to look at best practices regionally and nationally to learn how others have or are facing similar challenges that we now confront with regard to diminished financial resources and reduced church and school attendance, but who nonetheless have been successful in promoting a culture of co-responsibility among laity, clergy and religious in carrying out the work of evangelization, education and service.

Beginning in the coming days and continuing into October, the Task Force members, along with the Vicars of the Diocese, will be conducting regional listening sessions in order to gain insight and input from parish leaders, school administrators, and from parishioners across the diocese that will inform decisions about how we will be structured and operate going forward. The financial hardship currently confronting the Diocese and many of our parishes - and exacerbated by the Covid-19 threat - is one that necessitates that we rethink how we are organized and how we can better utilize resources parish-to-parish, such that the impact of the good we seek to accomplish adds up to more than the sum of our many parts. I want to assure you that there are no predefined conclusions or decisions regarding which parishes or schools will be affected. Moreover, it's important to keep in mind that it's not an option merely to disband or eliminate any one parish. As a “Family of Faith” defined by a legacy of sacramental life, which has nurtured a distinctly Catholic identity and where life's most profound moments have been shared and celebrated, a parish community reflects the very soul of those who belong to it. As such, we are intent on determining how best to preserve that identity as a “Family of Families” - regardless of decisions that may change the way any one parish family is organized and experiences the fullness of Catholic life.

The fact is, never has what we offer as a community of believers been more needed, particularly in light of the devastating, ongoing effects of the Covid-19 threat. As families struggle with the uncertainty of prolonged financial hardship, parish communities must be that place where those struggling to access basic resources have a place to turn, where there is always a shoulder to lean on and where no one is left to walk alone.

Throughout this journey that we now travel together, our guiding principles will be to listen and to learn; to be open and transparent about the challenges we face, and collaborative in devising solutions that must ultimately lead us to greater dependence on and support for one another, while renewing in each of us as members of this Family of Faith the zeal to proclaim Christ's Gospel of unconditional love, forgiveness and relentless service to others.

Please know that we will be communicating regularly about the progress of our discussions and the conclusions that will be informed by them. A special section of our diocesan website will include the most up-to-date information, as well as schedules for the regional consultation sessions. I invite you to participate as much as you can and to share your ideas, voice your concerns and to discern with others how we can best live and demonstrate our Catholic faith here in Western New York going forward.

Much as the disciples had their hope renewed after breaking bread with the Risen Lord following their unsuspecting walk with him on the long road to Emmaus, we are on a similar journey. Like those first followers of Jesus, we are traveling together, supporting one another, listening and learning, seeking a spirit of renewed purpose and determination, and united by our common faith in the One whose work it is we must ultimately accomplish, and who alone is capable of making all things new.

May our good and gracious God guide and sustain us as we travel this new and promising journey together!

+Edward B. Scharfenberger

Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger
Apostolic Administrator

**There will be a Western Vicariate Zoom meeting to discuss the Road to Renewal on Wednesday, September 30th from 6:30-8:30pm meeting ID:81261914387, no password required.

CROSSES FOR LIFE

Cemetery of the Innocents Memorial



The Respect Life Committee invites all parishioners to help once again we will erect the Crosses for Life on the front lawn of our Church, which honor the millions of babies whose lives were lost to abortion. We will be placing the crosses on the front lawn on Saturday, October 3rd at 10 am, please join us.

LIFE CHAIN

Annual Life Chain is Sunday, October 4th



Sunday, October 4th marks the beginning of the Annual Respect Life Program in which the Buffalo Diocese is once again forming the Life Chain. **Life Chain** is a powerful witness of pro-life Americans, standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. Life chain invites the churches in cities and towns across North America to bear witness in the public arena to raise awareness of the sanctity of life. Our Diocese will stand along Niagara Falls Boulevard from Buffalo to Niagara Falls. Our church community will stand in prayer along **Niagara Falls Boulevard at 101st Street from 2-3pm**. Bring a chair if you need one and dress warm. We will practice social distancing. Signs will be provided. Hope to see you there, Rain or Shine!

CARE GIVERS/FOOD PANTRY

Help us replenish the food pantry!



We are in need of food for our holiday baskets for the upcoming holidays. We need canned goods, turkeys, hams, and stuffing. If you know of a family in need, please contact Erica Brenner at ebrenner@icransomville.org or call the parish office. Please place items in the food pantry basket in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity!