



Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

4671 Townline Road Ransomville, NY 14131



October 24 & 25, 2020

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We're Here to Help:

Do you need to request a Mass intention? Do you have questions regarding planning a Baptism or wedding? Do you have a question that you would prefer to talk to a member of our staff in person? Call the Parish office to schedule an appointment with a member of our staff.

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.

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
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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

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	October 24	4:00 pm	In memory of Hugh & Margret Farrell req. by Paul & Irene Banks
Sunday	October 25	8:30 am	In memory of Alois & Victoria Lehner req. by Family
		11:00 am	In memory of Frank Kennedy req. by Love your Daughter Kathy Campbell
Tuesday	October 27	6: 30 pm	In memory of Deceased Loved Ones req. by Parishioners
Wednesday	October 28	6: 30 pm	For the Intentions of the Blessed Mother req. by Office Staff
Saturday	October 31	4:00 pm	In memory of Leo Notaro req. by Patti Shepherd
Sunday	November 1	8:30 am	In memory of George Guy Christopher req. by Guy Christopher
		11:00 am	For the Deceased that Have No One to Pray For Them req. by Donna Kelsch

*If you would like to request a Mass please call the parish office and a member of our staff will be happy to help you.

GOSPEL DIGGING DEEPER

October 25, 2020- 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For some reason, it is easier to genuflect in reverence to the presence of Christ in the tabernacle of a church, than to genuflect in reverence to the same presence of Christ in another person’s soul. We wrongly believe that God divides himself, placing himself in one place in preference to another. It doesn’t work that way. Love of God and love of neighbor are intimately and inseparably connected because the essence and spark of God’s very presence is in all creation. God’s presence is just as real in the one who is good, as in the one who is bad, and the one who is just, and the one who is unjust.

Our brains get in the way of truly contemplating the awesomeness of this truth. We like to separate things into boxes, the sheep from the goats and the deserving from the undeserving. But, with God there are no distinctions such as this. Our human classifications, subdivisions, and definitions hold no power or have any weight in God’s eyes. Sadly, we relate to God and to each other as if they do.

We cannot be deaf to the world’s pain. It is not about having, hoarding, accumulating, acquiring, securing, storing, protecting, owning, claiming, or any of the other human terms we use to distinguish mine from yours. We put so much power in these words and that power, even though we may not always realize it, can cause those words and the distinctions they carry to wound and hurt others. We have the whole order of things wrong, but we are so set on preserving this order that we are absolutely afraid to do it any other way. We go through hoops trying to convince ourselves why the perils of the person seeking a new place to call home are not our perils that we turn our back and justify closing our doors. It makes perfect sense to us. Yet, it makes no sense in terms of our faith. It doesn’t square with any of the words found in Sacred Scripture or in any time-tested teaching of the church.

We have it all reversed. We know that we do because when Jesus speaks about such things and the words of the Old Testament prophets ring out again, we start to feel uncomfortable and anxious. What we do, directly or by omission, to one of the least of these little ones we do to God. It is quite possible that some of what we are doing personally, economically, politically, globally, and even religiously is doing more harm than good. Let’s ponder that a bit.

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PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Prayer list for Military Personnel who are currently serving our Nation. Please fill out this slip to add your loved ones to the Prayer List. Also ask for their permission before submitting their name.

Rank: _____ Name: _____

Branch of Service: _____

(i.e. Lieutenant John Smith, United States Air Force Reserve)

Requestor: _____ Contact #: _____



Please submit this in the offering basket or call Parish Office



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sat. October 24- Ephesians 4:7-16; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]; Luke 13:1-9
Sun. October 25- Exodus 22:20-26; Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40
 Mon. October 26- Ephesians 4:32—5:8; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Eph 5:1]; Luke 13:10-17
 Tues. October 27- Ephesians 5:21-33; Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [1a]; Luke 13:18-21
 Wed. October 28- Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]; Luke 6:12-16
 Thurs. October 29- Ephesians 6:10-20; Psalm 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]; Luke 13:31-35
 Fri. October 30- Philippians 1:1-11; Psalm 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]; Luke 14:1-6
 Sat. October 31- Philippians 1:18b-26; Psalm 42:2, 3 5cdef; Luke 14:1, 7-11
Sun. November 1- Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a

MASS FOR THE LOSS OF A CHILD

Mass for the Loss of a Child Has Been Cancelled

We regret to inform you of the cancellation of the Mass for the Loss of a Child that has been held in October at St. Mary of the Cataract Parish in Niagara Falls in the past. We pray for all those who have lost a child!

KEEP UP TO DATE- FOLLOW US



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Follow us on Instagram username: **Immaculateconceptionchurch1891**



STEWARDSHIP

Oct. 11/12	Basket Collection	Online Giving
General	\$ 2,783.00	\$ 1,512.00
Renovation	\$ 136.00	\$ 140.00
Oct. 17/18	Basket Collection	Online Giving
General	\$ 1,963.00	\$ 1,404.44
Renovation	\$ 130.00	\$ 0
World Mission	\$ 55.00	\$ 0

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SAT. & SUN. — A decade of the Rosary will be prayed before weekend Masses throughout October

SAT. & SUN. Oct. 24 & 25— Anointings of the Sick after All Masses

SAT. October 24— Confessions 3:15-3:45pm

SAT. October 24— Mass 4:00pm

SUN. October 25— Mass 8:30 & 11:00am

TUES. October 27— Mass 6:30pm

WED. October 28— Adoration 5:15-6:15pm

WED. October 28— Confession 5:45-6:15pm

WED. October 28— Mass 6:30pm

THURS. October 29— Drive in Rosary 4:00pm

SAT. & SUN. Oct. 31 & Nov. 1— Blessing of Fire & Paschal Candle

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SUN. November 1— Mass 8:30 & 11:00am

ROSARY FOR OUR POLICE

Join us in Praying for Our Law Enforcement Officers on Oct. 31st at 11am



We will be holding a public Rosary for our law enforcement officers. Meet us at 11am on Saturday Oct. 31st in front of the Niagara County Sheriffs Dept., **5526 Niagara Street Extension Lockport.** We hope you are able to pray with us!

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Military Appreciation on Veterans Day Weekend Nov. 7/8

We would like to honor all our veterans this year on Veterans day weekend on November 7th & 8th. Please submit the names and branch of service to Judy Heppner at jblueeyedwonder@gmail.com.

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

Heather Barrick, Christian Vosburgh Brown, Robert Grabka, Amy Marcin, Donovan Miller, Mary Ellen Schrack, Dan Stack, Roberta Walker

To add a name to the prayer list email by using the parish app or call the parish 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 SFC Timothy Fleming, 2nd Lieutenant Philip Joseph Giovannini, Major Heather Heppner, Specialist Riley

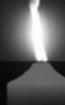


Johnston, Petty Office Third Class (AME 3) Garith Kam, TSgt Carly Mullins, Airman Apprentice Micah Prieto, Hospitalman Samuel Prieto

UPCOMING IN THE PARISH:

BLESSING OF FIRE AND PASCHAL CANDLE OCT 31/ NOV 1

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. Every parishioner will receive a blessed candle and a bottle of Holy Water

ALL SOULS DAY MASS OF REMENBRANCE

Wednesday, November 4 at 6:30pm

A special invitation is extended to all those who have lost a loved and would like to honor them at our annual All Soul's Day Mass. During this Mass, a litany of those who have died in the past 12 months will be read aloud. Any parishioner experiencing the loss of a loved one this past year (who was not a member of Immaculate Conception) and is planning to attend the Mass and wishes to have the name of the deceased announced should contact office at 731-4822 ext 108 or email: hmorgan@icransomville.org

GOD'S DIVINE MERCY WILL BE OUR FOCUS

At all Masses November 7 and 8

Divine Mercy Sunday (also known as the **Feast of the Divine Mercy**) is traditionally celebrated on the second Sunday of Easter. Because we were unable to gather due to COVID-19 restrictions, all Masses on November 7/8 will have a special focus on the Catholic Devotion to the Divine Mercy.

THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH WILL BE HONORED



The Feast of Pentecost, *the birthday of the Church*, occurs fifty days after the celebration of Easter. Because we were unable to gather and acknowledge it due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be a special focus on the work of the Holy Spirit at all Masses on **Nov 21/22 weekend**, including a recognition of the birthday of the Church.

WORKS OF MERCY

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Pray with us before Mass

The Rosary Altar Society will lead the congregation in one decade of the Holy Rosary a few minutes prior to the beginning of Masses throughout the month of October. We hope this simple change allows more to be present and pray together as a family of faith. Blessed Mother, pray for us!

Praying for our world

CEMETERY

Rosary Prayed at Cemetery



Join us on Saturday,
Nov 7 at 10am North
Ridge Cemetery

4210 Church Road Ransomville

Join us in praying for our beloved deceased. Please meet in the cemetery. Rain or Shine. Dress warm and bring a chair if you'd be more comfortable.

This is a Rosary Altar Society Sponsored Event

Praying for the dead

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!

Feeding the poor

Helping Catholics Vote

Defining the Non-Negotiables

NON-NEGOTIABLE MORAL ISSUES

Pope Benedict VI, Address to European Parliamentary Group, 30 March 2006. As far as the Catholic Church is concerned, the principal focus of her interventions in the public arena is the protection and promotion of the dignity of the person, and she is thereby consciously drawing particular attention to principles which are **not negotiable**. Among these the following emerge clearly today:

(a) **protection of life in all its stages**, from the first moment of conception until natural death; (b) **recognition and promotion of the natural structure of the family as a union between a man and a woman based on marriage**, and its defense from attempts to make it juridically equivalent to radically different forms of union which in reality harm it and contribute to its destabilization, obscuring its particular character and its irreplaceable social role; (c) **the protection of the right of parents to educate their children**.

Each of the **Non-Negotiable** issues identified by the Pope involve *essential goods* which are necessary for the flourishing of human beings and human societies. Their violation involve *intrinsic evils* which can never be justified by good intentions or circumstances.

Edited from:

EWTN A Guide to Catholic Teaching and Voting, and
Voter's Guide for Serious Catholics - Catholic Answers

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Please consider performing a spiritual work of mercy by sacrificing one hour or more of your time at our peaceful, prayerful and lawful vigil in front of the Buffalo Women Services facility at 2500 Main Street, in Buffalo, NY. The campaign will run from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Mon.-Fri. & 10am-4pm Sat. & Sun. from **September 23 through November 1**. Visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/buffalo> to sign-up for vigil hours or call Cathy Agugliaro at 946-0126.

Democratic Platform

Democrats are committed to protecting and advancing reproductive health, rights, and justice. Dems believe unequivocally, like the majority of Americans, that every woman should be able to access high-quality reproductive health care services, including safe and legal abortion. (p.32)

Democrats oppose restrictions on medication abortion care that are inconsistent with the most recent medical and scientific evidence and that do not protect public health. (*ibid.*)

Dems recognize that quality, affordable comprehensive health care; medically accurate, LGBTQ+ inclusive, age-appropriate sex education; and the full range of family planning services are all essential to ensuring that people can decide if, when, and how to start a family. (*ibid.*) [abortion is considered here as “family planning”]

Republican Platform

The Constitution’s guarantee that no one can “be deprived of life, liberty or property” deliberately echoes the Declaration of Independence’s proclamation that “all” are “endowed by their Creator” with the inalienable right to life. Accordingly, the Republican platform asserts the sanctity of human life and affirms that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed. The Republican platform support a human life amendment to the Constitution and legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment’s protections apply to children before birth. (p.13)

Republicans support the ability of all organizations to provide, purchase, or enroll in healthcare coverage consistent with their religious, moral, or ethical convictions without discrimination or penalty. (p.37)

Republicans support the right of parents to consent to medical treatment for their minor children and urge enactment of legislation that would require parental consent for their daughter to be transported across state lines for abortion. Providers should not be permitted to unilaterally withhold services because a patient’s life is deemed not worth living. (*ibid.*)

Edited from:

<https://www.ewtn.com/vote/download/2020-platforms.pdf>