



# Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

4671 Townline Road Ransomville, NY 14131



Oct. 31 & November 1, 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**

Contact: Mrs. Nancy Mosher  
310-4902

Telephone: 716-731-4822

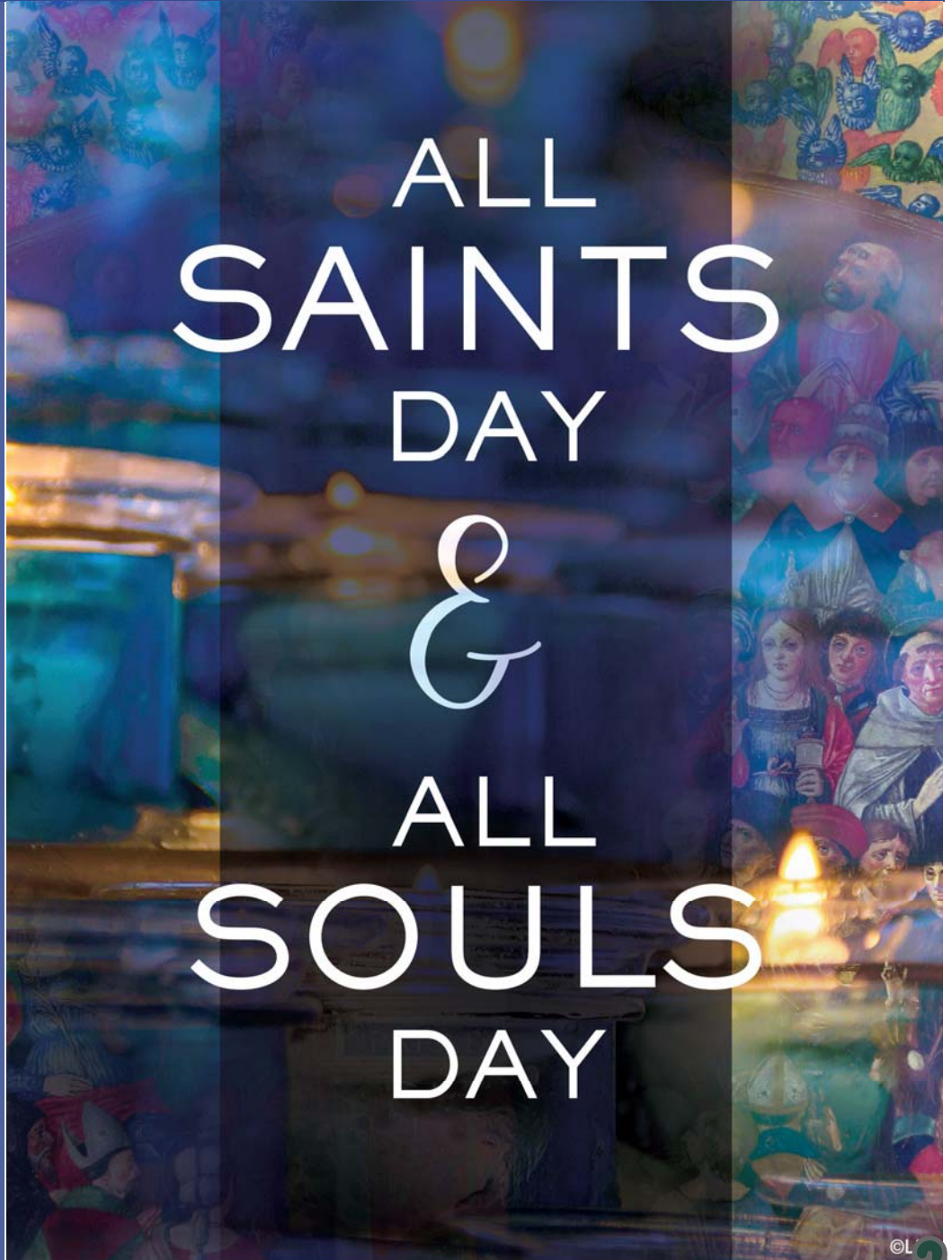
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# ALL SAINTS DAY & ALL SOULS DAY



## *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 31	4:00 pm	In memory of <b>Leo Notaro</b> req. by Patti Shepherd
Sunday	November 1	8:30 am	In memory of <b>George Guy Christopher</b> req. by Guy Christopher
		11:00 am	For the <b>Deceased that Have No One to Pray For Them</b> req. by Donna Kelsch
Tuesday	November 3		<b>Remember to vote. Pray for our nation. No Mass.</b>
Wednesday	November 4	6:30 pm	For the <b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society</b> req. by RA
Saturday	November 7	4:00 pm	In memory of <b>Ronald Dobrasz</b> req. by Julia Kubica
Sunday	November 8	8:30 am	In memory of <b>Harry Patrick Faye</b> req. by Guy Christopher
		11:00 am	In memory of <b>Frank &amp; Jackie Kennedy</b> req. by Daughter Kathy Campbell

\*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.

## UPCOMING IN THE PARISH:

### 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 or email: [hmorgan@icransomville.org](mailto: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.

## GOSPEL DIGGING DEEPER

### November 1, 2020- All Saints

I remember as a child the meticulousness my father would bring to a task. Whether it be tending to a chore in the yard, repairing something, or painting a room, the tiniest of every detail demanded his attention. He had great patience. I benefited greatly by his example and remember these lessons well. We all need examples to follow. It is important to identify folks who excel at simple things and show us how to do things well. There are those among us and those who have gone before us who serve as these models and witnesses. They are ordinary people who in their "extraordinary ordinariness" capture our attention and allow us to see things more clearly.

These are the prophets, martyrs, teachers, witnesses, heralds, and innovators who bring a single-minded devotion to God to even the simplest of tasks they perform. They have an openness to being used and become vessels of Divine justice, mercy, and presence. They call us to the "more" of life and point us to the Gospel in all of its simplicity and splendor. They remind us of the little ones of the Kingdom and the values we all need to cultivate and possess. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the peacemaker who often are rejected not only by those who have far different agendas but by those you think would welcome them.

All of the saints in heaven and on earth form this cloud of witnesses who journey with us as we make our way through life. They offer us inspiration, wisdom, intercession, and support. They direct us toward true happiness and remind us that we are all called to be saints. All it takes is desire, love, and fidelity. There is much we can learn from the official saints of the church. Their guidance is ever before us and ever with us. But there is also a lot to learn from the unofficial saints of the church. They sit beside us every Sunday, are our neighbors and ordinary people we meet every day. Because of the devotedness of their faith, they remind us to keep going, remain focused, and cultivate purpose and meaning, and give voice to those who have none. The inspiration is all around us.

Pay attention to the details. Do what you do with great love. Know that you are not alone. Believe that you can persevere. Have great faith.

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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  
 Mon. November 2- Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40  
 Tues. November 3- Philippians 2:5-11; Psalm 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32 [26a]; Luke 14:15-24  
 Wed. November 4- Philippians 2:12-18; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]; Luke 14:25-33  
 Thurs. November 5- Philippians 3:3-8a; Psalm 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [3b]; Luke 15:1-10  
 Fri. November 6- Philippians 3:17—4:1; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]; Luke 16:1-8  
 Sat. November 7- Philippians 4:10-19; Psalm 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9; Luke 16:9-15  
**Sun. November 8-** Wisdom 6:12-16; Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

## CANDLES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

### *Sanctuary Candle Chapel:*

In loving memory of **Pasquale & Antoinette Curione**  
 req. by **Great Granddaughter Cindy Curione**

### *St. Joseph Candle:*

In loving memory of **Holy Souls in Purgatory Who Have No One to Pray for Them**  
 req. by **Cindy Curione**



### *Sanctuary Candle Church:*

In loving memory of **Kurek & Ziolk Families**  
 req. by **Barb Kurek**

### *Blessed Mother Candle:*

In memory of **Peter & Evelyn Curione**  
 req. by **Granddaughter Cindy Curione**



## ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

### Congratulations to Our Scholarship Recipients

The Rosary Altar Society would like to congratulate Adam LaNasa and Michael Seider as this year's recipients of the Rosary Altar Society Scholarships. May God Bless you both on your college journey!

A reminder that this Tuesday is the Rosary Altar Society Meeting. Rosary at 6pm and meeting at 6:30pm as there is not Mass this Tuesday. All ladies of the Parish are welcome! Also, don't forget to vote!

## STEWARDSHIP

Oct. 24/25	Basket Collection	Online Giving
General	\$ 2,957.00	\$1,113.00
Renovation	\$ 80.00	\$ 130.00
Christ the King	\$ 0	\$ 10.00
World Mission	\$ 0	\$ 10.00

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**SAT. & SUN. Oct. 31 & Nov. 1— Blessing of Fire & Paschal Candle**  
**SAT. October 31— Confessions** 3:15-3:45pm  
**SAT. October 31— Mass** 4:00pm  
**SUN. November 1— Mass** 8:30 & 11:00am  
**TUES. November 3— No Mass**  
**TUES. November 3— Rosary Altar Society Meeting** 6:30pm  
**WED. November 4— Adoration** 5:15-6:15pm  
**WED. November 4— Confession** 5:45-6:15pm  
**WED. November 4— Mass** 6:30pm  
**THURS. November 5— Rosary in the Church** 4:00pm  
**SAT./SUN. Nov. 7 & 8— Divine Mercy Focus at Masses**  
**SAT. November 7— Confessions** 3:15-3:45pm  
**SAT. November 7— Mass** 4:00pm  
**SUN. November 8— Mass** 8:30 & 11:00am

## PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

*Heather Barrick, Christian Vosburgh Brown, Robert Grabka, Amy Marcin, Donovan Miller, Mary Ellen Schrack, the Sinclair Family, 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



If you would like to have a name added to or taken off of the prayer list, please call the parish office at **731-4822**.

## Helping Catholics Vote (Worth the Read)

Excerpt taken from Most Reverend Daniel Thomas's letter to the Toledo Blade newspaper as featured on Catholic Connection with Teresa Tomeo. To listen to the entire broadcast, visit EWTN.

Excerpt:

Whenever we make serious choices, we do so guided by our natural moral compass. People of faith and of no faith make judgments on what is good or bad according to their innate sense to know right from wrong, our natural reason. People understand that to steal something is wrong. To steal something and vandalize the store is more wrong. To steal something, vandalize the store, and shoot the shop clerk is most wrong. There is a ranking hierarchy of evil acts that most people naturally understand. Every evil act is not equal. Some evil acts are far worse than others.

In this election, we are asked away many important human rights and justice issues; racism, the death penalty, poverty, human trafficking, the international disregard for the environment, and the ill treatment of immigrants. No issue, however, is as weighty as abortion – the taking of defenseless innocent human life in the womb. Abortion is an intrinsic evil without equal because it attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because the number of lives destroyed.

In this election, we are faced with weighing two major candidates. In quoting a classic moral principle, some would argue it is a choice between the lesser of two evils. Others might quip it is the choice between the evil of two lessers. But Catholics know that neither candidate nor party perfectly aligns with our gospel values. As Catholics we do not vote based on whether we like or dislike the personality of the candidates, we do not cast votes based on whether the candidate does or does not have the same color of skin as us; we do not cast votes based on the age or gender of the candidates; we do not cast votes based on the political party a family has or has not endorsed in the past; we do not cast votes based on whether the person does or does not share our religious affiliation.

Catholics cast votes, first and foremost, based on how the candidate and the party honor, value and respect the dignity and sanctity of all human life, with the preeminent concern for the most vulnerable, the most defenseless-the unborn.

It is our responsibility as Catholic citizens of our nation to exercise our civic duty to vote - for the sake of the common good of society - and that we do so with minds and hearts informed by what the Church herself teaches, not what this or that person says the Church teaches or what this or that person holds, mindful that ultimately we are called first to be citizens of heaven.

As Catholics, it is imperative that we form our consciences from the heart of the Church. I pray these outlines will aid in helping you to form your conscience through understanding Catholic teaching and I encourage you to approach these issues with prayer, charity and fidelity. Please share these outlines broadly in your parishes and schools and invite discussion using these documents. May the Lord guide us and our nation at this critical time.