Infant of Prague
PARISH COMMUNITY

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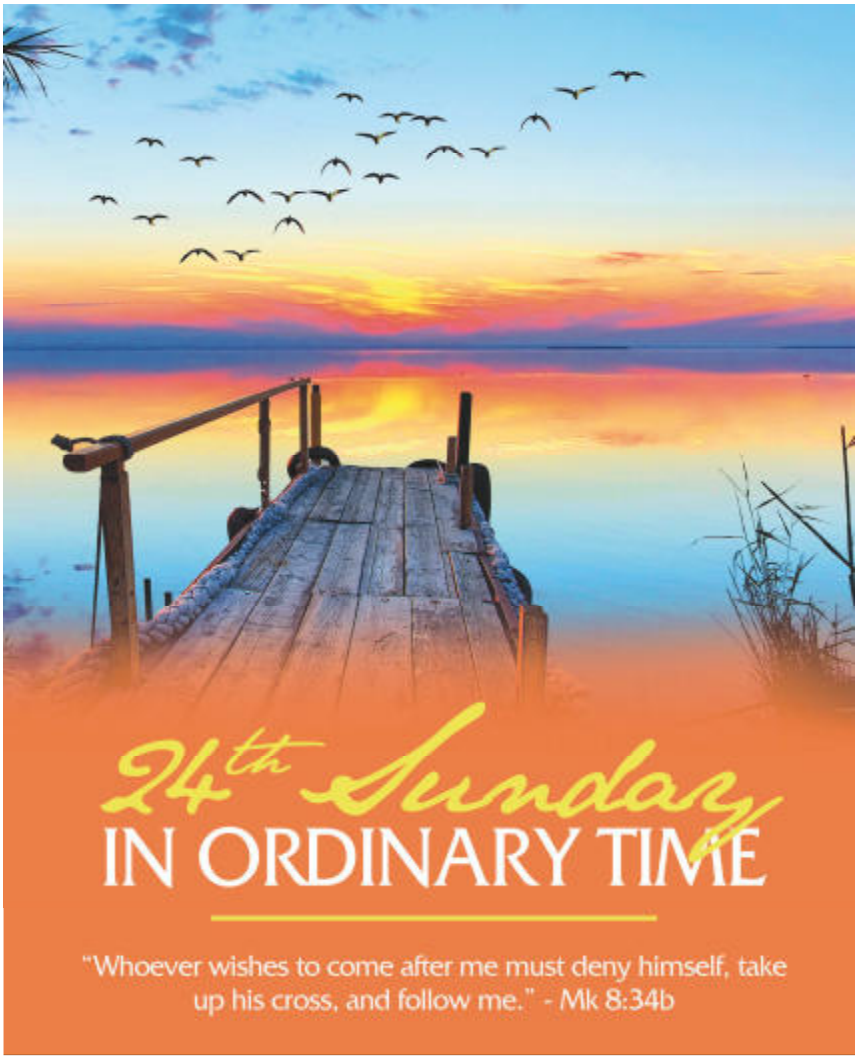
Welcome!

You are a stranger but once. You are a child of God, redeemed by Our Savior, Jesus Christ. In God's name, we welcome you. May you find friendship, peace and serenity in our loving and worshipping community. If you are a visitor interested in joining our parish community or the Catholic Faith, please call the parish office. If you are returning after being away...welcome home!

September 12 2021 Twenty - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Schedule

All Masses to be held in Main Church

Saturday Vigil	4:00pm
Sunday	8:30am
	10:30am
Monday-Wednesday & Friday	8:30am
Holy Days	8:30am
	7:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 3-3:30pm
and upon request

Morning Prayer
Resume Date to be Determined

Parish Mission Statement

We, the faith community of Infant of Prague Parish, united in the Holy Spirit celebrate the presence of Christ in Word, Sacrament, and each other.
We strive to build up the kingdom of God in a spirit of fellowship and service.
We welcome all to journey with us as we continue to mature in our faith by our worship of God and our reaching out to our brothers and sisters in need.

Mass Intentions

Monday September 13 St. John Chrysostom
8:30am Kenneth Joseph Cook by Patty Harris

Tuesday September 14 The Exaltation of The Holy Cross
8:30am Harold E. Bertrand by Lee Hernquist

Wednesday September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows
8:30am John Connolly ~ Anniversary ~ by children

Thursday September 16 St. Cornelius and Cyprian
No Mass

Friday September 17 St. Robert Bellarmine
8:30am Samuel Long ~ Anniversary ~ by wife and children

Saturday September 18 Weekday
4pm Deacon Donald Wetter by family

Sunday September 19 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am Katherine & Joseph Inzinna by Francine Carvallo & Christine & Greg Kline
10:30am Patricia Wright by Wright family

2022 Mass Intentions are now open!

Schedule a remembrance for a loved one

Contact Parish Office for Mass Intention requests. The stipend per Mass is $15.00. If a specific date is desired,

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

September 4 & 5

Weekly Envelope.....$ 6,441.00
Online .....$ 3,745.00

Thank you for supporting our Parish!

Upcoming Diocesan Collections

- September 18 & 19
  - ◊ Seminarian & Diaconate Formation
- October 2 & 3
  - ◊ Respect Life Sunday for Moms & Babies

Contributions may be deposited in the Collection basket

Parish Office

- Help us stay connected ~ contact Parish Office with your current phone number and email

Parish Ministerial Staff

Pastor.....Rev. Thomas Mahoney
FrTomIOP@gmail.com

Deacon/Pastoral Associate.Brian C. Walkowiak

Director of Faith Formation.Fran Mackowiak
infantofpraguedre@gmail.com

Director of Music .....Elijah Simon

Parish Trustees.....Linda Haar
Michael Maute

Parish Council President ....Mary Montero

Parish Nurse.....Lisa Nemmer
iopparishrn@yahoo.com

Parish Office.....716-634-3660
Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm
infantofpragueparish@gmail.com

Most Parish Office requests can be handled via phone, email or using the "contact us" request on our Parish website. If a visit to the Parish Center is required please call ahead so we can make arrangements for your visit.

Stay Connected

IOP has a variety of ways we can stay connected...

- Parish website ~ Visit our iopparish.com for Parish Information, link to our parish bulletin .. and more
- Facebook ~ follow us on Facebook at "Infant of Prague Roman Catholic Church Cheektowaga" for Parish Information, inspirational quotes, and more
- Bulletin ~ take one on your way out of the Church, pick one up in the Parish Center vestibule or visit our website iopparish.com where the bulletin is just a click away.

IOP Prays for the Following

Helen Sikorski, Peter DiGiacomo, Renee Hager, Florence Spychala, Steve Rusinski

… and all parishioners in nursing homes, homebound and our military service men and women.

Names will be listed four consecutive weeks. We will be happy to add a name to the prayer list with immediate family request and permission

Contact Parish Office for prayer requests

Please remember in your prayers…

Rita Enright, James Macris, Mary Kirby, Jean Biondo and all who have died

Ministry Meetings for the Week

IOP embraces many opportunities for our parishioners to enhance their faith through our parish ministries. We invite all parishioners to call our Parish Office at 716-634-6500 for a list of the many offerings IOP has for you.

This weeks ministry meetings:

Altar & Rosary Society
Monday, September 13 ~ 6:30 - 8pm
in the Green Room.
All women 18 years of age or older are welcome.

Legion of Mary
Saturday, September 18 ~ 10 - 11:30am
in the School Faculty Room.
Come and prayer the Rosary with us.
Masks required.

Service and Outreach Ministry
Ladies of Charity

We welcome all woman to come to our first meeting of 2021 ~ 2022 to be held on

Monday, September 20, 2021 in the Green Room
from 6:30 to 8pm

Liturgical Ministry
Liturgy of The Word

We welcome all parishioners to come to our first meeting of 2021 ~ 2022 to be held on

Tuesday, September 28, 2021 in the School Faculty Room from 6:30 to 8:30pm

Service and Outreach ~
IOP St. Vincent DePaul

In preparation for the upcoming Holiday season, IOP SVDP Society is selling Tops and Johnny's Pizzeria gift cards. Gift Cards are in increments of $10.00 and $25.00 and can be purchased at the Parish Center from Monday ~ Thursday 9am to noon & 1-3:30pm or by contacting Al at 716-833-5408.

SVDP "Hall Pantry" open Thursday's from 9am—noon and is located in the school building next to the Thruway side of the Green Room.

Donations benefit the IOP community and are always welcome. Call Al at 833-5408 to see how you can make a difference in our community.

Spiritual Formation Ministry
Marian Movement of Priests

Welcome back MMP members!
Our cenacle will resume on

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 in the School Faculty Room from 10:30am to12:30pm

This organization meets every other week.

Come join us in praying the Rosary and reflecting upon a message from Our Lady to Father Sefano Gobbi regarding these challenging times. All are welcome to the call of Our Lady.

From Our Church To Your Home

IOP is committed to serving our parishioners. Here are a few ways IOP supports our Parish community...

"Traveling Mary" ~ Legion of Mary sponsors a traveling statue of Mary to circulate among IOP parishioners. The Legionaries will drop off and pick up the Blessed Mother weekly. Call Tom at 716-834-9872 for more information.

Hall Pantry ~ SVDP "Hall Pantry" is open Thursday's from 9am ~ noon and is located in the school building next to the Thruway side of the Green Room. Call Al 716-833-5408 for more information.

Blessed St. Peregrine Medals ~ Blessed St. Peregrine medals are available in the Parish Office for those battling cancer. Call 716-634-3660 for more information.

Faith Formation ~ Our Family Faith Formation provides resources, encouragement, and support to the parent(s)/guardian(s) in our parish, assisting them in passing the Catholic Faith to their children. IOP provides this at no cost to our IOP families. Email infantofpraguedre@gmail.com for more information.

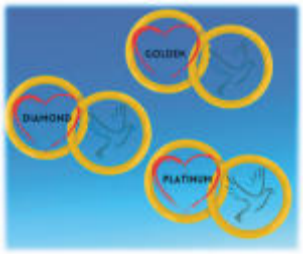
Seek Out The Familiar and the New … Together

A Monarch butterfly visits our Butterfly bush outside the Parish Center, reminding us the beauty of life, in the fullness of the Creation God has made.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."
2 Corinthians 5:17

Golden, Diamond and Platinum Marriage Anniversaries Special Mass on Sunday, October 24, 2021

The Diocese of Buffalo and the Office of Pastoral Ministries wishes to honor those observing 50th, 60th, 70th years of Marriage in a special Mass



Sunday October 24, 2021 at 10:30am at Saint Joseph's Cathedral 50 Franklin St, Buffalo, NY 14202.

Brunch will be provided after Eucharistic Celebration courtesy of Bishop Mike at St. Anthony of Padua Church center, 160 Court Street, Buffalo, New York.

Registration is required.

All interested couples observing 50th, 60th, 70th anniversaries should call our IOP Parish Office at 643-3660 by September 27, 2021 to sign up for this special event recognizing the beauty of the faithfulness, sacrifice, challenges and comforts in daily married life.

A Worthwhile Smile…

Grandparents Day ~ Sunday, September 12, 2021

Let us remember our Grandparents on this day and everyday, for they bring us joy in the hearts of our children.

Grandparents are the living memory of the family. They passed on the faith, they transmitted the faith, to us.
Pope Francis

Icon Writing Retreat

Experience a spirit filled weekend practicing the ancient art of icon "writing" as we paint the icon Guardian Angel.

Infant of Prague
921 Cleveland Drive
Buffalo, NY 14225

Thursday	October 7th 9-5
Friday	October 8th 9-5
Saturday	October 9th 9-5
Sunday	October 10th 8-5 Mass (8:30)

Donation - $125 (covers materials, donation to church, etc.)

Make checks payable to David Barnas

Please register by October 1st - Seating is limited

Contact David Barnas at 716-693-0259
djbarnas@gmail.com to register or for more information

Inspiration For The Week

Rest in the presence of God simply because God is God and you are you. This is all that is necessary. Out of this relationship will come inspiration, understanding, courage, constancy, truth, and virtues of all kind. We will find ourselves knowing the true meaning of things and developing a depth of insight that is not found following purely human venues. It is God who inspires and opens human hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, we understand all of our relationships with a richer appreciation and come to know who Jesus, who speaks of God's kingdom, really is. The trust that is fostered from resting with the Divine One allows us to see that God's ways are not our ways. There is something bigger going on in this picture of life. It is something mystical and magical that seeks to surprise us at every turn. It is not for us to cling to this world and its limitations. Our adventure is to dream bigger and brighter, realizing that it is even in suffering that the radiant light of the dawn will come. God's ways allow for our paths to be rocky, challenging, difficult, and even crippling at times. Purely human eyes cannot understand the 'why' of such experiences. The eyes and mind of God, however, reveal and detail a journey that ends in glorious resurrection joy. When we lose our axis and become too human in our thinking, Jesus rebukes us and gently reminds us how to see.

September 12, 2021 Twenty - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Is 50:5-9a
I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:8)

Second Reading: Jas 2:14-18
What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? (Jas 2:14)

Gospel: Mk 8:27-35
And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." (Mk 8:29)

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass
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Adults: Why should faith always lead to good works?

Kids: What good works can you do to show your faith in Jesus?

Looking Forward
Readings for September 19 , 2021

First Reading: Wis 2:12, 17-20

Second Reading: Jas 3:16—4:3

Gospel: Mk 9:30-37

Gospel Meditation ~ September 12, 2021

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

"I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living."
Ps 116

Sacraments

Baptisms: Congratulations! Call the parish office four months prior to child's anticipated arrival to register for Baptismal class held on the Fourth Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics. Non-registered IOP members must have a letter from their own pastor. Sponsors should have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Is the Holy Spirit calling you to become Catholic? Call the Parish Office for more information.

Marriages: Best wishes! Couples seeking a Catholic marriage, please contact the Pastor at least six months prior to a planned wedding day. Attendance at a marriage preparation program (Pre-Cana) is required.

Care of the Sick: Anyone seriously ill or entering the hospital for surgery may receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Letters of Recommendation: Letters of recommendation are gladly issued to those asked to be a Baptism and/or Confirmation Sponsor, provided the requesting person is registered at IOP, Confirmed and regularly attends Mass. If the requesting person is married, the marriage must have taken place in conformity with the laws of the Church. If the requesting person is a parent, their children must be enrolled in Faith Formation.

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Around the Buffalo Diocese

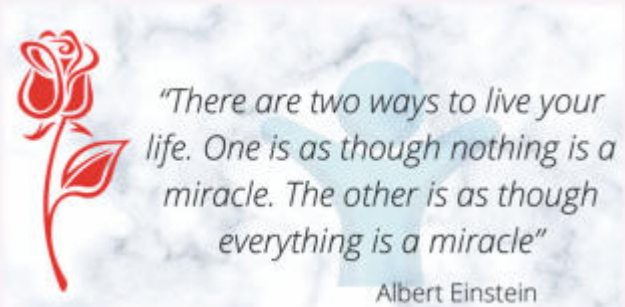
- The St. Thomas More Guild of WNY, a Catholic association of legal professionals, invites all to attend the Annual Red Mass in honor of St. Thomas Moore on Wednesday, September 15 at 12:10 pm at St. Joseph Cathedral. Details can be found at www.stthomasmorewny.org.
- Help for Your Marriage. Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times. For more information, call 716-474-9371 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org. All calls are confidential. Next Retrouvaille weekend is September 17-19. Pre-registration is required.
- Voices, directed by William Weinert of the Eastman School of Music, will be coming to Buffalo to give a choral concert of several British masterworks, including Byrd's Mass for Five Voices, on September 18 at 7:30 pm at St. Joseph Cathedral, 50 Franklin St., Buffalo. Admission is free. All are welcome!
- Drive-thru German Dinner Sunday, September 26, 2021 from noon-2pm at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church, 157 Cleveland Drive, Cheektowaga, N.Y. Sponsored by Sisters of St. Joseph. $11 pre-sale or $12 day of event. Call Marilyn at 759-6454 x 200 for more information.
- If you would like to send a written communication to Bishop Mike, use the following mailing address:

  Diocese of Buffalo
  Attn: Bishop Mike
  795 Main Street
  Buffalo, New York 14203
- Visit https://www.buffalodiocese.org/chancery-bulletin-announcements for more inspirational events occurring throughout the Buffalo Diocese.

Catholic Media for the "masses"

- **Televised Masses**
  - ◊ EWTN Channel 10: Daily at 8am, Noon, 7pm, & Midnight - Channel 24 (Spectrum)
  - ◊ WNYO Cable 8 & ANT. Ch. 49
    Sunday Mass: 8:30am
- **"Streamed" Masses**
  - ◊ Visit www.buffalodiocese.org/livestreams to view the many streaming options available
- **Radio**
  - ◊ WLOF 101.7 FM – Buffalo's Catholic Radio
- **Web**
  - ◊ www.FORMED.org
    Use access code W24ZGG to register

Respect Life Reflection



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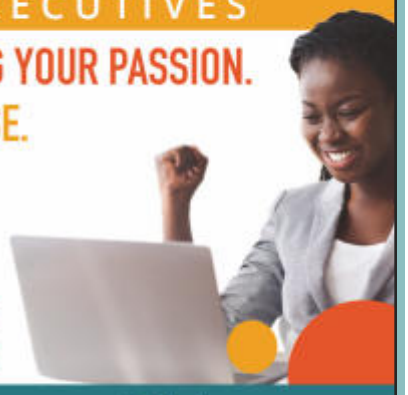

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