



# Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

4671 Townline Road  
Ransomville, NY 14131



**December 25, 2021 - December 26, 2021**



## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



And the Word became flesh  
and made his dwelling  
among us,  
and we saw his glory,  
the glory as of the Father's  
only Son,  
full of grace and truth.  
- Jn 1:14

### Parish Staff:

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### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:15 PM - 3:45 PM  
Wednesday 5:45 PM - 6:25 PM  
By appointment: 716-731-4822

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday 5:00 PM - 6:25 PM

### Mass Schedule:

Saturdays 4:00 PM  
Sundays 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM  
Wednesdays 6:30 PM

### RCIA:

Call 716-731-4822

### Trustees:

Claire Curione and Kiersten Ryndak

### Disability Advocate:

Amy McQuay

### Ministry to the Sick:

Home visitations are available for all parishioners who are confined to their homes due to illness or infirmity. Call 716-731-4822 to make arrangements.

### Outreach Program:

Mrs. Nancy Mosher,  
716-310-4902

### Website:

www.icransomville.org

*We're here to help! Call the **Parish Office** or visit at our staff before or after weekend Masses in the Library.*

## Mass Intentions

### Sat., Dec. 25 at 10:00 AM

That the joy of the birth of Christ is reflected in our Parish families  
*req. by Joanne Reynolds*

### Sun., Dec. 26 at 8:30 AM

In memory of **Raymond Cupples**  
*req. by Hank & Janet Fraas*

### Sun., Dec. 26 at 11:00 AM

In loving memory of **Keith Palemeri**  
*req. by Family*

### Wed., Dec. 29 at 6:30 PM

In loving memory of **Harmon Ries**  
*req. by Granddaughter Erica*

### Sat., Jan. 1 at 4:00 PM

In memory of Paul Banks  
*req. by Irene Banks & Family*

### Sun., Jan. 2 at 8:30 AM

In loving memory of **Sandra Grownowski**  
*req. by Hank & Janet Fraas*

### Sun., Jan. 2 at 11:00 AM

For **Walter and Mary Jane Kelsch and deceased family members**  
*req. by Donna Kelsch*

## Parish Activities

### Sun., Dec. 26 Feast of the Holy Family

**Mass:** 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM  
**Faith Formation:** NO CLASS

### Wed., Dec. 29

**Adoration:** 5:00 PM - 6:25 PM  
**Confession:** 6:00 PM - 6:25 PM  
**Mass:** 6:30 PM

### Sat., Jan. 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

*(This is a holy day, but not of obligation)*  
**Mass:** 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM

### Sun., Jan. 2 The Epiphany of the Lord

**Mass:** 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM  
**Faith Formation:** NO CLASS

## Boys' Choir Performance

The Niagara River Explorers Boys' Choir will be performing after Mass on **Wednesday, December 29th**. The performance will consist of Christmas favorites and last for approximately 30 minutes.



## Sunday's Readings

### **First Reading:**

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

### **Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

### **Second Reading:**

Colossians 3:12-21

### **Gospel:**

Luke 2:41-52

*"And He said to them, 'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what He said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and His mother kept all these things in her heart."*

## Saint of the Week

### St. Thomas Becket

**Feast Day:** *December 29th*

Not many saints can be relatable to our times, but St. Thomas Beckett is one of the few. King Henry II, a good friend, made him chancellor of England at the age of 36. Then, despite St. Thomas Becket warning the king that he would not blindly follow his wishes, he was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury in 1162. Soon after, King Henry II insisted upon seizing Church rights. In the name of peace, St. Thomas Becket came close to a compromise, and momentarily approved the Constitutions of Clarendon, which would have denied the clergy the right of trial by a Church court. But he later rejected this, and for his safety fled to France where he remained in exile for seven years. Although returning to England meant almost certain death, St. Thomas Becket came back. According to historical accounts, King Henry implored, "Who will free me from this troublesome priest!" St. Thomas Becket was later murdered by four knights in his Canterbury Cathedral as he was praying. For his part in the murder, King Henry II performed public penance.



## Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

The **31st Annual Festival of Lights at Fatima Shrine** is taking place now until January 2, 2022.

The times are as follows:

**Now until January 2nd**

*Lights on daily from 5pm—9pm*



## *Our Lady of Fatima Shrine* **Festival of Lights Benefit 2022**

The **Festival of Lights Benefit 2022** is taking place on **Sunday, January 16, 2022.**

There will be a gourmet dinner prepared by the Como and a **HUGE** basket auction!

Doors open at 5:00pm

Wine tasting at 5:45pm

Dinner at 6:15pm

Tickets are \$50 per person

*Proceeds are to benefit the Shrine Renovation Project.*

## Epiphany

The Epiphany is celebrated twelve days after the birth of the Christ Child. It is believed that the twelve days of Christmas mark the amount of time it took the Magi (*or Wise Men*) to travel to Bethlehem.



Epiphany is a feast day that celebrates the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ. Epiphany is also referred to as 'Three Kings' Day' and 'Little Christmas.' Popular Epiphany customs include chalking the door, having your house blessed, consuming Three Kings Cake, and attending Church services.

## Inclusive Christmas Mass

On **Monday, December 27 at 7pm**

Fr. Bob Owczarczak will celebrate an inclusive Christmas Mass at **St. Bernadette, 5930 S. Abbott Rd. Orchard Park.**

The Mass will be shorter and less crowded to allow for freedom of movement as needed. The lighting will be dimmer, the music soothing, and low gluten hosts will be available.

Contact Sharon Urbaniak at 716-648-1720 with any questions.



## *Please Pray for...*



### Our Church Family

Peter Baio, Nancy Conti,  
Devin Coty, Rick Everts,  
Faye Finley, Shirley Hunter,  
James Kirkpatrick Sr.,  
Donovan Miller, John Molisse,  
Drew Olds, Ellen Schrack,  
Dcn. Paul Stankiewicz, Renee Sylvies,  
Fran & Joan Trentley, and John Wolf

### Our Military Personnel

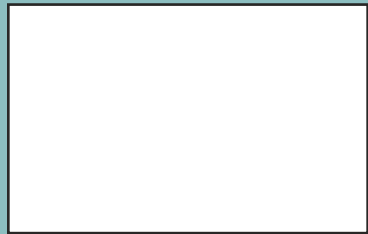
Lance Corporal Andrew Farmer,  
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Captain Kevin Farmer, 2nd Lieutenant William Farmer,  
E4 SPC Tyler Fleming, E7 SFC Timothy Fleming,  
1st Lieutenant Philip Joseph Giovannini,  
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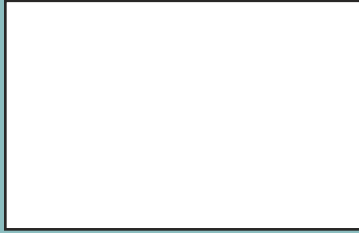


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