



Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

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December 5 & 6, 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 or visit a member of our staff 15 minutes before or after weekend Masses in the library.

NEW!!! Download our Parish App—look for WECONNECT parish mobile app and select Immaculate Conception to stay connected with parish happenings, access to daily readings, and more!

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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.

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.

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SECOND SUNDAY

of Advent



Our Parish Mission Statement

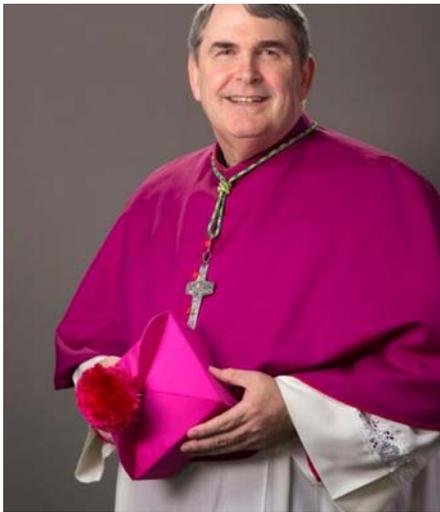
"Immaculate Conception parish is a warm and caring Roman Catholic faith community where all of God's people are welcome. We strive to bring Christ to all people through spiritually and uplifting liturgies, ministry, service and outreach."

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	December 5	4:00 pm	In memory of Leo Notaro req. by Florence and Fritz Gergal
Sunday	December 6	8:30 am	For the Respect For All Life req. by Rosary Altar Society
		11:00 am	For the intentions of Mike Mombrea on his 100th Birthday by family
Saturday	December 12	4:00 pm	In memory of Walter & Mary Jane Kelsch req. by daughter Donna
Sunday	December 13	8:30 am	In memory of William Doty & Jeff Wassell req. by Lousie Doty & Family
		11:00 am	In memory of Matthew Marin req. by Marin Family

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POPE FRANCIS APPOINTS BISHOP MICHAEL WILLIAM FISHER



Excerpt from article in WNY Catholic

Pope Francis Appoints Bishop Michael William Fisher 15th Bishop of Diocese of Buffalo

“I am deeply humbled and grateful to the Holy Father for this gift to serve the people of Buffalo as their bishop,” said Bishop Fisher. “I am eager to become part of this vibrant faith community, with a proud and distinguished legacy of Catholic education, ministry and civic service.”

“This is a blessed and wonderful day for the good people across Western New York,” said Apostolic Administrator Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger. “In Bishop Michael Fisher, they (The Diocese of Buffalo) have been given a priest, pastor and bishop whose passion to serve, to listen, to heal and comfort have distinguished his 30-year ministry.” *Read the full article in the Western New York Catholic*

GOSPEL DIGGING DEEPER

December 6, 2020-2nd Sunday of Advent People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a “good seat” in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the “best seat” in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not? © Lpi

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sat. December 5- Isaiah 30:19-26; Psalm 147:1-6; Matthew 9:35-10:8
Sun. December 6- Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8
 Mon. December 7- Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]; Luke 5:17-26
 Tues. December 8- Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38
 Wed. December 9- Isaiah 40:25-31; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]; Matthew 11:28-30
 Thurs. December 10- Isaiah 41:13-20; Psalm 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]; Matthew 11:11-15
 Fri. December 11- Isaiah 48:17-19; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]; Matthew 11:16-19
 Sat. December 12- Zechariah 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]; Luke 1:26-38
Sun. December 13- Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

AT HOME ADVENT ACTIVITIES!!!

Nativity scene: This is the event in which the entire family shares in setting up the Christmas manger. Mary and Joseph should be far off traveling and their approach to Bethlehem can be adjusted daily. Joseph and Mary could be hidden daily for the kids to find! **Parents: Instead of hiding the elf, hide Mary and Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem for the kids to find!**

Advent wreath: The Advent wreath is probably the most recognized Advent custom. It is a wreath made of evergreens that is bound to a circle of wire. It symbolizes the many years from Adam to Christ in which the world awaited of its Redeemer. It also represents the years that we have been awaiting His second and final coming. The wreath holds four equally spaced candles, the three purple ones lit on the penitential Sundays and a pink one on Gaudete Sunday, the joyful third Sunday in Advent.

Christmas baking: There are many recipe books available to find great traditional Christmas breaking ideas. The baking usually starts around December 20. As Christmas approaches, the house will smell of baking and fresh wreaths. The glory of Christmas is at hand! Move the manger to a focal point, add lights to the nativity to be lighted on Christmas Eve, and anticipate together!

STEWARDSHIP

Nov. 27/28	Basket Collection	Online Giving
General	\$ 2,148.00	\$ 1,049.75
Renovation	\$ 75.00	\$ 5.00
Human Develop.	\$ 20.00	\$ 5.00
Cath University	\$10.00	0
Nov. 21/22	Basket Collection	Online Giving
General	\$ 2,018.00	\$ 1,049.75
Renovation	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Human Develop.	\$ 101.00	\$ 5.00

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SAT. December 5— Confessions 3:15-3:45pm
SAT. December 5— Mass 4:00pm
SUN. December 6— Mass 8:30 & 11:00am
TUES. December 8— Feast of Immaculate Conception— Mass will be recorded and made available on our website.
Monday-Friday No Parish Activities
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DECEMBER 8TH IS A HOLY DAY

The **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass can be viewed on our website. We will not have in person Mass that day.

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

Heather Barrick, Christan Vosburgh Brown, Rick Everts, Robert Grabka, Shirley Hunter, Amy Marcin, Timothy McCann, Donovan Miller, Mary Ellen Schrack, the Sinclair Family, Dan Stack, Roberta Walker

To add a name to the prayer list email by use 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