



Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

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December 12 & 13, 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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3rd Sunday OF ADVENT



Christmas Eve Mass Time: 4:00pm

Christmas Day Mass Time 10:00am

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 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 Louise Doty & Family
		11:00 am	In memory of Matthew Marin req. by Marin Family
Saturday	December 19	4:00 pm	In memory of Donald Hibbard req. by Joyce Lombardi
Sunday	December 20	8:30 am	In memory of Francis Mahar req. by Wife Maryann
		11:00 am	In memory of Maciejewski Family req. by Bill & Maria Wolcott

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GOSPEL DIGGING DEEPER

December 13, 2020- 3rd Sunday of Advent

Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Think of winning the Lotto. On this side of the winning ticket, it's all about the money, the new car, house, vacations, bank accounts, and infinite pleasures. The possibility of acquiring all of these earthly securities brings us back again and again to the purchase of a ticket. Then, one day we win! Our dreams are fulfilled, and happiness is on the horizon. Then one day, we wake up and realize that nothing has really changed, and I am not as satisfied as I thought I was or would be. I find myself living in my incompleteness and with my profound sorrow and grief. I did not find joy.

Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. They are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith, hope, and love. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something I create, manufacture or even acquire. It is not able to be purchased. It is a gift. My need for joy mirrors my need for eternity, for a Creator who has a claim on the very essence of who I am and desires a home within me. As C. S. Lewis discovered, joy is a surprise that speaks to my very soul and is given as gift by the God who loves me.

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. God has visited his people for no other reason than to show them where and how to find joy! All of our human and earthly joy experiences are always only glimpses. They never satisfy us, sustain us or fulfill us. It is only God who is the joy of my soul. Real, Divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then, in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow.

ADVENT: SHARING THE FAITH THROUGH OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION



3rd Candle: (pink) THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY– The angels sang a message of joy.

The purple candles remind us of preparation. We must prepare for Christ in our hearts through prayer and fasting.

This week's candle is pink as a reminder of the coming joy. It is called Gaudete Sunday (from the Latin meaning "rejoice")



FROM THE OFFICE

The office remains closed due to COVID 19, however, a member of the office staff will be available 15 minutes before and after Masses in the library should you wish to request a Mass or need assistance in any way. You may also set up an appointment to come to the office. Thank you for your understanding.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Mon. December 14- Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]; Matthew 21:23-27

Tues. December 15-Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]; Matthew 21:28-32

Wed. December 16- Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Psalm 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]; Luke 7:18b-23

Thurs. December 17- Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]; Matthew 1:1-17

Fri. December 18- Jeremiah 23:5-8; Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]; Matthew 1:18-25

Sat. December 19- Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Psalm 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]; Luke 1:5-25

Sun. December 20- 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38



In past years, you may recall a lovely tree in the narthex filled with tags with to collect gifts and toys for families facing financial hardships. Names on that tree represent families in our community, both parishioner and non parishioner alike. It has been a tradition that has blessed countless families for years.

Therefore, when the tree wasn't in the narthex this year, many people inquired about its absence. Rest assured, although COVID changed many things, the generosity of our parish remains the same. We simply had to resort to **Plan B**.

This year, knowing that many people were reluctant to go to stores and to ensure the needs of families were met, the members of the Caregivers Ministry chose to use the funds in their account to go ahead and purchase the gifts safely online. The ministry purchased gifts for 10 families. Each child will receive a gift of clothing and a new toy, receipts totaling over \$700. Should you wish to support the work of our Caregivers Ministry, consider making a small donation so they might continue the good work they do. Please indicate that your donation is for the Caregivers Ministry.

STEWARDSHIP

Dec. 5/6	Basket Collection	Online Giving
General	\$2922.00	\$883
Renovation	\$209.00	\$135
Human Develop.	\$25	—
Christmas	\$25.00	\$20.00
Christmas Flowers	\$163.00	\$5.00
Immac. Concept.	—	\$5.00
Rel. Retirement	\$60.00	\$5.00
Cath. University	\$25.00	—
Easter	\$20.00	—

PARISH ACTIVITIES

- SAT. December 12— Confessions 3:15-3:45pm
- SAT. December 12— Mass 4:00pm
- SUN. December 13— Mass 8:30 & 11:00am
- Monday-Friday No Parish Activities
- SAT. December 19— Confessions 3:15-3:45pm
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- SUN. December 20— Mass 8:30 & 11:00am

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