



Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

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December 19 & 20, 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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Fourth Sunday of ADVENT



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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 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
Thursday	December 24	4:00 pm	In memory of John R. Zykas & Donald Shepherd req. by Patti Shepherd
			In memory of Matthew Marin req. by Marin Family
			In memory of Cindy Lotempio req. Finnerty Family
Friday	December 25	10:00am	In memory of Mary Jane & Walter Kelsch req. by Daughter Donna
Saturday	December 26	4:00 pm	In memory of Marianne & Joseph Cannizzaro req. by Barbara Smith
Sunday	December 27	8:30 am	In memory of Peggy Cushing req. by Janet & Hank Fraas
		11:00 am	In memory of Vincent & Barbara Bonfante req. by daughter & granddaughter Laurie & Karli Leggett

*If you would like to request a Mass please call the parish office or stop in the library 15 mins. before or after Masses

CHRISTMAS MASSES



Vigil Mass

December 24 at 4:00 pm in the Church

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

December 25 at 10:00 am in the Church



GOSPEL DIGGING DEEPER

December 20, 2020- 4th Sunday of Advent

In Blaise Pascal's work, Pensees, he says: "What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself."

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come. ©LPi

ADVENT: SHARING THE FAITH THROUGH OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION



Today we relight the first three candles of the Advent Wreath — the candles of HOPE, PEACE and JOY.

Now we light the fourth candle of Advent. This is the candle of LOVE.



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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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
 Mon. December 21- Song of Songs 2:8-14; Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]; Luke 1:39-45
 Tues. December 22- 1 Samuel 1:24-28; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd]; Luke 1:46-56
 Wed. December 23- Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]; Luke 1:57-66
 Thurs. December 24- Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25
 Fri. December 25- Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18
 Sat. December 26- Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]; Matthew 10:17-22
Sun. December 27- Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40

JOURNEY TO JESUS ADVENT 'FUN' RAISER



Parishioners are invited to play the **Journey to Jesus Advent 50/50 Fun-raiser**. In the mailer that went out last week, each household should have received this fun Advent IQ quiz. Everyone who participates will be entered to win the 50/50 drawing. More entries available on the table in the Narthex. Pass them along to family and friends.

Here are some clues to help answer the questions.



- Joseph worked and lived in Nazareth, but he was returning to Bethlehem - "his own city" (See [Luke 2:3](#)).
- The innkeeper didn't "say" anything (See [Luke 2:7](#)). **The Bible doesn't even mention an "innkeeper" because the "inn" was probably more like a guest room in a house.**
- Although the modern "pictures" in my Children's Bible show Mary on a donkey with Joseph beside her, the Bible doesn't say!
- The word "Magi" literally means "star-gazers".

STEWARDSHIP

The stewardship will be available next week due to an early submission deadline.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SAT. December 19— Confessions 3:15-3:45pm
SAT. December 19— Mass 4:00pm
SUN. December 20— Mass 8:30 & 11:00am
Monday-Friday No Parish Activities
Thurs. December 24— Christmas Vigil Mass 4:00pm
Fri. December 25— Christmas Mass 10:00am
SAT. December 26— Confessions 3:15-3:45pm
SAT. December 26— Mass 4:00pm
SUN. December 27— Mass 8:30 & 11:00am

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

Heather Barrick, Christian 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 Giovanni, Major Heather Heppner, Specialist Riley Johnston, Petty Office Third Class (AME 3) Garith Kam, TSgt Carly Mullins, Airman Apprentice Micah Prieto, Hospitalman Samuel Prieto