



Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

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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.

Outreach Program - Primary
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Mt 2:10-11

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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	January 3	4:00 pm	In memory of Kelsch & Bloomstine Families req. by Daughter Donna Kelsch
Sunday	January 4	8:30 am	In memory of Ronald Urbanczyk req. by Janet & Hank Fraas
		11:00 am	In memory of Duane Olds Sr. req. by Jennifer & Dave DePonceau
Saturday	January 9	4:00 pm	In memory of Lionel Barrick req. by Friends & Family
Sunday	January 10	8:30 am	In memory of Leo Nataro req. by Christine Mills
		11:00 am	In memory of Matthew Marin. req. by Marin Family

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GOSPEL DIGGING DEEPER

January 3, 2021- The Epiphany of the Lord

"Where is that thing?" mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. "I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!" Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, "Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear." The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light! We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God

EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING



Epiphany Home Blessing

A member of the household can bless the home in the following manner (adapted from the Roman Ritual):

Head of the Household: "Peace be to this house"

All: "And to all who dwell here"

Sing: 'We Three Kings' as a family

Leader & All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

All: Recite the Our Father

Leader: Let us pray, O God, who by the guidance of a star did on this day manifest Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know You by faith may also attain the vision of Your glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Take blessed chalk and first write initials of the three Wise Men, connected with Crosses over the inside of your front door (on the lintel of possible). Then write the year, breaking up the numbers and the year so that they fall on both sides of the initials.

20 + C + M + B + 21

20 being the millennium and the century, C standing for the first Wise Man, Caspar, M standing for Melchior, B standing for Balthasar, and the 21 standing for the decade and year. It is also popularly believed that the King's initials stand for "Christus mansionem benedicat" ("Christ bless this house").

This is a Legal Notice: UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE

WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK in re **The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y. Case No. 20-10322. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT**, On February 28, 2020, The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). **The Bankruptcy Court has established August 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date").** If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date. Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/dioceesofbuffalo> or call 8552927696 for more information on how to file your proof of claim. **IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.**

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sat.	January 2- 1 John 2:22-28; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]; John 1:19-28
Sun.	January 3- Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12
Mon.	January 4- 1 John 3:22—4:6; Psalm 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
Tues.	January 5- 1 John 4:7-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]; Mark 6:34-44
Wed.	January 6- 1 John 4:11-18; Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]; Mark 6:45-52
Thurs.	January 7- 1 John 4:19—5:4; Psalm 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]; Luke 4:14-22a
Fri.	January 8-1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]; Luke 5:12-16
Sat.	January 9- 1 John 5:14-21; Psalm 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]; John 3:22-30
Sun.	January 10- Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]; 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11

A Message Regarding Mass Intentions

Catholic tradition teaches that individuals can be assisted by the prayers of others, a belief that goes back to Old Testament times and also finds expression in the New Testament. A celebration of a particular Mass intention is among one of the many expressions of our tradition and piety.

Masses can be offered for a number of various intentions:

- ◆ For a deceased loved one, a family member, or a friend who has died, as well as on the anniversary of the death of the deceased;
- ◆ To invoke the Lord's special graces and blessings for a friend or loved one;
- ◆ To petition the Lord for the good health of someone ill or to pray for the successful surgery and speedy recovery;
- ◆ To ask the Lord's blessings for a couple celebrating their wedding anniversary;
- ◆ In thanksgiving for graces received by an individual.

Masses are available for 2021. Please call the office or stop in the library before or after weekend

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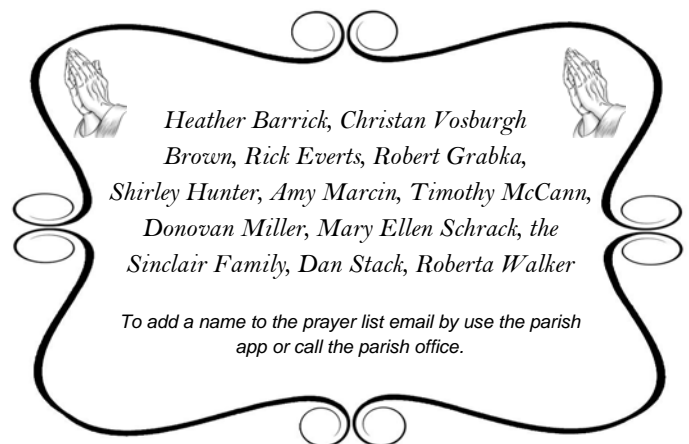
STEWARDSHIP

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

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SAT.	January 2— Confessions 3:15-3:45pm
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SUN.	January 3— Mass 8:30 & 11:00am
Monday-Friday No Parish Activities. Stay well!	
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PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...



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