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THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday

Saturday Evening Anticipated Mass---------- 5:30 PM
Sunday Morning----------7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM

Weekday

Monday thru Friday---------- 7:30 AM
Saturday---------- 8:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation: 5:30 PM - Vigil 7:30 AM & 12 Noon
St. Gregory Barbarigo at 7:00 PM

DEVOTIONS

Rosary: Recited daily after the 7:30 AM Mass

Novena: Monday after the 7:30 AM Mass the Miraculous Medal Novena is prayed.

RECTORY OFFICE

786-2742 | 942-2614 fax | r547@archny.org

Margie Celenza, *Parish Secretary*

Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM; 1:00 to 5:00 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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Tuesday: 3:30 PM - 8:30 PM **Thursday:** 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions are heard on Saturday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:00 PM and anytime upon reasonable request.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: First & Third Sundays at 1:00 PM. Expectant parents may contact the Rectory Office to schedule one of the available Sundays. Adults are baptized and confirmed at the Easter Vigil after completing the stages of the Rite of Christian Initiation.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: A process for those who wish to enter the Catholic Faith, or for present Catholic individuals who after being baptized may need to receive the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. For more information, please call the Rectory Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Since Catholic marriage requires a time of preparation, arrangements should begin *at least six months* before the proposed date of the wedding to allow for the Marriage Preparation Program and Natural Family Planning (NFP). It is required that either the bride or groom must be a registered and practicing member of Immaculate Conception Church.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: If you are planning to enter the hospital for surgery, experiencing a prolonged or serious illness, or are very weak due to advancement of age, please call the Parish Rectory to arrange for the sacraments of reconciliation, communion and anointing at home. Communal anointing of the sick is celebrated at mass during the Advent and Lenten seasons. Please notify us of any hospitalization so that we may be of assistance.

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS: The Immaculate Conception community warmly welcomes you! Please introduce yourself to the celebrant of the mass you are attending as you leave the church so that, on behalf of the entire community you may be welcomed. You can register at the Parish Office and receive any information needed from the office receptionist. Kindly notify us of any change of address.

MISSION STATEMENT: *Immaculate Conception Parish is a Christian community of disciples in the Roman Catholic tradition, called by Jesus, united in Eucharistic worship and growing in faith, hope and love. Nourished through the sacraments and strengthened by God's transforming love, we are empowered to know the gospel message and to witness to others. As Christian stewards, we are thankful for God's many gifts and we commit ourselves to share our time, talent and treasure in Christ-like service within our parish community and beyond. We seek God's blessing and guidance to be faithful to this mission.*

Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend, at our 9:30 mass, we will celebrate our monthly Family Mass. We thank the members of our Fifth Grade who will be hosting the mass. Please join us after mass for a gathering in the school for a continental breakfast.

Last Wednesday, February 1st, we started off our Annual Calendar Raffle. As in the past, beginning in today's bulletin, you will see the winners of the past week. You may still purchase tickets to be part of the remainder of the raffle. Please call the Rectory/Parish Office if you are interested. Each winning ticket is placed back into the drawing to possibly win again. This is our main fundraising event for our School of Religion. Thank you all for your support!

This evening at 6 pm we will hold our monthly Vespers Service. Praying of Evening Prayer along with exposition of the Blessed Eucharist with Benediction will take place. If you are able, please stop by the church this evening to spend time in prayer with our Lord.

The monthly Rockland Catholic Young Adult Night will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at the Marian Shrine. Adoration and confessions are available at 6:30 pm, Mass at 7:00 pm, followed by a social gathering. The presider will be Fr. Matthew Breslin, parochial vicar of St. Joseph in Somers. Ages 18-39 are welcome! For more information, call Fr. Dennis at 845-947-2200, ext. 327.

Our new doors are in their final preparation. At present the new locks have been sent to the locksmith so that the new cylinders will continue to work with the present key to the church doors. It is very possible to see our new doors installed on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for Peter's Pence. This collection supports the Holy Father's charitable outreach to victims of war, migrants and refugees, and the poor affected by illness and natural disasters. As our parish participates in this collection, we join Catholics across the globe in supporting the pope's mission of mercy.

A few parishioners have notified me that they received a text from me asking for monetary gift cards. Sadly, again there is some spam that is going on. I would never contact parishioners privately by text asking for any personal donations.

Thank you all for the positive reception I felt at each mass last week with the announcement of the start of the 2023 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. There are available at each exit pamphlets which goes into more detail on items I spoke of at mass last weekend. Beginning with this bulletin, you will see after my letter a weekly update of the activity of families in our parish who have pledged to the appeal.

May God continue to us all as we show charity and love to those less fortunate than ourselves,

- Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris

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the CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL *Sharing God's Gifts*

As of February 3rd, we have received 14 gifts amounting to $3,800.00, this is 1% of our goal of $50,300.

The Appeal supports care for our retired priests, evangelization, communications, Catholic education, and charitable works and it makes possible the formation of new parish priests, while caring for our elder ones, so that our next generation may know and love Christ and continue to seek Him in the Eucharist.

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH
THOGHT FOR THE WEEK

Love lightens all difficulties and sweetens all bitterness.

St. Francis

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SIMPLE FAITH: "And let me make it quite clear that when Christians say the Christ-life is in them, they do not mean simply something mental or moral. When they speak of being 'in Christ' or of Christ being 'in them', this is not simply a way of saying that they are thinking about Christ or copying Him. They mean that Christ is actually operating through them; that the whole mass of Christians are the physical organism through which Christ acts—that we are His fingers and muscles, the cells of His body. And perhaps that explains one or two things. It explains why this new life is spread not only by purely mental acts like belief, but by bodily acts like baptism and Holy Communion. It is not merely the spreading of an idea; it is more like evolution—a biological or superbiological fact. There is no good trying to be more spiritual than God. God never meant man to be a purely spiritual creature. That is why He uses material things like bread and wine to put the new life into us. We may think this rather crude and unspiritual. God does not: He invented eating. He likes matter. He invented it." —C.S. Lewis, p. 64

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ANNUAL FUNDRAISER: Raffles are still being taken – it's never too late. You are always welcome to purchase raffles throughout the monthly drawings. Thank you everyone and May God bless you abundantly for your generous hearts!

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES conducted by Deacon John for catechists and any parishioner wishing to attend. Program as follows: March 2 (Thursday) 7-8pm; Topic-Passion, Death and Resurrection; May 4 (Thursday) 7-8pm; Topic-Prayer and Spirituality. Location: in school classroom AND virtual format available via zoom invitation. All are welcome! For more information, please email deaconjs@optonline.net.

SAVE THE DATES: February 21st and 23rd: No classes. Classes will resume February 28th and March 2nd.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH
5:30 Tommy Day (req. by Martin & Maeve Feeney)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH
7:30 George Lodini Sr. (req.by family)
9:30 Joyce Robinson
(req. by The Pidgeon Family)
11:30 ***For the People of the Parish***

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH
7:30 Matthew Larkin (req. by family)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH
7:30 Eileen Keenan (req. by family)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH
7:30 Ann Jones (req. by Joann DiGasbarro)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH
7:30 Lydia Osmuundsen (req. by family)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH
7:30 Mary Gaynor (req. by family)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH
8:30 Fred Perreca (req. by family)
5:30 Eileen & Jim Keenan (req. by family)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH
7:30 ***For the People of the Parish***
9:30 Ray Winheim (req. by family)
11:30 Gerald Kilduff (req. by family)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who are ill at home, in the hospital and in nursing homes, especially: Josephine McDermott, John Capria, Michael J. Orapello, Mary Ellen Montross, Marion Freeman Mary Murnane, Deanna Rosado, Sheila Walsh, Jack O'Brien, Berta Fernandez Ann Danoy, Elsie Flores, Tom Robinson, Jennie Miraglia and William Everson.

Our recently deceased: Tom Sullivan, Michael Davey and Jane Hylas.

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

The flowers this week are
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CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Date	Prize	Ticket	Winner
2/1	$100	1071	Gabriel DeLucia
2/2	$50	2739	Christina Carfora
2/3	$25	1990	Joseph Lindner
2/4	$25	2408	Avery Goggin
2/5	$100	1526	Catherine Fehsal

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

For the month of February, the food pantry will be collecting cereal and peanut butter. Please leave your donations in the food bin in the narthex of the church. As always we are grateful for your generosity!

SUNDAY VESPERS

The monthly Vespers service will be held on the first Sunday of February – February 5 at 6 PM in the Main Church. We will pray the Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours after a short period of silent prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Our service concludes with Benediction and praying the Divine Praises. Everyone is welcome to join us for this brief (30 minutes) but very impactful form of prayer and devotion. Thank you.

FAITH FORMATION WORKSHOP

Our topic this month is "THE PARABLES AND MIRACLES OF JESUS." In this one hour session, we will discuss the teaching style of Jesus, some of his themes, and some of the miracles he performed in his public ministry. We will meet on Thursday evening, February 2, starting at 7 PM in classroom 6 in the school building. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend

Saint Margaret of Antioch Church Pilgrimage

St. Margaret's, located at 115 W Central Avenue, Pearl River is hosting a pilgrimage to The National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA on Monday, March 20th. Bus (with lavatory) leaves at 8:00 AM. Trip includes bus, Mass in Our Lady of Grace Chapel, lunch, museum with cultural & religious relics, outdoor Votive Candle Wall and gift shop.. Arrive back at St. Margaret's at 6:00 PM.
Cost: $75.00 per person.
Call the Parish Center Office to register:
845-735-4746 x 112.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Gregory Barbarigo Parish is looking for more Adorers. Presently we have Adoration every week from Friday morning 8:00 am until Saturday morning 8:00 am. We are going to try to extend Adoration on Saturday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, so we need your help to spend time with Christ in quiet prayer. For the late hours – 12:00 midnight to 5:00 am, there is a security code used to unlock the door; this will be emailed to those who sign up for those hours. To sign up for one hour, please go to the parish website: stgregorybarbarigo.org and go to the Adoration photo to link to sign up, or simply call the Rectory and sign up at 845 947-1873.

WELCOME SINGERS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Anyone interested in singing for Holy Week and Easter is more than welcome to join us on Thursday evenings in the Church at 7:00 p.m. In the next few weeks the Choir will learn new music for Lent and Easter. You will be a welcome addition to the Music Ministry here at Immaculate for the Easter Season.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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