



# *Immaculate Conception Blessed Virgin Mary*

*October 24, 2021*

*1730 Fowler Avenue, Berwick, PA 18603*

*570-759-8113*

*Rev. William Barbee, Pastor*



## **Parish Office Hours:**

Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri. 9:00 am to  
4:00 pm **closed Wednesday**

## **Office Staff**

Kristina Kelchner,  
Parish Secretary

## **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday 5:30 PM

Sunday 10:00 AM

Tuesday 8:30 AM

Wednesday 8:30 AM

Thursday 8:30 AM **St. Joseph**

Friday 8:30 AM **St. Joseph**

## **Sacraments:**

### **Confession:**

Saturdays 3:00 PM **St. Joseph**

Or by appointment

**Baptism:** Call the parish office  
for Scheduling.

**Holy Matrimony:** Diocesan  
Common Policy requires a couple  
to contact the Priest 9 months  
before the intended date.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Call the  
Parish office immediately if a  
member of the parish is in the  
hospital or preparing to undergo  
surgery.

**Visits to the Sick:** Call the parish  
office if someone is unable to  
attend mass and wishes to receive  
Communion.



## **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

from the  
Pastor's  
desk...



## Apples, Gardening, and A Snake

Brian Anderson has graciously given me copious amounts of apples as of late. His apples and the fact that we are in a transitional season in gardening got me to thinking and coming up with some dots. Let's see if we can connect them.

Dot One: In the account of the temptation of Adam and Eve found in Genesis 3 we read that serpent (we know that as snake) tempted Eve with some good-looking fruit (all we know is that it was fruit – it might have been an apple) from the one tree that God had forbidden them to eat. But why did that happen?

Dot Two: In Genesis 2:15 we read, “The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and to keep it” (RSV). Adam was to till and keep the garden. A literal translation of “till” would be “work,” and the translation for “keep” would be “guard.” God put Adam in the garden to guard it.\*

Dot Three: When does anyone want a snake in their garden? Did Adam fall down on his job to guard the garden?

Dot Four: This led me to ask, “have we fallen down on the job?” There seems to be a lot of snakes on the loose in our country.

Dot Five: It will take all of us but especially our men to come to gather in faith, prayer and moral courage to rid our garden of the snakes. Remember two things: it is not hopeless and we are on the winning team.

\*Attributed to the book “Jesus and the Old Testament Roots of the Priesthood” by John Bergsma

## ADORATION & CONFESSION

On the first Wednesday of every Month we will be having Eucharistic Adoration from 8:00 am to 8:30 am, with confession available from 8:00 am to 8:30 am.

All are invited.

## JUST A REMINDER

Don't forget to sponsor a flag for your loved ones who are/were in the military! We will be displaying them until veterans day. We will then pray the rosary for all the military. We are asking for a donation of \$5 per flag.



## PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

### Offertory for October 17, 2021

Offertory	\$ 4,299.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 10.00
Catholic Education	\$ 62.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 155.00

**Thank you for your continuous generosity**

### Diocesan Annual Campaign

Parish Goal for 2021:	\$35,983.00
Total Paid:	\$19,120.00
Outstanding Pledges:	\$4,165.00
Total Committed:	\$23,285.00
Over/(under) goal in cash:	(\$16,863.00)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

October 31st - CCD in session



## SERVER SCHEDULES

### LECTORS

Saturday - October 30 - 5:30 pm - Kalie

Sunday - October 31 - 10:00 am - Wiggins

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - October 30 - 5:30 pm - Belford/ Monatesti

Sunday - October 31 - 10:00 am - Turnbach/Yalch

### ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday - October 23 - 5:30 pm - Kendron/Bankes

Sunday - October 24 - 10:00 am - McCabe/Ferguson

Servers for all ministries are still needed. Please call the Office for more information. 570-759-8113 opt 1

Schedules for November are in the sacristy.

Please pick up yours after all masses. Thank you.

## LOOKING AHEAD

November 6th, 2021

St. Joseph's Fall Craft show: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Church basement.



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We are having a Fish fry on Friday November 12th.

Volunteers are needed for preparation and serving. Please contact Joann @ 570-594-0844 for more information.



## CCW NEWS

CCW would like to invite all women of our parish to join us at our meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be held on November 3 at 6 PM in the meeting room. Come join the fun and be an active part of all that we do!

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CCW will be handing out white ribbons and a prayer against pornography after all masses this weekend

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### Celebrate with the Council of Catholic Women

October is Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Month! Take the opportunity to learn more about Council, who we are, what we do, and the difference we make in our Parishes and communities. There is something each and every woman has to offer, even in a small way. As part of this organization, we are joined by our faith, help those in need and make our voices heard.

Our mission is to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in promoting Gospel values. There is something for everyone, as our commissions cover every facet of life. We are involved in so many worthy events and projects. Please check out our website: [hdccw.webs.com](http://hdccw.webs.com) to view our quarterly newsletter "HDCCW Happenings" and much more about the Council of Catholic Women.

We are proud of all our great accomplishments, but we need your support to continue this important mission. The Council welcomes your talents, thoughts and suggestions. We look forward to you becoming an active part of this faith and joy filled organization!

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Mass Schedule:

**Saturday October 23**

**5:30 pm** - + Deceased Members of Mihalik Family

**Sunday October 24**

**10:00 am** - People of the Parish

**Monday October 25 (No Mass)**

**Tuesday, October 26**

**8:30 am** - + Judy Disidoro

**Wednesday October 27**

**8:30 am** - + Gordy Harmon

**Thursday October 28 (@ St. Joseph)**

**8:30 am** - + Daniel Steiner

**Friday October 29 (@ St. Joseph)**

**8:30 am** - + Edward Masich

**Saturday October 30**

**3:00 pm** - Confession (@ St. Joseph)

**5:30 pm** - + Jackie & Bob Bremmer

## VIGIL INTENTIONS

**For the Week of October 24, 2021**

**Blessed Mother** : + Judy Disidoro

**Sanctuary Light**: + Jennie Levan

**Peace Candle** : + Giselle Venditti

**Resurrection Candle**: + Jonathan Wilson

**Altar Bread and Wine**: + Lisa Canouse

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday

Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

### Monday

Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17

### Tuesday

Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21

### Wednesday

Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30

### Thursday

Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

### Friday

Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6

### Saturday

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11

