

# Immaculate Conception Blessed Virgin Mary

## Saint Mary's Parish

Rev. William Barbee, Pastor  
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## Contact Information

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## Staff Extensions

Father Barbee press 1

Kris Kelchner press 1

Joanne DiFebo press 2

Kathy Eckrote press 3

## Office Hours:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Wednesday & Saturday

By appointment only



## April 12, 2026 Divine Mercy Sunday

### Weekly Mass Schedule

Tuesday 8:30 am

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Saturday 5:30 pm

Sunday 10:00 am

Spanish Mass, 3rd Sunday of  
the month, 12:30 pm

Holy Days: Please see bulletin.

**Please join us in saying the Rosary  
one half-hour before each Mass.**

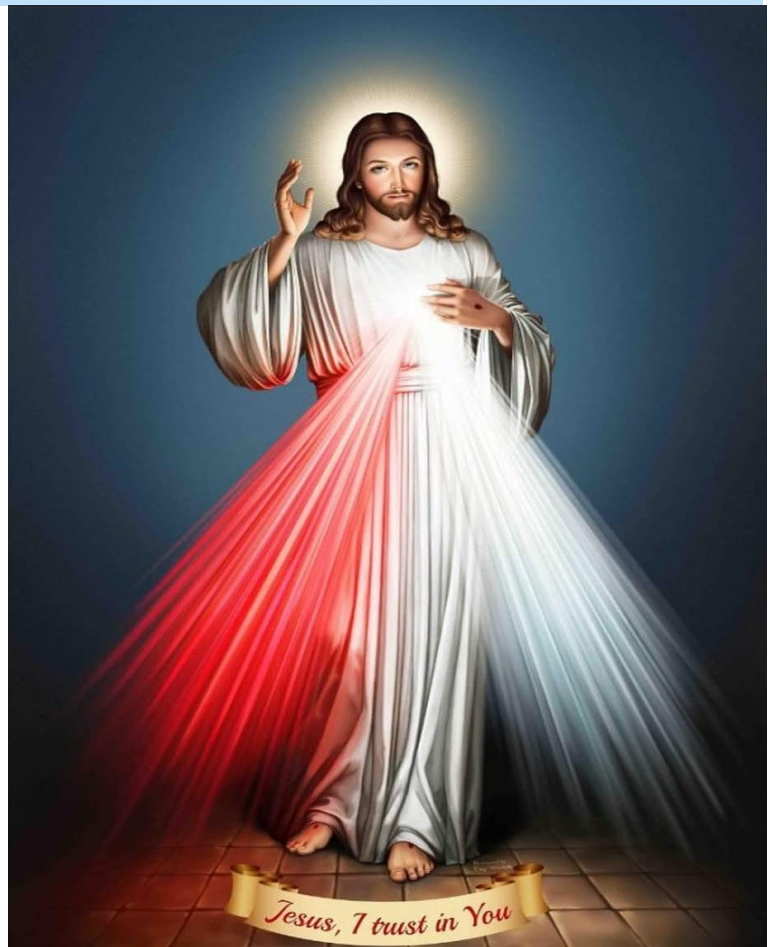
### Sacraments:

**Confession:** Saturday 3:00 pm at  
St. Joseph's Church or by appointment

**Anointing of the sick:** Please call the Parish  
office if someone is in the hospital or about to  
undergo surgery.



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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, April 13**

**No Mass**

**TUESDAY, April 14 (St. Mary's)**

**8:30 am** - + Ted Dalpiaz

**WEDNESDAY, April 15 (St. Mary's)**

**8:30 am** - + Bernard Malinowski

**THURSDAY, April 16 (St. Joseph's)**

**8:30 am** - + Addie & Babe Paolinelli

**FRIDAY, April 17 (St. Joseph's)**

**8:30 am** - + Elio Varvaglione

**SATURDAY, April 18**

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

**4:00 pm** - + MaryLee Melchiorre (St. Joseph's)

**5:30 pm** - + Margaret Ladonis (St. Mary's)

**SUNDAY, April 19**

**8:30 am** - People of the Parish (St. Joseph's)

**10:00 am** - People of the Parish (St. Mary's)

**VIGIL LIGHTS**

**Blessed Mother:** + Robert & Antoinette  
Malinowski/Family

**Peace Candle:** + Bernie Panzak/Family

**Resurrection Candle:** + Ted Dalpiaz/Family

**Altar Bread and Wine:** + Charles Chiki/Family

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Saturday - April 18** - Belford/ Guigliano

**Sunday - April 19** - Turnbach/ Wharton

**LECTORS**

**Saturday - April 18** - Kendron

**Sunday - April 19** - Wiggins

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday - April 18** - Needed

**Sunday - April 19** - Needed

***Servers for all ministries are still needed.***

The Daughters of St. Mary collect for the **HOPE** collection on the third weekend of every month after all masses. Please donate to this worthy cause. Thank you.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

April 5, 2026

Offertory	\$ 4,189.25
Easter	\$ 4,475.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 479.00
Good Friday	\$ 427.00
Cemetery Care	\$ 52.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 818.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 710.00

***Thank you for your continuous generosity***

***Diocesan Annual Campaign***

<b><i>Parish Goal for 2026:</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 32,267.00</i></b>
<b><i>Gifts Received:</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 13,445.00</i></b>
<b><i>Over/(under) goal</i></b>	<b><i>\$ (18,882.00)</i></b>

***Please be sure to return your commitment envelope with your pledge. You may drop it off in the collection basket, turn it in to the parish office, or mail it to the Diocese. All money received above our goal comes back to our church.***

**BE PREPARED FOR THE WORD OF THE LORD**

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

Acts 2:14,22-33

Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-8,9-10,11

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

The Cancer support group meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in the meeting room. The meeting is open to the public. Please join us.

On the first Sunday of every month, the Knights of Columbus host a coffee & donut social immediately following the 10:00 am Mass. Everyone is invited to attend.

*Please Pray for Peace*

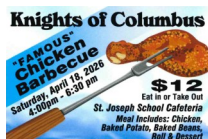
The Divine Mercy Sunday is this weekend, Please join us at St. Joseph's Church beginning at 2:30pm for confession and adoration, 3 pm will be Holy Hour.



**Father Albanese Catholic War Veterans Post 1419** is having a meeting on Monday, April 13th @ 6:00 PM at the Post Home (501 Monroe Street). CWV Members are requested to attend. Any Catholic Veterans who wish to join Father Albanese CWV Post 1419 are also welcome to attend.

For tickets,

Contact Pete Taylor:  
570-850-7755  
or John Capozzelli:  
570-854-2267



Next Sunday, April 19th immediately following 10am mass, a follow up organizational choir meeting will take place. After a successful first meeting, we would like to see if any other members would be interested. Men, women and children are welcome.

Performances will take place about 10 times per year between Sept-May. If you have an interest or questions, please join our meeting.



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### Capital Campaign Update

As of last week, we have raised **\$ 178,500.00** towards our goal for our Capital Campaign to replace the HVAC system. We are almost there! It is because of your ongoing and generous donations that we have reached this amount.

Thank you everyone. God bless you all!

Thanks to everyone's support, we had another successful Fish Fry season earning \$40,617.00 for our parish. Thank you to all of the volunteers who gave their time and energy each week. It was wonderful to see some new faces among the volunteers this year. The Fish Fry would not be possible without each and every one of you. Thank you, also, to those who supported the Fish Fry by dining on the Best of the Best!



The Gertrude Hawk candy bar sales on Fish Fry Fridays generated \$1,208.40 towards our Capital Campaign/HVAC fund. There are still candy bars available to be purchased. Look for sales after Mass in the coming weeks. If anyone would like to take a box of candy bars to sell on the Church's behalf, please contact the office. Thank you.



### CCD Schedule

**April 12** - Class in Session

**April 19** - Class in Session

**April 26** - Class in Session

First Communion practice 4:00 pm



"Volunteers are needed for the Grove mowing duties this year. Please call or text Bill DeLuca at 570-220-4628 to sign up and for more details."



### Save the Date!

Saturday, May 30th 2026, St. Mary's will hold a community yard sale in the parking lot. Vendors are welcome to purchase a space to sell their goods. More information to follow!

## ***The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: A Sign of Christ's Healing Presence***

Many Catholics still think of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as something to be received only in the final hours of life. In years past, it was often called "Extreme Unction" or "Last Rites," and so many people waited until death was very near before calling a priest.

The Church today reminds us that this sacrament is meant not only for the dying, but for all who are seriously ill, facing surgery, weakened by age, or struggling with a serious physical or emotional burden. The sacrament is one of Christ's great gifts of healing and strength.

The Church's ritual book, *Pastoral Care of the Sick*, teaches: "Suffering and illness have always been among the greatest problems that trouble the human spirit." Yet it also reminds us that Christ enters into our suffering and never abandons us.

Jesus showed particular love for the sick throughout the Gospels. He healed the blind, the lame, the lepers, and all who came to him in faith. More importantly, he showed that God does not turn away from those who suffer. In the Sacrament of the Sick, Christ continues this ministry through the Church.

*Pastoral Care of the Sick* beautifully says: "When the Church cares for the sick, it serves Christ himself in the suffering members of his Mystical Body." When a priest comes to anoint someone who is ill, Christ himself comes to bring peace, courage, forgiveness, and hope.

Who should receive this sacrament? Catholics should consider receiving the Anointing of the Sick when:

- They are seriously ill.
- They are preparing for major surgery.
- They are suffering from a chronic or worsening illness.
- They are elderly and noticeably weakened.
- They are facing a grave emotional or psychological burden connected to serious illness.

The sacrament may also be received more than once if a person recovers and later becomes ill again, or if an existing illness becomes more serious.

No one should wait until the last possible moment to ask for this sacrament. If you or someone you love is seriously ill, preparing for surgery, or burdened by the weakness of age, please contact the parish office. The Anointing of the Sick is not a sign that hope is lost. Rather, it is a sign that Christ is nearby.

Father Barbee



