



Immaculate Conception Church

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January 1, 2023

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (A)

NM 6:22-27 PS 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

GAL 4:4-7 LK 2:16-21



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Holy Mass:

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

Thursday: 8:30 a.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.

First Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

Reconciliation: Sunday & Friday 7:30-8:15 a.m., and by appointment

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office.

Marriage: Call the Parish Office for information.

Sick, Homebound or in the Hospital: Call the Parish Office (304) 564-5068 or (304) 387-0198 if you would like a visit or communion.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request and communally as scheduled.

Prayer Line: Dorothy Swearingen 304-564-5177

Parish Registration: Immaculate Conception Church welcomes all visitors and those who would like to become members of the Parish. Membership forms are available at the front entrance of the Church. We will give you a welcome call.

Current Immaculate Conception Church members are asked to call the Parish Office (304)-564-5068/304-387-0198 if you change your address, phone number, email address or to provide family birthdays, anniversaries, etc.

Readings for the Week

Jan 2 1 JN 2:22-28/PS 98:1-3ABCD, 4/JN 1:19-28

Jan 3 1 JN 2:29, 3:6/PS 98:1, 3CD-6/JN 1:29-34

Jan 4 1 JN 3:7-10/PS 98:1, 7-9/JN 1:35-42

Jan 5 1 JN 3:11-21/PS 100:1B-3, 4-5/JN 1:43-51

Jan 6 1 JN 5:5-13/PS 147:12-15, 19-20/JN 1:43-51

Jan 7 1 JN 5:14-21/PS 149:1-6A, 9B/JN 2:1-11

Jan 8 IS 60:1-6/PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6/MT 2:1-12

A Message from Pope Francis

“Mary is a source of hope and true joy and continually strengthens people in their faith, vocation and mission.”

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

The Gospel tells us “Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.” We would do well to imitate Mary in our New Year’s resolution.



From the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800-352-6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880.

Mass Dates & Times	Intentions
January 1, Sunday, 8:30 AM / Solemnity of Mary	+Roberta Alrutz <i>by Keith & Cheryl Kovalic</i>
January 5, Thursday, 8:30 AM	+Mary Agnes Bowen <i>by Ray & Edith Kaczynski</i>
January 6, Friday, 8:30 AM	+Vito Riggi <i>by Family</i>
January 7, Saturday, 8:30 AM	+Marian McDonald <i>by Bob & Dorothy Swearingen</i>
January 8, Sunday, 8:30 AM / Epiphany of the Lord	+Joe & Nellie Burskey <i>by Matt & Donna Burskey</i>

Mass Dates & Times	Reader	Host	Altar Servers
January 1, Sunday, 8:30 AM / Solemnity of Mary	Bonnie Burskey	Jo Ellen Kessel	Vanessa Dicks & Caleb Dicks
January 8, Sunday, 8:30 AM / Epiphany of the Lord	Jo Ellen Kessel	Matt Burskey	Jennifer DiLullo & Taylor Woodbury

Mass Dates & Times	Greeters	Gift Bearers
January 1, Sunday 8:30 AM / Solemnity of Mary	Matt Burskey	Larry & Nancy DeRosa
January 8, Sunday, 8:30 AM / Epiphany of the Lord	Christy Wilson	Elizabeth Dicks / Zane & Beth Dicks & Family

December 18, 2022 *Sharing Our Time, Talents, and Treasures.* Thank you for your Generosity!

Envelopes	\$2,152.00
Loose	\$153.00
Candles	\$15.00
Maintenance	\$60.00
Christmas Flowers	\$35.00
Christmas Offering	\$520.00
Retired Religious	\$120.00
Immaculate Conception	\$35.00
Donation from K of C	\$420.00
Christmas Wafers	<u>\$38.00</u>
Total	\$3,548.00



Attendance: 70

December 25, 2022 *Sharing Our Time, Talents, and Treasures.* Thank you for your Generosity!

Envelopes	\$911.00
Loose	\$142.90
Candles	\$33.00
Maintenance	\$50.00
Christmas Flowers	\$50.00
Christmas Offering	\$475.00
Catholic Charities	\$605.00
Christmas Wafers	<u>\$28.00</u>
Total	\$2,294.90



Attendance: Christmas Eve 78 Christmas Day 27

Scripture Lessons from Today's Readings

The first reading God gives a blessing for the Israelites. The second reading God sent his Son to make us children of God. The Gospel Reading The shepherds find Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem. In the Gospel the shepherds act upon the message they receive from the angel and to find Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem. In their visit to the manger, the shepherds find things just as the angel had said. The shepherds' visit, therefore, is a moment of fulfillment, manifestation and the beginning of the salvation we receive through Christ. This reading also helps us focus on Mary as the Mother of God. It tells us 3 things about Mary as a mother. First, Mary is described as a reflective person, keeping the reports of the shepherds in her heart. Second, we are reminded of how obedient Mary was to God when she named the baby Jesus as the angel Gabriel had directed. Third, it shows Mary and Joseph faithfully observing their Jewish tradition by having Jesus circumcised. Because of Mary's faithfulness to God, she was able to receive the gift of God's Son and accept her role in God's plan for salvation. By doing so, she models for us the path of discipleship and is also called Mother of the Church.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Raised as an Episcopalian, Elizabeth was the toast of NYC with her wealthy husband and five children. However, when he died at the age of 30, she was left penniless. While in Italy with her dying husband, Elizabeth witnessed Catholicism in action through family friends. Three basic points led her to become a Catholic: belief in the Real Presence, devotion to the Blessed Mother and conviction that the Catholic Church led back to the apostles and to Christ. When she returned to the U.S, she opened a school in Baltimore and her ministry spread from there. She is the patron saint of Catholic schools, teachers and students, and the widowed. Her feast day is January 4.

Liturgy Schedule for Sacred Heart Chester

Saturday: Mass 5:00 PM Sunday: Mass 11:00 AM
Monday: Mass 6:00 PM Tuesday: Mass 8:30 AM
Wednesday: Mass 8:30 AM
Second Saturday: Mass 8:30 a.m.
Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00-4:45pm, Monday 5:00-5:45pm, or by appointment.

Birthdays Greetings are extended to **Nancy DeRosa, Michelle Dudick, Billy Jones, Anita Mahan, Jerome Szatkowski & Jennifer Wilson.** Have a blessed year!

Cookbooks If you haven't picked up your Cherished Memories cookbooks, please see Lisa Baxter.

TRIVIA ANSWERS FROM DECEMBER 18

The Gospel of **Matthew** begins with the genealogy of Jesus.

Bolivia and **Paraguay** are the two landlocked countries of South America.

ANNULMENTS If we have any divorced or divorced / remarried parishioners who want to know more about the annulment process, please contact me by email. I am glad to explain the process to you. Often, we have misunderstandings about the purpose of annulments and the process of getting one.

The Catholic Spirit Online You can receive a new edition of The Catholic Spirit in your email each Friday. If you are getting it through the mail, it comes only at the beginning of the month. If you want to switch to the online issue, contact the Editor Colleen Rowan at crowan@dwc.org and provide her your name, email address, and mailing address.

Knights of Columbus Council 3734 membership drive for December 2022 for Catholic men 17.5 years and older. First year, free membership, you can belong to our Weirton Council wherever you live. Quick & easy sign up online. Go to: kofc.org. Scroll to join, enter your information, (for preferred council 3734), (for preferred agent JGinter) After transmitting please send a message to veltri77@gmail.com so that he can watch for your name. Follow them on facebook at Knights of Columbus Weirton 3734.

Catholic Sharing Appeal (as of 12/28/2022)

Goal: \$8,130.00
Amount: \$10,740
Percentage: 132%
Gifts: 40

Thank you for your generosity. The Catholic Sharing Appeal will help fund our parishes' 2023 project: Paving the Parking Lot.

New Cumberland Food Closet Needs

Cereal

The Food Closet is very grateful for your generosity!

MIDDLE / SENIOR HIGH WINTER SPORTS

Please email Fr. Bill if your child(ren) are participating in one of these three winter sports for their middle or senior high school:

*Basketball (Boys or Girls)

*Wrestling

*Swimming (Boys or Girls)

We will list their names, sport and school in the January 29 bulletin.

Upcoming Events

Women's Club There will be no Women's Club meeting in January. The next meeting will be Sunday, February 26th, following Mass.

RCIA (Adult Catholic Education) resumes Wednesday, January 4, 9:15 AM. We will begin discussion of the seven sacraments, beginning with Baptism.

Divine Mercy Meeting Beginning in January the Divine Mercy Group will meet in the Sacred Heart Library on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month. The next Divine Mercy meeting will be Monday, January 9th, following Mass at 6:45 PM.

Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-Ins

Cortney Atkinson, Jessica (Forsythe) Beaver, Dale Brant, Paul Cherish, Linda Davis, Kendall Dunbar, Anthony Everly, Daniel Frederick, Anita Guire, Ruth Hartley, Joe "Skip" Hric, Valerie Mangual, Eliza Mazezka, Flo Merritt, Irene Mesler, Jeannie Pratt, Bernadette Razga, Kyle Reese, Leo Riordan and his parents, Cindy Roeger, Blaine Sadler, Fr. John Shanahan T.O.R., Tyler Simpson, Shane Smith, Tom Sobel, Ginny Sterrett, Ray Terpack, Nora White, Kurt White & Jenny Zelkovic.

PASTOR'S CORNER

“Seven Prayers for the New Year” by crosswalk.com

1. Lord, Humble Me

Let's live our lives like Jesus with a posture of humility. Let's seek to give grace-filled responses to those who oppose us politically, personally, or spiritually.

2. Lord, Give Me Peace

Use coping strategies and techniques such as journaling, Christian meditation, scripture reading, and praying the rosary to help us deal with the uncertain future that lies before us.

3. Lord, Grant Me Grace

Sometimes the hardest person for us to forgive is ourselves. Let's ask God to give us an extra measure of grace as we process through past pain, forgive ourselves, and move forward into becoming the examples of Christ God desires for his people.

4. Lord, Heal Our Land

As the world continues to be an uncertain place, and large corporations make it more difficult to speak about the gospel freely without fear of persecution, the world is more divided now than ever. This is especially true for the Christian Church. The Lord desires unity for his people, not division. Let 2023 be the year we achieve unity in America and around the world.

5. Lord, Help Me to See

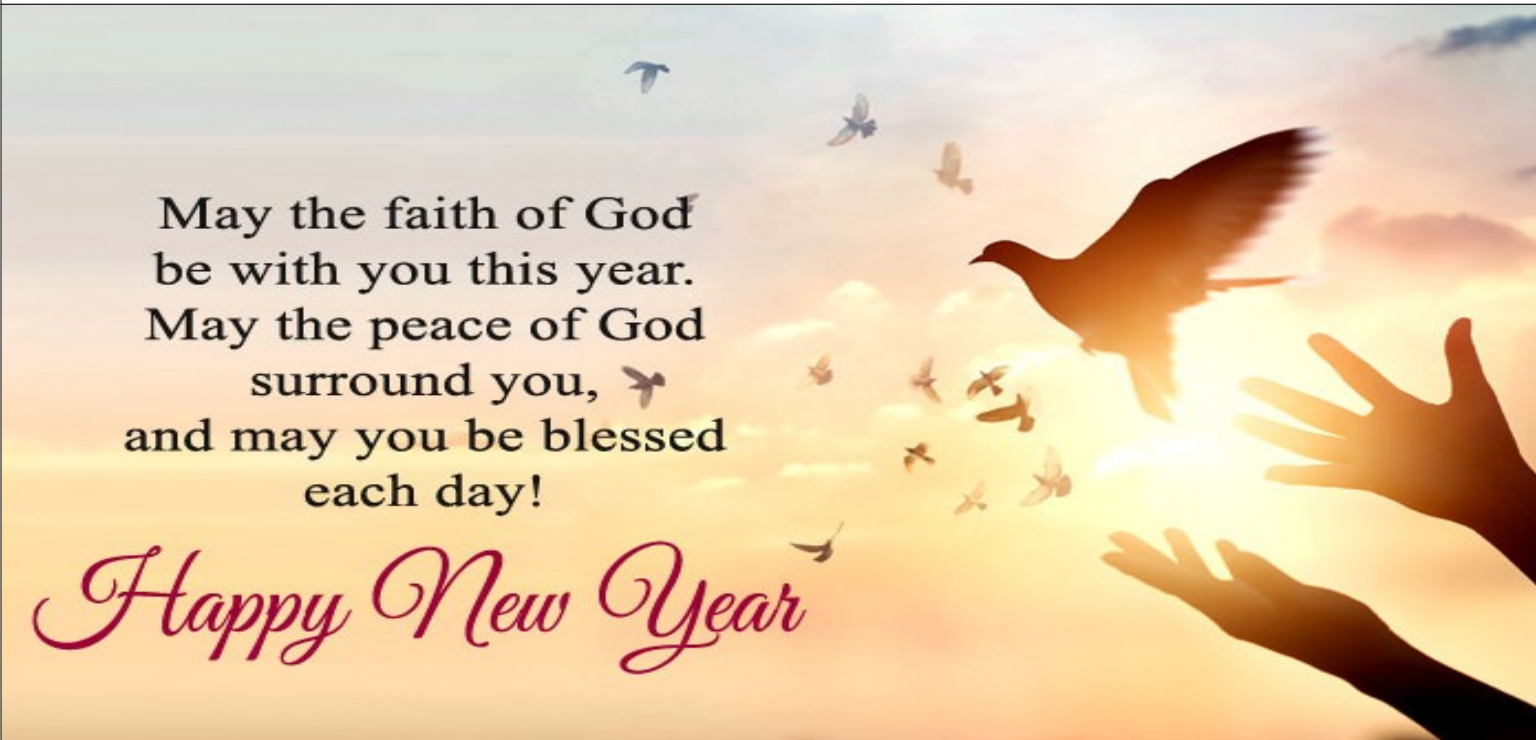
Although we may see the circumstances around us, do we really see people the way Jesus would want us to see them? May God grant us new ways to see the world around us.

6. Lord, Make Me More Like You

May we develop the fruits of the Holy Spirit—faith, gentleness, generosity, joy, kindness, love, patience, peace, and self-control. Pray and ask God for ways to cultivate these fruits every day in your life.

7. Lord, Send Me

Ask for the virtue of courage to grow in prayer and holiness in 2023. Changing the world starts with one person—me!



May the faith of God
be with you this year.
May the peace of God
surround you,
and may you be blessed
each day!

Happy New Year