

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
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- Baptism:** Please call the parish office
Reconciliation: Sunday & Friday 7:30-8:15 AM or by appointment
Marriage: Arrangements made at least 6 months in advance. Call the parish Office for information.
Parish Registration: Contact the parish office. Registration is important for pastoral and other church needs and services. There are registration forms in the gathering space.
Sick & Homebound: Let us know if you wish for a visit.
In the Hospital: If you are in the hospital, have someone call the parish office to inform us.
Prayer Line: Dorothy Swearingen 304-564-5177.

| <u>Mass Dates & Times</u> | <u>Intentions</u> |
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| March 26, Sunday, 8:30 AM | +Ray Robinson by Pat & Camay Popish |
| March 30, Thursday, 8:30 AM | +Howard & Beverly Murray |
| March 31, Friday, 8:30 AM | The People of the Parish |
| April 1, Saturday, 8:30 AM | +Nellie Burskey by Dorothy & Bob Swearingen |
| April 2, Palm Sunday, 8:30 AM | +Donald Bowen by Jack & Martha Everly |

| <u>Ministry Schedule</u> | | | |
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| <u>Mass Dates & Times</u> | <u>Reader</u> | <u>Host</u> | |
| March 26, Sunday, 8:30 AM | Susan Coxen | Milan Coxen | |
| April 2, Palm Sunday, 8:30 | Bonnie Burskey-N / Matt Burskey-V | Susan Coxen | |
| <u>Mass Dates & Times</u> | <u>Altar Servers</u> | <u>Greeters</u> | <u>Gift Bearers</u> |
| March 26, Sunday, 8:30 AM | Vanessa & Caleb Dicks | Pam Riggi | Michael & Nancy Rettinger |
| April 2, Palm Sunday, 8:30 AM | Jennifer DiLullo & Taylor Woodbury | Carol Lorenzoni | Robert & Donna Shoup |

March 19, 2023 *Sharing Our Time, Talents, and Treasures. Thank you for your Generosity!*

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| Envelopes | \$883.00 |
| Loose | \$96.00 |
| Candles | \$33.00 |
| Maintenance Fund | \$5.00 |
| Priest Retirement Fund | \$150.00 |
| Food Closet | \$25.00 |
| Easter Flowers | \$229.00 |
| Total | \$1,421.00 |

Attendance 68

Please pray for the sick and shut ins

Kendall Dunbar, Anthony Everly, Daniel Frederick, Anita Guire, Susan Hric, Eliza Mazezka, Mickey McHaffie, Flo Merritt, Irene Mesler, Ed Rettinger, Cindy Roeger, Blaine Sadler, Brendon Sadler, Linda & Ray Terpack, Nora White, Kurt White & Will White.

We are starting over with our sick and shut-in list, if you have a name to be added to or removed from this list, please call the parish office.

New Cumberland Food Closet Needs
 Boxed Potatoes
 Thank you for your generosity!

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 contact WV Child Protective Services at Confidentially 800-352-6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by Personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, please contact the Diocese at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880.

UPCOMING SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES IN WEIRTON
Lenten Parish Mission at St. Paul's Church 3500 Main St. Weirton, March 27 – 29. 6:00 PM Mass & 6:30 PM Mission Talk given by the Sisters of Reparation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Veneration of the Relic of St. Faustina, Sacrament of Reconciliation.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to the following parishioners: **George Foley and Cindy Kovalcik**. Have a joyful birthday and a healthy, promising year.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Nick and Lilly Riccardi** who were joined in Holy Matrimony at the Franciscan University chapel on March 18. Many blessings to you as you begin married life.

2022 OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS If you want your contribution statement for your 2022 taxes, please contact Janice, 304-564-5068, 304-387-0198, or shp2226ches@dwc.org or icp2236nc@dwc.org.

GOOD FRIDAY is a day of both fasting and abstinence. Fasting: one full meal and two small meals not equaling a full meal. Abstinence: no meat.

SARRIS EASTER CANDY SALE Please pick up your order this weekend.

IC WOMEN'S CLUB meets after Mass Sunday, March 26.

MEN'S CLUB All men are invited to join the Men's Club. If you have not paid due for 2023, they are \$10. Please place an envelope with your name marked Men's Club in the collection basket.

RCIA (ADULT CATHOLIC EDUCATION) next session is Monday, March 27, at 6:45 PM, at the Sacred Heart parish center library. Topics: Catholic Identity

DIVINE MERCY CENACLE GROUP meets Monday, March 27, 6:45 PM, in the SH center library. Please join us for prayer, scripture study, sharing, and insights from Saint Faustina.

GABRIEL PROJECT Assisting New or Expectant Mothers and Families with Children up to 2 years of age. Accepting New Clients! We help provide: cribs, car seats, pack n plays, baby clothes, diapers, and baby hygiene products.

Open House!! April 15, from 10am-1pm. Location: at Immaculate Conception's Church Hall. Walkins are welcome. However, to register for the event or to make donations to support the cause, call Susan Coxen 304-670-2783 or Beth Dicks 304-670-7779. Parishioners who wish to make a donation, there are envelopes in the vestibule of the Church and you can drop them in the collection basket. **Can't make it to the Open House?** Regular Distributions are the 1st & 3rd Saturdays 10am-1pm at the back of Immaculate Conception.

LENT 2023

1. **The Three Pillars of Lent:** *Prayer – Fasting – Almsgiving*
2. Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from meat products, ages 14 and older. Those younger than 14 are encouraged to abstain from meat. Our former bishop, the late Bernard Schmitt, also encouraged us to abstain from meat on Wednesdays as another form of sacrifice.
3. **Weekday Mass schedule during Lent:**
 - a. Sacred Heart: Monday 6:00 PM, Tuesday and Wednesday 8:30 AM, Friday 6:30 PM
 - b. Immaculate Conception: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 8:30 AM
4. **Stations of the Cross** will be each Friday at 6:00 PM at both parishes.
5. **Confessions** are Mondays 5:00-5:45 PM and Saturdays 4:00-4:45 PM(SH); Fridays and Sundays 7:30-8:15 AM (IC).

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

March 26, 3:00 – 4:00 PM, Immaculate Conception. Two priests will be available for confessions.

ADDITIONAL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION are needed since we will resume distributing the Precious Blood on Holy Thursday. Contact Fr. Bill if you want to participate in this blessed ministry. Here are the requirements:

1. Must have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)
 2. Be at least 18 years old (diocesan policy)
 3. Practicing Catholic (registered in the parish and attending weekend Mass regularly)
 4. If married, be in a validly sacramental marriage
 5. Through God's grace, obeying the Commandments and Precepts of the Church)
- We will train new ministers before beginning your service.

SCHEDULES There are new Altar Server/Eucharistic Minister/Lector/Gift Bearer schedules in the Gathering Space for April, May & June.

THE BURNING OF PALM BRANCHES We need someone to burn the old palm branches to make ashes for Ash Wednesday 2024. Please contact Fr. Bill.

SPRING SPORTS Please email Fr. Bill, wmatheny@dwc.org, if your son and/or daughter are playing spring sports (baseball, lacrosse, softball, tennis, or track and field) for their middle or senior high school team. Provide the name, grade level, school, and sport. We will list the names in the April 2 bulletin.

SAINT OF THE WEEK *Saint Berthold, Abbot*

Berthold is considered by some historians to be the founder of the Carmelite Order. He participated in the Crusades. On Mount [Carmel](#) he found a group of hermits, joined them, and established a rule for the Carmelite Order. Berthold was their first superior general. In fact, he headed the Carmelites for forty-five years, continually bringing reform into their daily life. His feast day is March 29.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will have an open house on April 26, 6:30-9 PM at St. Joseph Dube Dome Gym 151 Michael Way Weirton for you to learn more about life insurance and retirement plans with the Knights of Columbus. There will have refreshments. RSVP april26weirton.abbatekofc.com. You do not to be a member to attend.

