

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>
April 30, Sunday, 8:30 AM	+Marian McDonald by James & Marianne Copenhaver
May 4, Thursday, 8:30 AM	+The Getsinger Family by Friends
May 5, Friday, 8:30 AM	+Betty Casagrande by Dan & Mary Jo Murphy
May 6, Saturday, 8:30 AM	+Nellie Burskey by Jo Ellen Kessel
May 7, Sunday, 8:30 AM	+Theres McPherson by Anna Eddy

<u>Ministry Schedule</u>			
<u>Mass Dates & Times</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Host</u>	
April 30, Sunday, 8:30 AM	Jo Ellen Kessel	Susan Coxen	
May 7, Sunday, 8:30 AM	Susan Coxen	Milan Coxen & Jo Ellen Kessel	
<u>Mass Dates & Times</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Gift Bearers</u>
April 30, Sunday, 8:30 AM	Jennifer DiLullo & Taylor Woodbury	Matt Burskey	Matt & Amy Woodbury & Family
May 7, Sunday, 8:30 AM	Vanessa & Caleb Dicks	Christy Wilson	Dorothy Baier/Rich & Lori Kaczmarek

April 23, 2023 Sharing Our Time, Talents, and Treasures. Thank you for your Generosity! Envelopes \$815.00 Loose \$51.00 Candles \$24.00 Maintenance Fund \$100.00 Total \$990.00	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. Please inform us about the progress of those we pray for.
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Attendance 62	<u>New Cumberland Food Closet</u> Tomato Products-Sauce, Paste, etc. & Cream of Mushroom Soup Thank you for your generosity!
	<u>From the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston</u> 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 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.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to *Victoria Foley, David Mahan, and Valerie Reese*. Have a blessed birthday and a healthy, joyful year!

PRAY FOR *Evelyn Woodbury* who receives her First Communion today and ***Jude Hicks*** who receives her First Communion next Sunday at Saint Joseph the Worker Parish.

THANK YOU to our religious education facilitators and instructors: ***Beth Dicks, Tanya Dillon, Jo Ellen Kessel, and Amy Woodbury. God bless you and your family!***

CATHOLIC ADULT EDUCATION EVENING SESSIONS (CATHOLICS AND NON-CATHOLICS)

If there is interest, Fr. Bill will offer Catholic adult education each Monday evening beginning May 1 at the Sacred Heart Parish Center Library. Catholics are welcome to attend. If there are any baptized non-Catholics who want to know more about our Faith or who may desire to join the Church, they are especially welcome. We will use the Symbolon DVD series. Please email or call Janice, 304-387-0198 or shp2226ches@dwc.org to sign up for the sessions. If a non-Catholic is baptized, he/she can enter the Church any time after their formation period ends.

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

MEN'S CLUB will have their next meeting today, Sunday, April 30, after Mass. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER is Thursday, May 4. The Church will be open for prayer and Adoration from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Please come and spend some time with the Lord.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST The Men's Club will host a Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 14, following Mass. There is a sign-up sheet on the podium in the gathering space for those who plan to attend. Hope to see you there!

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS There are Mother's Day Mass cards available in the Gathering Space. The cost is \$2.00. They will be placed on the Altar on Mother's Day, May 14, and there is a card to give to your mother or keep as you wish. After you fill them out, please place them in the collection basket or bring them to the parish office before Mother's Day weekend. If you bring them to Mass on Mother's Day, please give them to an usher before Mass begins so that they can be placed on the Altar. Mass on Mother's Day will be for All Mother's Both Living and Deceased.

DIVINE MERCY CENACLE GROUP has postponed their meetings until further notice.

GABRIEL PROJECT office will be open for distribution, Saturday, May 6, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, at the back door of the Immaculate Conception Church.

PRAYERS FOR *John Soplinski*, a member of Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, who will be ordained to the transitional diaconate at Saint Joseph Cathedral, Wheeling, on Saturday, May 27, 11:00 AM.

When John is ordained to the priesthood in 2024, he will be the last ordination in our Diocese for **three years**. Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. Also, pray for our Diocesan leaders who will select the new class of permanent deacon candidates.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK *Saints Philip and James, Apostles and Martyrs*

Philip came from the same town as Peter and Andrew, Bethsaida in Galilee. Philip is mentioned a few times in the gospels. Like the other apostles, Philip took a long time coming to realize who Jesus was. This was simply necessary for these him and the other apostles who were to be the foundation stones of the Church to see the clear distinction between humanity's total helplessness apart from God and the human ability to be a bearer of divine power by God's gift.

We know nothing of James, except that Jesus chose him to be one of the twelve apostles. He is James, son of Alphaeus or James the Lesser, to distinguish him from the other James, the son of Zebedee or James the Greater.

As in the case of the other apostles, we see in James and Philip human men who became foundation stones of the Church, and we are reminded again that holiness and its consequent apostolate are entirely the gift of God, not a matter of human achieving. All power is God's power, even the power of human freedom to accept his gifts. announce the kingdom. Their feast day is May 3.

FIRST FRIDAY EVENING MASS Saint Joseph the Worker Parish in Weirton is having 6:00 PM Mass on May 5th to honor The Sacred Heart of Jesus. Jesus appeared to Saint Mary Margaret Alacoque in the 17th Century and asked her to establish a devotion to His Sacred Heart by faithfully attending Mass and receiving the Eucharist on nine consecutive monthly First Fridays.

CARD PARTY St. Joseph the Worker Parish Christian Mothers Annual Card Party will be Sunday, May 21, at 2:00pm at The Dube Dome at St. Joseph Grade School. Play card games or any game you enjoy with friends. Tickets \$10-includes Lunch and entry for many door prizes. For tickets contact Lisa @ 304-904-1482.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR BABIES WHO DIED BEFORE BIRTH The FertilityCare Center of the Upper Ohio Valley, Inc. & the Weirton Catholic Pro-Life Group will be sponsoring a Memorial Mass for Babies Who Died Before Birth whether by miscarriage, abortion, ectopic (tubal) pregnancy (no distinction will be made), whether occurring recently or years ago. The Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 12, at 7:00pm at Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church 200 Preston Ave. Weirton, WV. Confession will be available at 5:30pm. So that they may best honor your child, please call 304-723-0478 to RSVP. All family members and friends are welcome to attend.

