

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>
September 3, Sunday, 8:30 AM	+Nancy Mick by Gene McCoy & Family
September 7, Thursday, 8:30 AM	+Betty Casagranda by Dorothy Swearingen
September 10, Sunday, 8:30 AM	+Charlotte McCoy by Lisa Baxter

<u>Ministry Schedule</u>			
<u>Mass Dates & Times</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	
September 3, Sunday, 8:30 AM	Matt Burskey	Larry Binkoski / Jo Ellen Kessel	
September 10, Sunday, 8:30 AM	Susan Coxen	Milan Coxen	
<u>Mass Dates & Times</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Gift Bearers</u>
September 3, Sunday, 8:30 AM	Taylor & Evelyn Woodbury	Pam Riggi	Lisa Baxter / Megan White
September 10, Sunday, 8:30 AM	Vanessa & Caleb Dicks/Tyler Dillon	Carol Lorenzoni	Gene McCoy & Family

August 27, 2023 Sharing Our Time, Talents, and Treasures. Thank you for your Generosity!

Envelopes	\$906.00
Loose	\$49.00
Candles	\$22.00
Maintenance	\$105.00
Assumption	\$52.00
Education of Seminarians	\$50.00
Total	\$1,184.00

Attendance 81

Please pray for the sick and shut ins

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

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.

New Cumberland Food Closet
Assorted Cereals / Tomato Soup
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 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 the following: *Nancy Rettinger, Barb Robinson, and Bob Shoup.* May you have a blessed birthday and a joyful year!

RECOVERY EFFORTS IN MAUI Today our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by the devastating wildfires that have ravaged the island of Maui. As a community of faith, we are called to come together and provide unwavering support to those who are suffering. You can make a tax-deductible contribution by visiting the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>. Every donation, no matter the amount, will play a crucial role in helping to rebuild lives and restore hope. You can also go to the diocesan website to contribute, www.dwc.org. Therefore, it appears we will not take up a special collection at Mass.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE *First Banns: Alexander DiLullo and Annalise Murphy*, both of this parish. Their wedding Mass is Saturday, September 23, at 2:30 PM.

NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 Fr. Bill is out of town for a nephew's wedding.

CCD resumes Sunday, September 17, 9:30 AM

GIFT CARD RAFFLE The Catholic Women's Club would like to thank our parish family for your support in all CWC activities! We are currently preparing for our booth at Riverfest, which will be on September 23-24, this year. We will once again conduct the Gift Card Raffle. This raffle has been well received by the Riverfest attendees and has been a success due to the support we have received from our Immaculate Conception Church parish family! If you are able to help out again this year, by donating a gift card of your choice, it would be most appreciated. The CWC is also asking for gift card donations from area businesses. Please drop the gift cards in the collection basket or give them to a CWC member, whichever is most convenient for you. Again – the CWC thanks you for all your support!

PARISH PICNIC will be Sunday, September 10, at Tomlinson Run State Park Pavilion (pavilion by the pool) beginning with Mass at 11:00 AM at the park. **There will be NO 8:30AM Mass at Immaculate Conception on Picnic Day!** Please bring a covered dish of your choice. After dinner we will have activities such as cornhole, bingo, volleyball, basketball, games for the youngsters. We will have a 50/50 raffle that will help with picnic expenses for 2024. Please be sure to sign up in the gathering space to let us know how many to prepare for and what you will be bringing. We will supply tableware and beverages. **Everyone is invited, so plan to come and celebrate with your parish family and enjoy lots of Fun, Good Food and most importantly, Fellowship. Hope to see you there!**

There will be a Parish Picnic planning meeting today, Sunday, September 3, immediately following Mass.

ADDITIONAL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST As Bishop Brennan has again resumed the practice of distributing Holy Eucharist under both the species of bread and wine, we need more Holy Communion distributors. Those of you who received postcards from me about serving as Extraordinary Ministers, please respond no later than September 11, 2023. Thank you.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA This great saint in the early Church is noted for translating the Bible into Latin: *Ambrose, Augustine, Jerome, Peter*

Last week's answer: John was the only apostle who did not die a martyr's death.

GENERAL TRIVIA Joe is very "ungainly," meaning he is: *Clumsy, Forgetful, Indecisive, Insensitive*

Last week's answer: A "Punnett Square" is a diagram used in the science of Genetics.

CATHOLIC PRAYERS *Act of Contrition* This short prayer is an acceptable act of contrition, originated in religious services in Orthodox Christianity, and is found in the *Book of Penance*: **"Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."**

INTRODUCTION TO THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION, PART VII

Why go to the sacrament if I keep confessing the same sins?

1. It isn't unusual that we confess that same sins. We are creatures of habit, and some habits become deeply ingrained. They are hard to change. We require time, prayer, the grace of God, and diligence to overcome them.
2. The Church encourages us to confess venial sins. Regular confession of our venial sins helps us to form our conscience, fight against evil tendencies, let ourselves be healed by Christ, and progress in the life of the Spirit. Therefore, we are spurred to be more merciful as God is merciful.
3. Clergy and spiritual directors suggest that it is better to focus on one or two of the most common sins, but to do so in depth. This helps us to delve into the root causes of our sins.

Dr. Scott Hahn replied to a person who asked this question, "It is fine to confess the same sins. Give thanks to God that we are not committing new ones!"

SAINT OF THE WEEK *Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church* (540-604)

1. At the age of 35, he established six monasteries and became a Benedictine monk.
2. He was elected pope at age 50.
3. He authored the book, *Pastoral Care*, on the duties and qualities of a bishop.
4. He is called "the Great," as one of the four key doctors of the Western Church (along with Ambrose, Augustine, and Jerome).
5. Gregory the Great is the patron saint of those who suffer from epilepsy.
6. His feast day is September 3.

CONDOLENCES are extended to Fr. Jeelson Stephan and his family on the death of his father, Stephan Kurian. If you would like to send a card, his address is: 2244 Marshall Avenue Wheeling, WV 26003.

