



Immaculate Conception Church

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Masses.....Saturday 5:30 P.M.
 Sunday 9:00 A.M.
 Holy Day 10:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.
 Weekday 10:00 A.M.

Religious Instructions .. Sunday 10:30-11:45
Baptism Please arrange with the pastor in advance to discuss pre-baptismal instructions.
Marriage ... By appointment with the Pastor at least nine months prior to the date of marriage.
Reconciliation (Confession) ... Thirty minutes before weekend Masses — or by appointment.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 29, 2009

The Year for Priests

Pope Benedict XVI has declared June 2009 to June 2010 as the **Year for Priests**. The theme for the priestly year is “Faithfulness of Christ, Faithfulness of Priests.” Its purpose is to encourage what the Pope calls “the yearning for spiritual perfection” in priests. But the Year for Priests also gives lay people a special opportunity to learn more about priesthood, to recognize and honor priests, and to encourage priestly vocations.

There’s an old story about Jesus meeting a man who was crying at the side of the road. When Jesus asked what was wrong, the man replied that he could not see. So Jesus cured him. After awhile, Jesus met another man who was crying. “I cannot walk,” the man explained. So Jesus cured him. Then, Jesus met a third man who was crying. “I am a priest,” the man said. So Jesus sat down and wept with him.

Why would Jesus weep? Pope Benedict XVI tells us that a priest “faces his Master’s same fate.” Like Jesus, a priest experiences the world’s “incomprehension” of God, “indifference” toward God, and “rejection” of God. But the Pope goes on to explain that a priest also “experiences Christ’s joys.” Priests are consecrated in Christ so they can speak and act in Jesus’ name, celebrate sacraments, minister to those in need, and lead the faith community. Like Jesus, priests lay down their lives for those entrusted to them by the Father, following in the footsteps of the Lord.

The Road to Bethlehem

Our Christmas Play for this year, **The Road to Bethlehem**, will be presented on two Sundays: December 20th and 27th at 5:30 PM. Snow dates would be the Tuesday following the scheduled day. Helpers will meet on Friday December 4th at 6:30 PM to recap. You are invited to come at 5:30 to join the Lay Apostles for their First Friday devotions. Children, teachers and all who will help children with parts, costumes, etc. will meet on Sunday the 6th. Rehearsal will be held Sunday the 13th (Bazaar Day). The children’s group will also rehearse after Mass on Sunday the 20th.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Thanks from the Relay for Life team to all who helped make our Longaberger Basket Bingo a huge success. Thanks to those who sold and those who bought tickets, those who donated food items or items for the Chinese Auction, sponsored or filled baskets, worked in the kitchen, or worked in the hall – we couldn’t have done it without you (we make a great team) ... Our profit was \$4,800!

Prayer Group

Please join our monthly prayer group **Lay Apostles of Jesus Christ the Returning King** on First Friday, December 4th, at 5:30 PM.

Mass Intentions

Consider having a Mass offered for the health of a friend or relative or other special intention, as well as honoring the dear departed. Envelopes are provided for your convenience on the back table.

Choose Life ...

Abortion is a defining issue not only personally but socially. Poverty can be addressed incrementally, but the death of a child is quite final.

—FRANCIS CARDINAL GEORGE

Help Wanted

Please volunteer to help with the snack break after nine o’clock Mass. It’s nice to offer the children a treat before they attend religious education classes.

Appreciation Day

To celebrate their 75th Anniversary, the Saxton Volunteer Fire Company is holding a Community Appreciation Day **today** to thank everyone for their



help and support. Sunday’s schedule:
11:00 AM ...Open House, Fire Station Tours
12:00-1:00 .. Complimentary Spaghetti Dinner
1:15 PM Fire Station Rededication

I. C. Gift Shop

Be sure to visit the **Gift Shop** in our church hall – it’s not too early to browse for Christmas gifts!

Church Humor

A CCD teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied, “They couldn’t get a baby sitter.”

Calendar

- ◆ Advent Begins Sunday November 29th
- ◆ Immaculate Conception Tuesday December 8th Holy Day of Obligation
- ◆ Big B Bingo Sat. December 12th
- ◆ Retirement Fund for Religious Dec. 12th –13th
- ◆ Parish Pastoral Council Monday December 14th
- ◆ Winter Begins Monday December 21st
- ◆ Christmas Friday December 25th

Mass Intentions

- Sat. Nov. 28 5:30 PM .. **98th Birthday Blessings, Anna Hucovsky** by Her Church Family
- Sun. Nov. 29 9:00 AM .. **Willard Thomas** by Buck and Linda Shaw
- Mon. Nov. 30 .. 10:00 AM ...**Helen Shieffer** by the Estate
- Tue. Dec. 1 .. 10:00 AM ...**People’s Mass**
- Wed. Dec. 2 .. 10:00 AM ...**Mary M. Hainsey** by the Estate
- Thur. Dec. 3 .. 10:00 AM ...**Pastor’s Mass**
- Fri. Dec. 4 .. 10:00 AM ... Birthday Anniversary of **Judy DeLuca** by Charlie, Jeannie and Boys
- Sat. Dec. 5 5:30 PM .. **Ron Kessler** by Vinoski’s
- Sun. Dec. 6 9:00 AM .. **Galina Finazzo and Maria Giovanni** by Scavone Family

Liturgical Reflection

The New Roman Missal

A new liturgical year begins. It is the season of Advent. It is the time to prepare for Christmas, remembering the Lord’s birth in Bethlehem, and a time to prepare for the Lord’s return in glory. This year the Diocesan Liturgy Office will prepare us for the new Roman Missal which has been in preparation for some time. What is the Roman Missal? The Roman Missal is the liturgical book containing the complete rite of the Mass for Sundays and every day in the year according to the Roman Rite. This book contains everything that is said or sung by the ordained at Mass.

Collection Report

November 21st–22nd . \$1,706⁰⁰
CCHD Collection..... \$ 270⁰⁰

Surf the Web!

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Pray for Vocations