



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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 6, 2009

This Week's Saints

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MONDAY † Saint Ambrose (Died 397) was governor when he went to stop rioting that erupted during the selection of a new bishop of Milan. The crowd cried “Ambrose for bishop” and he was chosen, although he was just a catechumen. The Arian heresy – which denied the full divinity of Christ – divided the Church of his time. When Empress Justina demanded that Ambrose give his basilica to the Arians, he and his congregation locked themselves in and sang antiphonally, the first recorded instance.

WEDNESDAY † Saint Juan Diego (Died 1548) was a native Mexican, a farmer, and a laborer. On December 9, 1531, on his way to attend Mass, a woman – the Virgin Mary – asked him to tell the bishop to build a chapel on the site. The bishop scoffed at him, but when he returned with this cloak filled with roses and the woman’s image imprinted on the inside, now venerated as that of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the bishop believed.

FRIDAY † Saint Damasus I was pope from 366 until he died in 383. He commissioned his secretary, Saint Jerome, to revise the Latin Bible in use at that time by translating the Old Testament from the Hebrew rather than the Greek version. The *Vulgate* remained the standard Latin translation until 1979. Damasus presided over the Council of Rome, at which the canon of scripture, or recognized books in the Bible, was set.

SATURDAY † Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego on a hill outside Mexico City. Her image remained on his cloak as “the little brown one” who gives great dignity and holiness to the native peoples of America. Nowhere else does she appear as a pregnant woman as she does here, wearing the blue sash traditionally worn by expectant Aztec women. She also has a flower on her womb, an Aztec symbol of new life and a new era.

Liturgical Reflection

Immaculate Conception

This Tuesday, December 8th, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Catholics are expected to participate at Mass on this day. This is the Solemnity of the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, the patroness of the United States. Catholic faith proclaims that Mary was immaculate, free from the stain of Adam’s sin, from the moment of her conception. She who was to bear the eternal Son of God was immaculate in her mother Anne’s womb. Plan to participate at Mass on this feast of our nation’s and our parish’s patroness.



Christmas Bazaar

Our annual Christmas Bazaar will be held next Sunday after Mass. Lots of activities to enjoy: • Soup & Sandwiches • Bake Sale • Christmas Items • Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus • Have your picture taken with the Jolly People. ... Please donate something for the bake sale. If you would like to set up a table, you may do so for just a love offering to the church.

Retirement Fund

Like so many in our nation, religious institutes have been profoundly impacted by the downturn in the economy. In addition, escalating elder care expenses and a dwindling number of members able to serve in compensated ministry have forced many to make painful decisions to ensure continued viability.

Three religious institutes recently grappled with such challenges. All struggled with costly facilities poorly suited to their current needs. Intensive, multi-year analysis of their finances and priorities ultimately led to a shared solution. Assistance from the Retirement Fund for Religious supported their efforts. Today, retired members of the Sisters of Sts. Cyril and Methodius and the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine de’ Ricci, as well as the Discalced Carmelite community, continue to live out their unique charisms. They just do so under one roof, in Danville, Pennsylvania. Please give generously to next week’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

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. Everyone is invited – tell your friends! Snow dates would be the Tuesday following the scheduled day. Children, teachers and all who will help children with parts, costumes, etc. will meet today. Rehearsal will be held next Sunday (Bazaar Day). The children’s group will also rehearse after Mass on Sunday the 20th.

Calendar

- ◆ **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**
- ◆ **Midnight Mass Thursday December 24th**
- ◆ **Christmas Day Friday December 25th**

Collection Report

November 28th–29th. \$1,748⁰⁰

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Have you signed up to help next Saturday, **December 12th**? We need people to **help** at the Bingo – and also to donate food.



Pray for
Vocations

Mass Intentions

- 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
- Mon. Dec. 7 .. 10:00 AM ... **Intention of John and Betty Zelanko** by Donor
- Tue. Dec. 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
10:00 AM ... **Kay Foster** by Friends Alan and Reneé
7:00 PM ... **Dean Gracey** by Pookie and Family
- Wed. Dec. 9 .. 10:00 AM ... **Mary (Masciocchi) Harclerode** by Harclerode Children and Grandchildren
- Thur. Dec. 10 .. 10:00 AM ... **Ron Kessler** by Pam and Toby Boyd
- Fri. Dec. 11 .. 10:00 AM ... **Helen Scheffer** by the Estate
- Sat. Dec. 12 5:30 PM .. **Ron Kessler** by Eleanor Cannon
- Sun. Dec. 13 9:00 AM .. **Chick DeLuca** by Charlie, Jeannie and Boys

Liturgical Reflection

The New Roman Missal

Advent time is an occasion to prepare for Christmas. The Diocesan Liturgy Office will begin to prepare our people for the revised Roman Missal this new liturgical year. Since the Second Vatican Council, there have been three editions of the Roman Missal promulgated by the Church in 1970, 1975, and 2000. The first two editions were under the pontificate of Pope Paul VI following Vatican Council II; the most recent edition was issued by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the Great Jubilee of the Incarnation.