



Immaculate Conception Church

Parish Established 1856

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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 13, 2009

This Week's Saint

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MONDAY † **Saint John of the Cross** (died 1591) grew up near Avila in poverty. His father died when he was young, and his widowed mother struggled to support the family. Shortly after his ordination in 1567, he met Teresa of Avila and was drawn into her reform of the Carmelites. The reform set Carmelite brother against brother, and John was even imprisoned, but he used the time to write the *Spiritual Canticle*. For this, and for his other great work, *Dark Night of the Soul*, he is considered one of the greatest poets to write in Spanish.

Information on the Web

Both our parish website, iccdudley.com, and the diocesan site, ajdiocese.org, have been redesigned and offer information of interest about the Church. The diocesan site offers a directory of parishes, items from the *Catholic Register*, current news such as the Church's position on the health care reform unfolding in Washington, etc. Our parish website now has more photos and the weekly bulletin as well as the monthly activity calendar; there are also links to other sites such as EWTN.

Advent Music

The Cathedral Festival Choir is joining forces with the Episcopal Church Chancel Choir for **two presentations**: today at 4:00 PM at St. Luke's in Altoona and December 20th at 7:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. A free-will offering will be accepted.

Foundation Notes ...

As year-end approaches, many of us anticipate the arrival of the "tax man" in April. This may also be a good time to think about the Independent Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Donations to one of their many endowments may be tax deductible. Call (814) 201-2080 or visit icfdaj.org for more information.

"Thank You" from the West Indies

Bishop Neil Tiedemann from the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica, is visiting our diocese. He thanks the parishes here who have partnered (twinned) with parishes in his diocese, generously supporting them even in this time of economic stress.

Live Nativity

The Six Mile Run Methodist Church in Defiance presents a live nativity **next Saturday** evening the 19th from six to eight o'clock. A drive-thru for elderly and handicapped will be available. Visit the Inn for hot chocolate and cookies!

Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar scheduled for today has been **cancelled**. However, we will be planning something for the springtime and we will incorporate a Christmas Corner into our theme.

Christmas Play

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. Everyone is invited – tell your friends! No charge for admission. The play will be presented outdoors at the newly expanded Grotto area – please dress accordingly. Rehearsal will be held today; the children's group will also rehearse after Mass next Sunday.

Stewardship Reflections ...

At a time when advertisers are trying to convince us to buy those "must-haves," we hear John the Baptist calling us to share our possessions with others who are less fortunate. May we, as Christian stewards, demonstrate gratitude for the gifts that God has entrusted to us by **giving joyfully** to others in need.

Food Pantry

Food Pantry items will be distributed this Friday morning **December 18th** from 11:00–noon. This is a week early due to the Christmas holiday. Your help the day before to set up would be appreciated.

Plan Ahead!

Saturday, June 26th has been announced as the date for **Faith Day at the Curve**. There will be Liturgy with Bishop Joseph before the baseball game that day.

Church Humor

A police recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" He answered, "Call for backup."

Calendar

- ◆ **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

December 5th–6th..... \$2,045⁰⁰

Retirement Fund

Our second collection this weekend is for the elderly religious. Please be generous.

Parish Council

Our Parish Pastoral Council meets tomorrow evening, December 14th, at seven o'clock in the hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Pray for
Vocations

Mass Intentions

- Sat. Dec. 125:30 PM .. **Ron Kessler** by Eleanor Cannon
- Sun. Dec. 139:00 AM .. **Chick DeLuca**
by Charlie, Jeannie and Boys
- Mon. Dec. 14 ..10:00 AM ...**Ron Kessler**
by Carol and Paul Williams
- Tue. Dec. 15 ..10:00 AM ...**Helen Schieffer** by the Estate
- Wed. Dec. 16 ..10:00 AM ...**People's Mass**
- Thur. Dec. 17 ..10:00 AM ...**Mary M. Hainsey** by the Estate
- Fri. Dec. 18 ..10:00 AM ...**Pastor's Mass**
- Sat. Dec. 195:30 PM .. **Genowefa Grata** by the Family
- Sun. Dec. 209:00 AM .. **Tom Matea Sr.** Birth Anniversary
by Tom and Mother (Isabella)

Liturgical Reflection

Gaudete Sunday

This Advent Sunday is named *Gaudete* Sunday. This word translated from Latin into English means *Rejoice*. The tone of this Sunday's Mass is joyful expectation for the Lord's birth and second coming. English-speaking Catholics are preparing for the third edition of the Roman Missal. Once there is the approval by the Holy See with the consensus of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, the third edition of the Roman Missal will become available. It is important that we be prepared for the new translations to be contained in this Missal.