



# 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
**December 20, 2009**

## Parish Council Notes

Parish Pastoral Council met last Monday the 14<sup>th</sup>. Joe Folk of the Finance Council reported that \$11,500 has been invested in a short-term CD, with the principal to be paid to the Diocese next summer, while \$50,000 is in a 5-year CD earning \$123 interest per month to help pay expenses associated with the Grotto. Monthly parish expenses, including about \$2,100 for electricity, heating and repayment of the air conditioning loan, are running slightly greater than monthly collections. Speaking for the Grotto Committee, Folk said some water is pooling on the new patio and that he would consult with the contractor.

Representing the Building and Grounds Committee, Ralph Altobelli indicated that several firms were contacted in regards to outdoor security cameras but that they would not be interested because another company had installed equipment indoors. Some Council members do not consider the cost of the cameras as justified. Altobelli also said he does not feel that installing a baby-changing station in a restroom (as suggested by Shirley Crawshaw) is practical, as no one is willing to dispose of dirty diapers. Repairs to the old ventilation system of the church have been made to keep out cold air at a cost of \$1,150.

Tom Matea was appointed liaison to Finance Council. A microwave oven and an outdoor nativity scene have been donated to the parish and a wheel chair will be donated; an Appreciation Celebration (dinner dance) will be held January 2<sup>nd</sup>; Relay for Life meets January 17<sup>th</sup> after Mass; Rosary Society will resume activities January 16<sup>th</sup>. Help is needed for the 300 Club Final Drawing on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact chairperson for the Social Geraldine Roberts if you are able to help.

## Liturgical Reflection

### New Roman Missal

This is the final Sunday of Advent and the last days of the Advent Season. We are preparing for the coming of Christ in our lives. The Diocesan Liturgy Office will be giving information on the upcoming Roman Missal to be promulgated in our country. The new Missal will reflect the English translation of the Latin text contained in the third edition of the Roman Missal. The countries to be issued the forthcoming English translations are: the United States of America, Australia, Canada, England and Wales, India, Ireland, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Scotland, and South Africa.



## Christmas Play

Our Christmas Play for this year, **The Road to Bethlehem**, will be presented today and next Sunday 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 – with refreshments served in the hall afterwards. The children's group will rehearse after Mass today.

## Live Nativity

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

## Stewardship Reflections ...

Mary expressed her trust in God by proclaiming "May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). May her "yes" serve to remind us of our unique roles in God's divine plan. The course of history may very well be changed if we choose to reply "no" to His invitation.

## I. C. Gift Shop

Last-minute shopping? Visit the **Gift Shop** in our church hall for the perfect Christmas gift!



## Calendar

- ◆ **Winter Begins**  
Monday December 21<sup>st</sup>
- ◆ **Christmas Confessions**  
7:00 PM with Fr. Don Duza
- ◆ **Midnight Mass** 12:00 PM  
Thursday December 24<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ **Christmas Day** 10:00 AM  
Friday December 25<sup>th</sup>  
(Holy Day of Obligation)
- ◆ **Mother of God** 10:00 AM  
Friday January 1<sup>st</sup>  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

## Mass Intentions

- Sat. Dec. 19 .... 5:30 PM .. **Genowefa Grata** by the Family
- Sun. Dec. 20 .... 9:00 AM .. **Tom Matea Sr.** Birth Anniversary by Tom and Mother (Isabella)
- Mon. Dec. 21 .. 10:00 AM ... **Helen Schieffer** by the Estate
- Tue. Dec. 22 .. 10:00 AM ... **People's Mass**
- Wed. Dec. 23 .. 10:00 AM ... **Mary M. Hainsey** by the Estate
- Thur. Dec. 24 ..... MIDNIGHT MASS  
12:00 PM ... **Dolores White**  
by friends Ed and Becky Stefancik
- Fri. Dec. 25 ..... CHRISTMAS DAY  
10:00 AM ... **Georgia Gracey** by Mom and Dad
- Sat. Dec. 26 .... 5:30 PM .. **Ron Kessler** by the Kitchen Staff
- Sun. Dec. 27 .... 9:00 AM .. **Tom Matthews Sr.** by the Choir

## Liturgical Reflection

### Nativity of the Lord

This is the day when the Church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ's birth. The Prince of Peace has appeared on the earth. Lights are strung on pine trees and around the inside and outside of our homes these winter days. Darkness is shattered and the newborn Child brings light into our lives. The Incarnate Word dwells among us and now begins the great revelation of our salvation in the Son of God, Jesus, our Savior and Lord. A holy, blessed, peace-filled Christmas to all on this Christmas day!



## Collection Report

December 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> ..... \$729<sup>00</sup>  
 Retirement Fund ..... \$233<sup>00</sup>  
 Immac. Conception ..... \$322<sup>00</sup>

(Bad weather is responsible for the small collection amount last Sunday morning.)

## Thank You

Many thanks to the family of Joseph Grata for their sizeable donation to the ICC Food Pantry in Joe's memory.

## Reconciliation

Father Don Duza will be with us Monday evening at seven to hear your confessions.