

Believe



Second Sunday of Easter — Divine Mercy Sunday

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord;
Blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe! *John 20:29*

Immaculate Conception Church

April 7, 2024



MISSION STATEMENT

We, at Immaculate Conception Church, are a welcoming community of faith that strives to carry out the mission of Jesus by journeying in faith, sharing in joy, and living in hope. Come join us.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

All new families are welcome to the parish and are encouraged to become actively involved. New parishioners should register at the Rectory as soon as possible.

PARISH MEETINGS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: 7:00 p.m. Monday in church basement, off the parking lot

ADULT CHOIR: 7:00 p.m. Thursdays in church

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: 2:00 p.m. Friday in church

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Sundays, bi-monthly from 9:00 to 11 AM

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Tuesday at Noon for the following weekend.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Catherine Fiorino, School Principal

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: On an individual basis by appointment. Please contact the Rectory Office.

RECONCILIATION: By appointment

MATRIMONY: Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Please inform the Staff about anyone confined in your home or in a Nursing Home. Communion is brought regularly to the homebound.



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE 2023-

2024

Classes are held at Immaculate Conception

School

from 9 to 11 AM

Spring 2024

April 7

PLEASE NOTE that the dates with the
asterisks

are consecutive weeks due to

HOLIDAYS AND VACATION WEEKS.

If you should have any questions, please

contact Claire at chc513@aol.com

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EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

M/M Brendan F. Cassidy

Margaret Edwards



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

4:00 PM John J. MacLaughlan, Jr. 7th Ann.

Ruth Ellen Ciccarelli, 9th Anniversary

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

8:00 AM Joseph/Janet Sweeney

Lester Waterhouse, 3rd Anniversary

Richard Barrett, 17th Anniversary

10:00 AM Edward J. Farley, 9th Anniversary

Francisco Vieira Meneses, 4th Ann.

12:00 AM Arlene Redmond

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

4:00 PM Living/Deceased Members of W. G.

George Teague

Helen Marie Ledoux, 5th Anniversary

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

8:00 AM Richard A. Littlefield

10:00 AM Louis Panagopoulos
Lorraine Panagopoulos

12:00 PM Carol Devine

WEEKLY COLLECTION

MARCH 24, 2024

Weekly Collection: \$5,207.00

Building Fund: \$2,837.00



2nd Sunday of Easter

When we were learning how to swim, the instructor would show us different things to try, such as ducking our heads under water, and blowing bubbles, and eventually jumping in the water. Before she asked us to do anything, however, she would always demonstrate and end with the admonition, “Don’t be afraid! There’s nothing to it—it’s easy!” These small reassurances encouraged her six- and seven-year-old students to strike out on their own and swim.

The great mentors and instructors of faith offer the same kind of encouragement. Think of the saints. By their example, teaching and preaching, the Church is inspired to holiness, fidelity and great virtue. We see what they accomplished and try to do the same. Their message is that the way of faith may be difficult and demanding, but you have all the grace you need to do it. And, in the end, it’s worth it.

But the real challenge is not in following a great example; it’s giving it! There are many people around us, young and old, who see and follow our example in small and not-so-small things. How we practice our faith, how much we participate, how we treat others, our language, our respect for holy things and places give witness to our faith and challenge others to do the same. Be sure you set a good example and practice what you preach. You never know who may be watching.

~James Gaffney © Pilot Bulletins



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OUR ARMED FORCES**

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There are two retired parishioners who have had a lengthy career in nursing who wish to volunteer their time in offering a blood pressure check.

This is purely for checking blood pressure. No medical advice will be given.

These blood pressure checks will take place after the 4 PM Mass in the crying rook in the upstairs church.

The dates are:

April 13 and May 11.

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ELAINE REILLY

***2nd Sunday of Easter***

At a recent community meeting, many residents were expressing their fears—fears of crime, terrorism, the economy, health care, etc. It seems as though we are controlled by fear. People base their decisions and actions on the negative things that might happen, rather than the positive things that could happen. Such negative thinking only engenders more fear and apprehension, drowning out the possibility of a better, more creative society.

The Apostles lived in fear. They hid in the upper room, wondering what was happening and if they would be the next victims of Roman wrath. They did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead, or that they were about to embark on a mission of teaching the Good News. They could only wonder about what was next. Into this room comes Jesus. He offers them proof of His identity, showing His hands and His side. More so, He reassures them and confers on them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Whatever we need to overcome our fear, Jesus will provide. The strength we draw from our faith will enable us to accomplish our mission and all that God intends for us to do. We do not have to live in fear. We can become, as St. Francis prayed, instruments of peace, bringing love, joy, light and peace to a world that lives in fear. Be confident and courageous. Act on the truth of the Lord's Resurrection and His promise to be with us always. The peace of the Lord will comfort and guide you.

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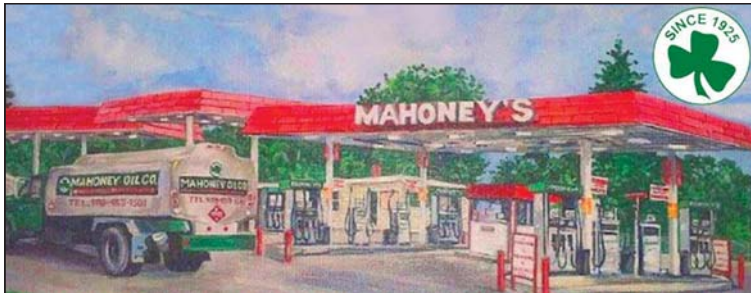
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