



Church of the Immaculate Conception

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SUMMER SUNDAY MASSES: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM (English) /11:30 AM & 7 PM (Misa en Español)
5:00 PM (Saturday) & 10:30 AM (Celebrated at St. Teresa of Avila Church)

DAILY MASS: 8:00 AM Weekdays (Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday) at Immaculate Conception Church
8:00 AM Weekdays (Monday, Wednesday & Friday) at St. Teresa of Avila Church
Misa diaria: 6:30 PM (Español) Martes, Miércoles y Jueves

HOLYDAY MASSES: 6:30 PM (Vigil), 8:00 AM & 6:30 PM Misa en Español

ADORATION/ADORACIÓN: Thursdays from 8:30 AM to 6:30 PM (Jueves desde 8:30 am - 6:30 pm)

FIRST FRIDAY HEALING MASS/ PRIMER VIERNES LA MISA DE SANACION: 7:00 PM

CONFESSION: Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:35 PM at St. Teresa of Avila Church, Every First Saturday after the 8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception or by appointment.

CONFESION: Domingo 11:00 am y 6:30 pm

BAPTISMS: Required pre-Baptism sessions for parents are held on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in our Rectory Basement. Baptisms are celebrated on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 2:30 PM

MARRIAGE: The Diocese asks that we take at least one year to prepare for this special Sacrament. Please contact one of your priests or deacons for further information.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please stop by the Rectory to request Masses in memory of your loved ones.

SICK LIST : Family members of a sick parishioner are asked to call the information into the Rectory. If a family member is going to the local hospital, please call the rectory and a priest or deacon will visit.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS: **Altar and Rosary** - 1st Wednesday (Sept.-May); **Catholic War Veterans** - 3rd Wednesday; **Parish Council** - Monthly (Excluding July & August); **Junior Youth Ministry Meeting** - Saturdays, 6 PM, & **Men of Malvern** - 8 AM Mass, 4th Saturday; **O.C.D.S. (Carmelite)** 1st Saturday.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday: 9:00 - 12:30; 1:30 to 5:00 PM; Español: 5:00 - 9:00 PM

Third Sunday of Advent



December 13, 2009

Masses for the Week

- Saturday, December 12 at Immaculate**
8:00 -Louise J. Hildreth: Italian American Civic Club
-Eufrazio Sandoya: Terry & Carmine Catalana
12:00 -Our Lady of Guadalupe Bilingual Mass at St. Teresa
7 PM -Honor a la Virgen de Guadalupe por la comunidad Mexicana (Misa en Español)
- Sunday, December 13 at Immaculate**
7:30 -Anna DeBellis: Dorothy Barbera
9:00 -Fr. Nate DeMarco: Patty Borgese
-Mary, Thaddeus & Joe Olszewski: Family
-Thomas Olszewski, Jr.: Patty Borgese
11:30 -Acción de Gracias: Paulino y Inés Amigon
-+Marciana Martinez: Yolanda Ascue
-Yarithz Magali Martinez: Padres Margarita y Edgar
-+Constantino-Martinez-Sánchez: Familia Martínez
7 PM
- Monday, December 14 at St. Teresa of Avila**
8:00 -Frank Basile: Wife, Michele
- Tuesday, December 15 at Immaculate**
8:00 -Stephen & Joanne Olszewski: Children
-Peter Smith: His Will
-Anthony Sorantino: Wife, Virginia & Family
6:30 PM -Gracias a la Virgen de Guadalupe: Remedio Huertas
- Wednesday, December 16 at St. Teresa of Avila**
8:00 -Peter A. Saulin, Sr.: Family
- Wednesday, December 16 at Immaculate**
6:30 PM -Intention of David Cruz & Daughter, Sheyla
- Thursday, December 17 at Immaculate**
8:00 -Mildred Gleydura: Family
-Margaret Holland: M/M Gene Ely & Family
6:30 PM - Misa en Español
- Friday, December 18 at St. Teresa of Avila**
8:00 -Agnes Ewing: Her Will
- Saturday, December 19 at Immaculate**
8:00 -Anne Meehan: Laura Chew
-Nancy Giles Carroll: Karen Biddinger
- Sunday, December 20 at Immaculate**
7:30 -Anna & Alex Swistunow: Harry & Eileen
9:00 -Bill & Pauline Elbirt: Brother & Sisters
-Antoni & Genowefa Dowgiert: Son & Daughters
-Cynthia Lynn Hodge Ciarpelli: Charlotte Crane
11:30 -Misa en Español
7 PM -Misa en Español

Weekly Activities

- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13**
-CCD CLASSES, 10:15 AM to 11:30 AM, School
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15**
-SCRIPTURE CLASS, 10:00 AM, Rectory Basement
-SCRIPTURE / "lectio divina" CLASS, 7:00 PM, Rectory Dining Room
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16**
-CATHOLIC WAR VETS, 3:00 PM, Rectory Basement
-CHOIR REHEARSAL, 7:00 PM, Church
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17**
-ADORATION, 8:30 AM to 6:30 PM
-PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, 7:00 PM, Rectory Basement
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19**
-CHURCH DECORATING, 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Stewardship Reflection

"Stewardship Evokes Trust"

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (Philippians 4:6-7)

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we live Stewardship, and trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

Let Us Pray For Our Recently Departed:



Lucia Rutala &
Juliana Guratovic



Thoughts on Scripture

Books such as *Whatever Happened to Sin?* by Karl Menninger and *The Triumph of the Therapeutic* by Philip Rieff map the cultural shift from a moral model for understanding human need to a therapeutic model. Much that was considered sin is not seen as sickness. For many, repentance is being replaced by psychotherapy.

John the Baptist pointed to the coming Messiah as the source of salvation. He called people to repentance - - that is, to turn from their own efforts to justify themselves and change their lives. John knew that all people need help from beyond themselves. We cannot save ourselves from sin and death.

How often we find that our self-confidence was misplaced! It is said that lawyers who plead their own case have a fool for a client. We simply lack the objectivity to represent ourselves in court fairly and wisely. In much the same manner, people who try to save themselves may be foolhardy. We lack the wisdom and the discipline to create a new life on our own. We need help from our Creator and Redeemer if we are to find the life for which we long.



Let Us Pray for the Sick of Our Parish:

Julie Anderson, Conrad Benz, Laura Calixto, Jack Camp, Sharon Cassidy, Sherry Cassidy, Laura Chiari, Rick Clark, Mary Lynn Crilley, Michelle Crilley, Shay Christopher, Wade Cimino, Pura Colon, Agustina Cruz, Ann Dickson, Jeanette Gaggiotti, Linda J. Gaskill, Claire Geffner, Frank Gergenti, Victoria Granato, Ida Mae Heisroth, Denise Hill, Anna May Hitchner, Erich Janus, John Jeneghino, Gus & Elvira Giannone, Grant Kaplan, Rosalie Khonke, Rosco Kishpaugh, Kevin Koldys, Robert Kristovich, Anne Krupa, Dorothy Lekites, Kazmiera Matusiak, Cole Maxwell, Allen McCoy, Dorothy McCoy, Pat Moore, Cornella Mulhern, Thomas Nasuti, Jr., Martina Nieves, John Northrop, Joseph Pacifico, Gloria Perez, Marilyn Perez, Karen Ritchie, Georganna Robinson, Joan Robinson, Arnulfo Rodriguez, Hector Rodriguez, Reginald "Reds" Scott, Dawn Seigil, Mallory Servais, Richard Servais, Margo Shue, Mary Simpson, Todd Skompski, Lee Sockwell, Elias Sosa, Mary Spinelli, Carly Stassi, Thomas St. Clair, Maria Suarez, Eileen Swistunow, Anne Telencio, Maria Terrigno, Mary Terry, Emily Marie Thomas, Rita Viola, Ken Ward, William Whelan, Sr., Catherine Williams & Julia Wilson.

New Additions to Our Prayer List: Dr. Stanley Bagan & Anastasia Geletka



Prayers for Our Expectant Mothers:

Erin D'Agostino

Family Perspective: When the crowds in today's gospel asked, "What shall we do?" the Baptist was very clear: SHARE. Resist giving token obligatory Christmas gifts. Instead give NECESSITIES to the poor. If those who have nothing or very little are not on your Christmas list, you missed the point of Christmas.

RCIA Journey of Faith: On December 16th from 10 to 11:30 AM and on December 17th from 7 to 8:30 PM at St. Teresa's Rectory Basement the topic for the week is: Sin/Forgiveness

Catholic War Veterans Christmas Dinner: The Catholic War Veterans are having their annual Christmas Dinner on December 16th at the Centerton Country Club at 3:00 PM. All members, spouses, and widows of past members are invited. Call 451-7597 for additional information. Frank Tyler, Commander, CWV Post 1578

Second Collection Today
Retired Religious Collection

St. Mary's Advent Penance Service: St. Mary's Church in Rosenhayn is having an Advent Penance Service on Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00 PM. Additional priests will be available for Confessions. All are welcome!

Over 50's Christmas Gathering

Over 50's parishioners from St. Teresa, Immaculate Conception, St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches are invited to attend The Christmas Covered Dish Supper on Thursday, December 17th at 5:30 PM in the Church Hall at St. Teresa's. Mark your calendars and get a group together to enjoy an evening of holiday food, fellowship and music. Look for details soon.

Christmas Bulk Mailing: The Christmas Mailing has been processed and will be delivered shortly. The mailing includes the following: a Confession & Christmas Mass Schedule, a Christmas tithing envelope, a Christmas Flower envelope and Christmas Best Wishes. If you haven't received it next week, please call the rectory for the information.



We Need Your Help! Christmas Church Decorating

Volunteers are needed to help decorate our church on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19TH**, from 9 AM to 12 Noon. Please join our fellow parishioners as we work together to decorate our beautiful Church in a fitting manner. We also need your help on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23RD** at 9:00 AM to help unload & carry flowers from the delivery truck into the Church in order to decorate the altar.

Our Lady of Mercy Academy

Honor Students: Congratulations to the following students from our parish who have received **FIRST HONORS:** Teresa Houck, Melinda Catalana & Samantha Winterburn

Parish Council Meeting

There will be a Parish Council Meeting on Thursday, December 17th at 7:00 PM in the Rectory Basement. All are welcome.

Sacred Heart High School Honor

Students: Congratulations to the following students from our parish who have received **12TH GRADE FIRST HONORS:** Kylie Kristovich & Elizabeth Maxwell **11TH GRADE FIRST HONORS:** Nicholas Martelli & Kelsie Meyer **9TH GRADE FIRST HONORS:** Zachary Donato