

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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*Live the Gospel! Whatever it Takes...*

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Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Living & Deceased  
Members of the Kramer Family  
*Offered by Mark & Carla Kramer*  
Thursday 5:30 p.m. For the People  
Friday 8:30 a.m. + Phillip AuBuchon  
*Offered by Brant & Cindy Brolin*

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 6:00 p.m. Tg of The Rob & Sue  
Ristau Family  
*Offered by Rob & Sue Ristau*  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. + Pete Podnar  
*Offered by Bob, Mary, & Tommy Podnar*  
  
+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all masses

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 31

Sacristan - Heather Roberts  
Eucharistic Minister - Clara McLain  
Lector - Evan Parker  
Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, June 1

Sacristan - Al & Mary Kay Williams  
Eucharistic Minister - Bill DeGroot  
Lector - Bill DeGroot  
Lead Usher - Jerry Divine  
Money Counters - Jerry Divine & Dorothy  
Vayda

Sat. Collection	Loose....\$24.00	Envelope....\$315.00	Total.....\$339.00
Sun. Collection	Loose...\$295.00	Envelope....\$455.00	Total.....\$750.00
Bldg Fund..\$25.00	Electronic &	Other.....\$110.00	Total.....\$135.00
		Total Collections	\$1,224.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2024: \$1,305.00	

Holy Day of Obligation

*Thursday, May 29 - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord*

Mass will be held at 5:30 p.m.  
There will be no Eucharistic Adoration at 4:30

Sacristan - Al & Mary Kay Williams  
Eucharistic Minister - Al Williams  
Lector - Kathy Jazinski  
Lead Usher - Dan Jazinski

**Part-time Parish Secretary Wanted:** We are looking for someone interested in working Thursdays and Fridays. Coverage is usually available for vacations, appointments, and sick days. Training will be provided. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact the office. The office will be open varied hours on Thursday and Friday until we find a replacement.



**Fresh Flowers for Mary:** The Arts & Environment Committee would be delighted to have fresh cut flowers for Mary this summer. If you’d like to make a bouquet to be displayed by Mary or bring in loose flowers for them to arrange, please contact the parish office.

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ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Treat Enthusiasts Wanted:** We will have our Annual Memorial Day bake sale this weekend. The proceeds help with needs within our church and towards a \$500.00 scholarship for a graduating senior active in our parish. Thank you for your support!!



**Florence Memorial Day Services:** Please join us on Memorial Day at Woodlawn Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. and St. Mary’s Commonwealth Cemetery at 10:45 a.m. as we honor and remember our fallen service members. In case of inclement weather, it will be relocated to the Florence Community Center at 10:30 a.m.

*A Memorial Day Prayer*


*As our nation pauses today to remember those in the military who have given their lives for freedoms we enjoy, we pray you would have us all look to you for strength, comfort and guidance.*

*Be with all who serve in our Armed Forces. Bless them and their families. Grant your loving protection. Let peace prevail among all the nations, O God. Especially let your mercy rest upon our land, even as we acknowledge with thanksgiving your past goodness on this country.*

*If it is your will, preserve the lives of the men and women in uniform as they defend our citizenry. Most of all, we pray that you would turn the hearts of all - military and civilian - to your holy Word where we find the true peace for our sinful souls that surpasses all understanding. Keep us repentant of sin. Move us to know, take hold and treasure your saving grace.*

*In this peace and hope for eternity, we pray.*

*~ Author Unknown*

**Knights of Columbus**

Local Council #2847 meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anthony’s Parish Hall in Niagara.  
For more information contact:  
Larry Neuens at 715-589-3379

Lead with faith ~ Protect your family ~ Serve others ~ Defend your values



Dear Friends, Pope Leo in his first public address exhorted us to continue to bring hope into this troubled world in this jubilee year. He asked us to keep listening to the Voice of Christ the Good Shepherd and seek his face. He said, the church is your home. He also reminded us that we are not alone. Christ is with us and the Holy Spirit is guiding us. Your prayer sustains the world more than you know. To the family, which is the domestic church, he said, love one another, forgive one another and teach your children to pray and seek the face of God in one another, and where love dwells God is present. Each time we succeed in love the devil suffers from a miserable defeat.

To those who suffer in hospitals and in prisons, he said, you are not alone, Christ is with you, and the church is with you, we need you, your suffering is not wasted. In union with the cross of Christ it becomes a hidden treasure, a source of grace for the whole world. Let us not forget the saints who have gone before us who chose love over hate, peace over war, faith over fear, they did not live easy lives. They did not fail in their faith so the darkness could not overcome them. In a world full of noise may we still listen to the small voice of God. The Holy Spirit breathes through the church, the Eucharist strengthens us, the sacrament of reconciliation heals us, the word of God guides us and Christ our head and shepherd goes before us. Reject hatred, fear and jealousy that lead to violence.

There is no place for hatred in the heart of a Christian. Peace will reign in the world when we choose Christ as our only way, truth and life. The truth of the Gospel is that all are called to the table of the Lord. The strength of the church is not in ‘sameness’ but in sanctity and sanctity shines through every culture, people and land. We are to build bridges of unity through forgiveness and compassion to overcome division and bring hope where there is despair. The church rejoices with people of all ages bringing Christ’s salvation to the world through love. Let us live the life of Christ.

~ Fr. Soja

**Accommodations Needed:** If you have a room available for people attending the Koinonia Retreat for two nights, May 30 & 31, please contact Larry & Barb Neuens at 715-589-3379. Thank you for your consideration!

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