## WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - ST. MARY'S

Parish Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Visit us on the web at www.stmaryflorence.org Live the Gospel! Whatever it Takes...

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# **Weekday Masses and Intentions**

Tuesday 11/04 5:30 p.m. Tg. Healing for Carla Kramer & for all Families Offered by Anonymous

Thursday 11/6 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 11/7 8:30 a.m. +Lizy Saji Offered by St. Vincent de Paul Society

1st Friday 10:00 a.m. Florence Health Services

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10/25 Sat. Coll.	Loose\$55.00	Envelope\$170.00	Total\$225.00
10/26 Sun. Coll.	Loose\$490.00	Envelope\$390.00	Total\$880.00
	Misc &	Electronic\$215.00	Total\$215.00
	Christmas	Flowers\$25.00	Total\$25.00
		<b>Total Collections</b>	\$1,345.00
Budget:	\$1,800.00	2024: \$2,987.00	

#### **Weekend Masses and Intentions**

Saturday 11/08 6:00 p.m. +David Herrick Offered by Ann Savino

Sunday 11/09 8:30 a.m. +Robert Davidson Offered by Jean and Jim Bor

+ Deceased, Tg. Thanksgiving Confession available 30 minutes before all masses.

# **Ministry Schedule**

Saturday, November 8

Sacristan - Dan Throm Eucharistic Minister - Dan Throm Lector - Evan Parker Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, November 9

Sacristan - Al & MaryKay Williams Eucharistic Minister - Sally Neuens Lector - Al Williams Lead Usher - Jay Glime

Money Counters - Jay & Lori Glime

## Fr. Soja's Schedule and Office Hours

We are happy Fr. Soja has returned to St. Mary's. Daily masses will resume this week.

*The Parish Office will be open on Tuesday-Friday from 8:30-2:30.* 

# **Volunteer Opportunities**

As some of our beloved "snowbirds" prepare to fly south, we are in urgent need of volunteers to help with our regular ministries the following days:

Sacristan: 11/29.

**Eucharistic Minister on Saturday**: two for 11/22 & one for 11/29.

**Lector** the following Saturdays: 11/22, 11/29, 12/20, & 12/27.

**Money Counters** on Sunday or Monday: 12/7

Please prayerfully consider serving our church family in the coming months. Contact the parish office if you are interested.

Your help is greatly appreciated!!

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has available.

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# ST. MARY'S WELCOMES YOU TO ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS' DAY

Serving Those Who Serve: Next weekend our parish will have a second collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS), which is an approved collection by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops occurring every three years. The AMS provides pastoral care to Catholic men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, or who work for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - including those from our own parish and diocese. The AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military, and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assess-To learn more about the AMS, go to www.milarch.org/nationalcollection.

### **November: A Month of Prayer for the Holy Souls**

This November, let us remember and pray for our beloved dead, especially the Holy Souls in Purgatory. November is dedicated to the faithful departed - those who have died in God's grace but still need purification before they can enter the joys of heaven. You are welcome to write the name of someone you wish to have included in our prayers, in the book of remembrance. You will find the book located near the memorial candles of those we lost this year.

## **Prayer of Saint Gertrude the Great**



Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home, and within my family. Amen

## **Knights of Columbus**



Local Council#2847 meets the 2nd Monday 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



Friends, throughout the month of November we reflect on our own final destiny and the hope we have in eternal life. Our first reading this Sunday from the book of Wisdom declares, "The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them." The book of Romans

offers, "just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in the newness of life." These teachings assure me that the promise of resurrection is mine too as a reward for my faith in Jesus.

Our Gospel reading from John contains a line that we often sing at Catholic funerals: "For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day." I encourage you to say that line to yourself, and then perhaps aloud: God will raise me up on the last day.

Notice what that is like to make this promise even more personal for you. We can even say it as a prayer for strength, especially when we are feeling defeated. I feel empowered to fight on for a better world with greater confidence knowing that this world is not where it ends. For not even death can hold down the just. We are justified at the moment of death by our union with Christ. Our devotion to Mary in praying, "pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death," is an installment for the most decisive moment in our life.

Fr. Soja



The Annual Hunters' Bake Sale will be held opening weekend of rifle season, November 22 and 23. There are signup sheets on the entryway tables or feel free to bring something in that

weekend. Please label your baked goods or treats if possible.

Proceeds go toward a scholarship for an active graduating senior at St. Mary's and needs within the church. Thank you for your help!!

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