

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - ST MARY

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Live the Gospel! Whatever it takes.

*If you are interested in joining our parish, becoming Catholic, marriage prep, baptism prep, confirmation, funerals, returning to the Church, spiritual direction, information on grief support, would like communion brought to you, inquiring about an annulment or have other concerns, contact Father Albert 920-604-1260.

*Questions regarding religious education and registration can be addressed to Carolyn Lemanski 715-528-3008

*Call St. Vincent de Paul Conference for assistance with basic needs: 715-528-2030

*To schedule a Mass intention, volunteer for a parish ministry, rent the parish hall, request a prayer shawl or request prayers, call the parish office. 715-528-3310

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

Weekend Masses

Saturday - 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday - 8:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Tuesday - 5:30 p.m.
 Thursday - 4:30 p.m. 1st TH Holy Hour
Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and Benediction
 following THs – Reconciliation and private prayer
 Friday - 8:30 a.m.
 1st FRI 10:00 a.m.
 Florence Health Services

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 4 - + Lorraine Steber
 Friday, January 7 - + Allen Kranz
 Saturday, January 8 - + Tim Leffler
 Sunday, January 9 - + Lilly Kleen

Ministry Schedule Jan. 8/9

Saturday

Sacristan - Francie Freeberg
 Eucharistic Minister - not at this time
 Lector - Francie Freeberg
 Servers - open
 Ushers - Ron Van Wychen, Andy & William Kelley

Sunday

Sacristan - Roy Rietz
 Eucharistic Minister - not at this time
 Lector - Carolyn Lemanski
 Servers - open
 Ushers - Jay Glime, Mike Lemanski & Jerry Divine
 Money counters - Lori & Jay Glime

Church/Office Cleaning - cleaners needed.



Thursday, January 6th at 4:30 pm
 Please join us for our **Holy Hour**, which includes **Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction and Reconciliation**. This will be offered the first Thursday of each month. The following Thursdays we will offer confession and silent prayer.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL REFLECTION:

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. In the spirit of the Magi your donations give comfort and peace to a newborn child.

The **St. Vincent de Paul Society of Florence** is divided into three parts: the Pantry, the Conference and the Store. The Pantry section, collects and distributes food to our "neighbors in need". The Conference section meets twice a month. They respond to the requests received on our "help line" at 715-528-2030. The last section is the Store. It provides the money used to assist our "neighbors in need." We thank you for your past donations of furniture, clothing, money, etc

Our store functions primarily with the help of volunteers. Currently most of our volunteers are older, and many are hesitant to return. This is the reason for this request for each of you. Our Lord has provided each of us with "special gifts." We are expected to use and share these gifts. We have been unable to accept many of your donations, not because there isn't a need, but rather there are not enough volunteers to facilitate the distribution process. Items need to be accepted, minor repairs made, cleaned up, priced and then displayed. Some items are seasonal and that needs to be dealt with accordingly. I am asking you to prayerfully consider volunteering some of your time and talents to help in this process. Age is not a factor, nor should lifting be a concern. A couple hours a week, or whatever you're able to give, will be greatly appreciated. Please call (715) 528-4720 to volunteer or stop into the store and fill out an application.

Thank you and God Bless. -The Florence County St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Prayers Work!

Our **January Prayer Line** is available in the entryway. If you have anyone you would like added or removed please contact the office.

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New Year 2021

A woman, was worried about her son who was to fight a bull for the first time. The priest asked her why she was crying. "I am so afraid that the bull will kill my son." replied the mother. Oh no, "said the priest, "You may be sure that your son will kill the bull."

"How can you be sure that my son will kill the bull?", she asked. "That's easy," answered the priest, "the bull doesn't have a mother praying for him."

Each New Year brings us a certain feeling of anxiety and fear as to what lies ahead of us in this year. Amidst the uncertainty and perceived hardships irregardless of whether this year is the year of the goat, the horse, or the dog, let us not forget that we have a mother who is no less than the mother of Jesus, our Lord. In his sufferings and impending death on the cross, Christ gave her to us to keep us believing that God's love will prevail. She is our mother whom we can rely to bring us hope in the face of despair, who brings faith in our doubts, strength in our weakness, and trust and assurance in our discouragements.

My dear parishioners, Let the New Year be consecrated to Mary. She will never fail us. Lift up yourself, your family, our community and our nation to her motherly protection. We will never be disappointed.

-Rev. Albert Balderas

St. Mary's Woman's Group is starting up again and they are planning to watch the movie 'The Chosen' with discussion to follow. The meeting date and time is still being worked out and will be announced soon!

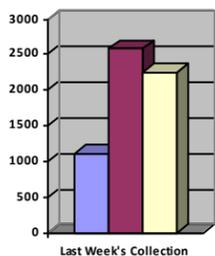
We are in need of **sacristan's for weekend & weekday Masses**. Training will be provided. It is a wonderful opportunity to gain knowledge and deepen your faith. Please contact the office or Fr. Albert.



Financial Statements for 2021 will be distributed in January to all those who contributed \$100 or more. Please contact the parish office if your donations were under \$100 and you would like a statement.

FORMED Faith? Check out **FORMED** online, *To register, simply go to stmaryflorence.formed.org. App also available.*

As we transition into Ordinary time after a renewing Advent season, we need to change over our decorations. **Please stay after Mass on Sunday, January 9th** to help transform the church, especially if you helped to prepare for Christmas and know where things belong!! Thank You!



Sat. General Collection	Loose...\$201.00	Envelope...\$195.00	Total...\$396.00
Sun. General Collection	Loose...\$324.00	Envelope...\$95.00	Total...\$419.00
Electronic Transfer	General...\$1,165.00		Total...\$1,165.00
Christmas Eve	\$702.00	Total General Collections	\$2,582.00

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