

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



APRIL 7, 2024

WELCOME!

Parish Information

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Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception

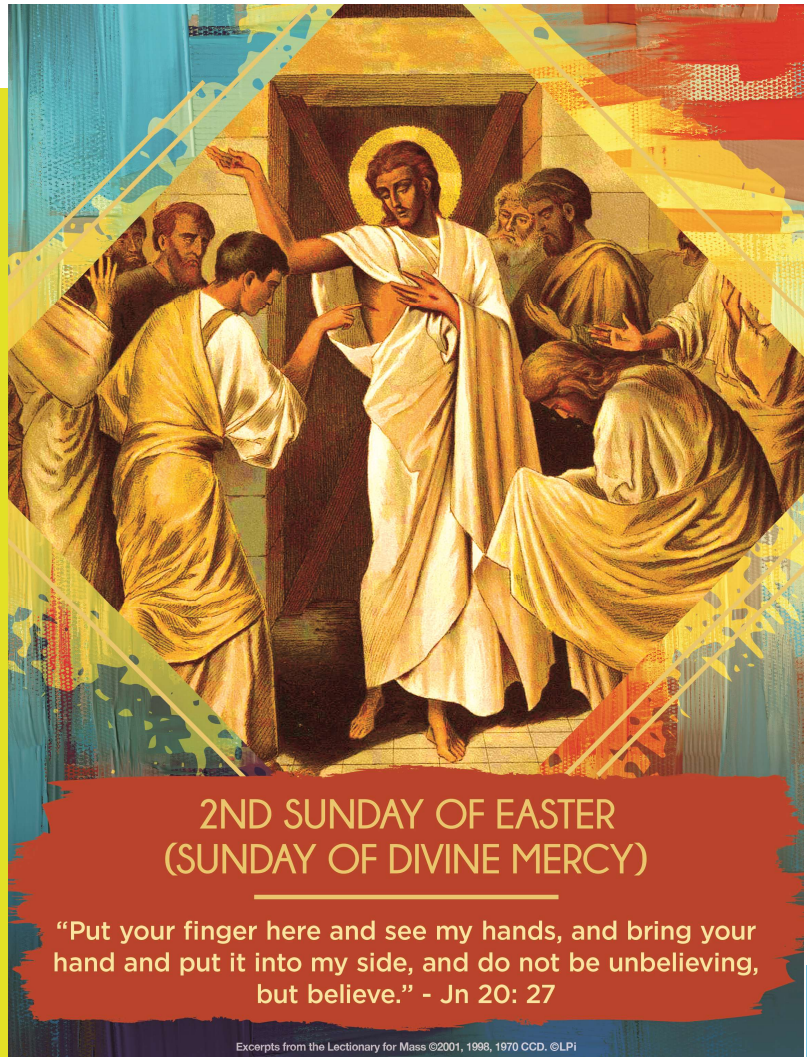
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Holy Day: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

St. Dominic

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.
Holy Day (Vigil): 6:00 p.m. Reconciliation: 8 a.m.
Sunday

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. (IC),
also by appointment
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. (SD)



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

“Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” - Jn 20: 27

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MORE PARISH INFORMATION...

Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment. A six-month preparation period is required.

Sacrament of Baptism

By appointment. Please call the rectory for information.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call the rectory if anyone in your family is hospitalized or is a shut-in.

Parish Membership

Membership in the parish is required to be a sponsor for a Sacrament, to be married in the parish, or to have a child baptized. Please notify the rectory office of a change of address or phone number.

Religious Education Classes

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. (*All Grades*)

***Bulletin Deadline: Monday at 9:00 a.m.**

THE CHURCHES OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. DOMINIC

MASS INTENTIONS

Schedule for the Week

MONDAY, APRIL 8

Monday Mass is offered privately
Mass of Thanksgiving

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

8:00 AM Tom Ransel by Art and Mark Manfroni

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

8:00 AM Steve Koladish, Sr.
by Steve and Chris Koladish

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

8:00 AM Elmer Love by his Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

8:00 AM Deceased members of the Steve Mester
Family by John and Cathy Mester

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

5:15 PM Steve Wolfe by Merlyn Wolfe and Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Parish Family of Immaculate
Conception and St. Dominic
10:30 AM Emery Mayanchick



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Jessica Joanne. Requested by David and Jennifer Black.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday (also known as the **Feast of the Divine Mercy**) is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, which concludes the Octave of Easter. It is originally based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her encounter with Jesus, and is associated with special promises from Jesus and indulgences issued by the Catholic Church.

The feast of Divine Mercy, according to the diary of Kowalska, receives from Jesus the biggest promises of grace related to the Devotion of Divine Mercy, in particular that a person who goes to sacramental confession (the confession may take place some days before) and receives holy communion on that day, shall obtain the total expiation of all sins and punishment. That means each person would go immediately after death to heaven without suffering in purgatory. Additionally, the Roman Catholic Church grants a plenary indulgence (observing the usual rules) with the recitation of some simple prayers.



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—APRIL 13 & 14

Altar Servers

Saturday, 5:15 p.m. | Please volunteer if you attend this Mass

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Emelia Gow and Nora O'Donnell

Lectors

Saturday, 5:15 p.m. | Michele Confer

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Barbara Chestnut

St. Dominic | Rosalee Steele

Rosary Leaders: Barb Riggs and Steve French

STEWARDSHIP - MARCH 30 & 31

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$2,830.00
Loose.....	\$1,172.00
Flower Fund.....	\$10.00
Good Friday for the Holy Land.....	\$547.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$40.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$41,567.00
Pledged.....	\$75,265.00
Paid.....	\$42,205.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,806.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023	\$165,860.00
Surplus (Deficit)(Week #38).....	(\$12,766.00)

Thank you for supporting your parish.

STEWARDSHIP - MARCH 23 & 24

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$2,898.00
Loose.....	\$856.00
Flower Fund.....	\$135.00
Easter Offering.....	\$10.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$41,567.00
Pledged.....	\$72,765.00
Paid.....	\$35,515.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,806.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023	\$165,860.00
Surplus (Deficit)(Week #38).....	(\$16,768.00)

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USHERS SCHEDULE

April 13 John Mester, Mike Chestnut

April 14 John Palmer, Thad Johnson

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today’s reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus’ appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus’ dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus’ Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John’s Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke’s Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today’s that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus’ words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today’s reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate our Religious Education Students who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, today, April 7th, at St. Tobias Church in Brockway. Those students receiving the sacrament are: Oliver Butcher, Elliana Gow, Sam Krug, Carter McKinney, Maggie Shaffer, and Caleb Werner.

We also congratulate Whitney Guth who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, March 12th, at Christ The King Church in Houtzdale.

Please keep these students and their families in your prayers as they continue their faith journey. May this be the beginning of a faith filled life for them.



In today’s gospel Jesus teaches, “Blessed are those who have not seen and believe.” Accepting someone as they are, without demanding they prove themselves or meet our expectations, creates a rich relationship. Real mercy begins here.

THANK YOU!

We wish to thank everyone for a magnificent Holy Week and Easter. Our Choir and Organists, Lectors and especially our Altar Servers are to be commended for all they did to help us celebrate our Risen Lord. Special thanks to those who cleaned and prepared our churches for the Holy Week services. We also thank all those who contributed to our Flower Fund so that our altars could be decorated with the beautiful lilies.

Thank you to all these people in our midst for leading us more deeply into what Holy Week is all about. May God bless you all!



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Anthony G. Capozzoli
 Lenore Moyer
 The Capozzoli Family
 The Hoylen and Gordon Families
 Harry Hetrick