

# *“Immaculate Conception is a Stewardship Parish”*

**2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT [‘B’]**

**DECEMBER 7TH, 2014**

*“Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation .”*

[Responsorial Psalm 85 ]

The **Community will gather for Eucharist** this week at the following times.

Come, join us! **[MASSES in ST. MARY’S HALL, 64 Hunns Lake Rd.]**

Saturday, 12/6	5:00 P.M.	{only at St. Anthony’s}
Sunday, 12/7	10:30 A.M.	Fred Christiansen by his wife, Sue
Monday, 12/8	9:00 A.M.	{
Tuesday, 12/9	9:00 A.M.	{ Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.
Wed’day, 12/10	9:00 A.M.	{ Mass at 8:30 A.M. at St. Anthony’s
Thursday, 12/11	9:00 A.M.	{
Friday, 12/12	9:00 A.M.	{
Saturday, 12/13	5:00 P.M.	{only at St. Anthony’s}
Sunday, 12/14	10:30 A.M.	William Filaski by Madeline & Family



## **Ministers of the Liturgy**

<b>December 7</b>	<u>5:00 P.M.</u>	<u>10:30 A.M.</u>
<b>Servers/</b>		Sarah Leach
<b>Acolytes</b>		Nicholas Ferreri
<b>Readers</b>	at St. Anthony’s	Lisa Shay
<b>Eucharistic</b>		Chris Ferreri
<b>Ministers</b>		Tracey Ferreri
<b>Ministers of</b>		Michael Hardner
<b>Hospitality</b>	_____	Joseph Salvia

<b>December 14</b>	<u>5:00 P.M.</u>	<u>10:30 A.M.</u>
<b>Servers/</b>		Matthew Leach
<b>Acolytes</b>		Tylor Pickering
<b>Readers</b>	at St. Anthony’s	Sr. Jean Flannelly
<b>Eucharistic</b>		Sonia Barrenger
<b>Ministers</b>		Lisa Shay
<b>Ministers of</b>		Michael Hardner
<b>Hospitality</b>	_____	Joseph Salvia

Patronal Feast of the Church in the United States  
[Holyday of obligation]

## **Mary ~ the Immaculate Conception**

The Eucharist will be celebrated  
on Monday at 8:30 A.M. in St. Anthony’s Church and  
at 7:00 P.M. in Immaculate Conception Church  
{St. Mary’s Hall}

## **STEWARDSHIP TEAM MEETING**

will take place on Thursday, December 11th at 7:00  
P.M. in St. Mary’s Hall

*Flowers for the Altar  
in memory of Fred Christiansen  
donated by his wife, Sue*

**STEWARDSHIP** – Last week’s collection totaled **\$904.00**. Our weekly Sunday collection total for the new fiscal year has reached **\$12,839.63 - 65%**. In order to meet our budget we need each week **\$1,650.00**, which would bring us to a total **\$19,800.00**. The special collection next week is for **Retired Religious**. The children’s collection - **0** envelopes.  
**Thank you for your generosity!**

## **Prepare for the Lord’s Day**

### **NEXT SUNDAY: Third Sunday of Advent**

- 1] The Book of Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
- 2] Psalm Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
- 3] 1<sup>st</sup> Letter to the Thessalonians 5:16-24
- 4] The Gospel according to John 1:6-8, 19-28



**ADVENT**

Parents: Please make certain that children do not  
leave the body of the church during Mass unless they  
are accompanied by an adult.

Our vigilance for the protection of  
children must be a priority.

## **MEN’S PRAYER GROUP**

meets on Saturdays in St.  
Mary’s Hall at 7:30 A.M.  
Join us!

## **Library at St. Mary’s Hall**

If anyone would like to borrow a book  
from the Library, it is still in the Church  
Hall. Please sign books out with cards  
provided. Helen Berger would be able  
to answer any questions, 868-1961.

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## CATECHETICAL PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

+ The Catechetical program will now be located in either of two venues –  
at St. Joseph's in Millbrook or St. Anthony's in Pine Plains.  
Call Jeanne Stroly at 845-868-1043 for information.

YEAR OF  
MARK



### December 14th, 2014 Third Sunday of Advent

Once again we encounter John the Baptist in today's Gospel. He "came to testify to the light" (v7), who is the one promised by God long ago through the prophets. John's presence and preaching stir up the hopes of the people. They suspect he might be "the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet" (v25), individuals expect to be sent by God to the people. But John tells them, and us, that the one coming "after me" (9v27) is more than that. The one who is to come is the Son of God, our redeemer.

Today's text from Third Isaiah is considered a foreshadowing of the mission of Jesus. "The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me" (v1). He has been anointed and sent. He comes to bring "glad tidings" (v1), the gospel, to those in darkness. The time of his visitation marks a new era in world history, a time when those who are in need of God's healing grace will receive it and when justice will "spring up" (v11) on earth.

Paul calls the Thessalonians to persevere in their faith. "Pray without ceasing" (v17), he advises. In his prayer for them he prays that God will "make you perfectly holy/and may you .../ be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (v23). God is faithful, Paul tells us, and "he will also accomplish it" (v24). Writing with an expectation of an imminent return of the Lord Jesus, Paul exhorts them to live lives of holiness as they wait. Two thousand years later, we still anticipate his return and so are called to live with that same hope, cooperating with the grace of God in our lives.

**For reflection:** How does my baptismal anointing unite me with Christ's mission to bring good news to the world? God desires to make us holy and blameless; do I regularly seek God's grace to grow in holiness, or am I content to stay as I am?

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### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

**"...In his arms he gathers the lambs...."**

Come and nestle your marriage in the arms of Jesus on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. WME helps married couples have a more Christ-centered marriage. For more information on dates and locations go to: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or call toll free: 877-NYS-WWME ext. 3.

### ***Advent is the Season of Joyful Expectation***

Spend time during the Season reflecting on the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis  
~ 'The Joy of the Gospel' ~

You can locate it at the Vatican website  
'[vatican.va](http://vatican.va)' or 'La Santa Sede'

And click to translate the page into English.

**Click 'Apostolic Exhortations' and  
'Evangelii gaudium' is all that appears.**

Forget not 'Flocknote'! You can simply go online and type in: <[www.flocknote.com/ICCfamily](http://www.flocknote.com/ICCfamily)> and you are in!

### Immaculate Conception Parish celebrates Commitment

on the occasion of the patronal Feast of the Parish  
Sunday, December 7th at 10:30 A.M.  
during the Celebration of the Eucharist.

**Our Sisters of Charity will Renew their Vows  
as Consecrated Religious  
and**

**Jeff & Lisa (Shay) Leach  
will renew their Marriage Vows marking  
their 25th Anniversary.**

A Festive Luncheon will follow. Please join us with a dish to share that's finger food or brunch-like. Beverages, etc. will be provided.

### 2015 Year of Consecrated Life

[November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 ~ February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016]

"Religious life ought to promote growth in the Church by way of attraction. The Church must be attractive. Wake up the world! Be witnesses of a different way of doing things, of acting, of living! It is possible to live differently in this world."

-- Pope Francis

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux lived in a Carmelite convent with her older sister Pauline. Pauline was with Thérèse throughout her brief life, illness, and death at the tender age of 24. It is no accident that Jesus sent out his disciples in pairs. Having a spiritual companion, as Thérèse did, can be of great help and comfort on the sometimes difficult spiritual journey. Cultivate spiritual friendships in your own life.

—Take Five for Faith

### *Prepare the way of the Lord.* (Mark 1:3)

Prepare your heart to receive a greater awareness of the Lord's presence to you by removing whatever might stand in the way by participating in **RECONCILIATION MONDAY on December 15**. Msgr. Charles Quinn will be available from 4:00 P.M. to 6:30

P.M. and Fr. White from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. in St. Anthony's Church for those who want to celebrate individually the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The hours will be the same in other parishes all over the

### *The Sacraments of Healing*

Our healing prepares us for the reception of the Lord evermore deeply into our lives.

#### *The Sacrament of Reconciliation*

~ the Lord's Loving Forgiveness ~

and *the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.*

On the weekend of December 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

the *Anointing of the Sick*

will be celebrated during all Masses.

There will also be a *Communal Penance Service*  
in St. Anthony's Church on Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

[There will be an opportunity  
for individual confession and absolution.]