

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

Immaculate Conception Church

150 South Maple Ave, Clarksburg WV

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**READINGS FOR
THE WEEK**

Sunday

**Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Sir 15: 15-201

Cor 2: 6-10

Mt 5: 17-37, or 5: 20-22a, 27-28,
33-34a, 37

Monday

Weekday

Gn 4: 1-15, 25

Mk 8: 11-13

Tuesday

**Saint Cyril, Monk, and
Methodius, Bishop**

Gn 6: 5-8; 7: 1-5, 10

Mk 8: 14-21

Wednesday

Weekday

Gn 8: 6-13, 20-22

Mk 8: 22-26

Thursday

Weekday

Gn 9: 1-13

Mk 8: 27-33

Friday

Weekday

**The Seven Holy Founders
of the Servite Order**

Gn 11: 1-9

Mk 8: 34---9: 1

Saturday

Weekday

Heb 11: 1-7

Mk 9: 2-13

Sunday

**Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Lv 19: 1-2, 17-18

1 Cor 3: 16-23

Mt 5: 38-48

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Weekly Schedule

Rosary: Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri.
after 8 am Mass
Confessions: Saturday 3 pm– 4 pm
Mass Times: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8 am
Wed 7 pm
Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 7 am, 8:30 am, 11 am
Spanish Mass: Fourth Sunday of the month– 8 am
(Parish Center)

Youth Group Meeting Sunday
 February 12th 4-7pm
 at our parish center



Movie Night
God's Not Dead

We are having a small gift exchange – could be Valentine themed candy or a small gift No More than \$2-3 dollars.

There will be lots of good snack foods. We will also be working on a service project for our parish shut-ins.
 Grades 7-12 are welcome.

CCD/Religious Education

Classes will be held this Sunday,
 February 12, 2017 at 9:30 am
 in St. Mary's Grade School.

Please feel free to contact Sr. Maria, SJI with
 any questions or concerns.
 304-622-8243

smchirandu@gmail.com

Presentaion of Gifts for this weekend will be made by the following

First Communicats

Saturday 5:00 pm: Madeline Palmer
 Sunday 8:30 am: Clara Strother
 11:00 am: William George

Attention CCD Parents: A Faith Sharing Group has been started for all parents of CCD students during the time children are in their classes. Refreshments provided. Come to the first room to the right after you enter St. Mary's School.



Please pray for the souls of our faithful departed Waken Simon whose funeral was held here on Saturday, February 4, 2017, Donnie Oliverio and Dottie Philippart whose funerals were Monday, February 6, 2017. God grant them eternal peace and joy. Our prayers and heartfelt sympathy are extended to their family.

Altar Servers Schedule

February 11-12

Saturday-5 pm

P Rinschler
 A Rinschler
 A Tyson



Sunday-7 am

K Davis
 A Altenburg
 A Altenburg

8:30 am

M Griffith
 E Griffith
 X Lopez

11 am

B McKeen L Milinovich
 E McKeen B Milinovich
 A McKeen

I.C. Men's Group

Next Meeting will be held
 Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 6 pm
 in the Parish Center.

We will continue with the 12 part series on receiving the Holy Spirit.

All Men Welcome!

Prayer Line

Call one of the **Team Members**
 Marcie Smith: 304-842-4845
 Folly Basile: 304-622-6129 or
 Carol Gould: 304-622-7771



To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880.

R.C.I.A

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Class will be held on February 16, 2017 in the Parish Center at 7 pm.

The topic:

“Sacrament of the Eucharist”.



Flowers at the Altar are in loving memory of Diana Lawrence, giving by her husband “Zeke” Lawrence.

Come and join us for Mardi Gras. Our annual pre-Lenten celebration will take place on Sunday,

February 26th after the 11 o'clock Mass in the Parish Center. The menu will consist of shrimp and chicken jambalaya, red beans and rice, coleslaw and desserts. Beverages will be provided. Hope to see you there!



CONGRATULATIONS TO SUZANNE SHAFFER OF THE PARISH WHO HAS RECEIVED THE DIOCESAN SILVER APPLE AWARD GIVEN TO AN EXEMPLARY TEACHER IN EACH OF THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OF THE DIOCESE. THE BISHOP'S DINNER FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 2, 2017



Join Fr. Casey Mahone on a pilgrimage to Italy departing September 26, 2017 and returning October 7, 2017. Cost of trip is \$3,572.00 which includes round trip transportation; hotels, breakfast daily, five dinners; visiting Venice, Milan, Lake Como, Sirmione,

Cinque Terre, Florence, Assisi, Rome, Sorrento, Amalfi Coast with an optional excursion to Capri (\$98). Flyers available in the vestibule. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Anita Petrella at 304-481-3222 or ampetrella@yahoo.com. Space is limited – Early reservations are strongly recommended.



Parish Nurse News

The Parish Nurse Ministry will meet on **Monday, February 13 at 6:30 PM** in the Parish Center. All health care professionals who would like to help with this ministry are invited to attend.

Saturday, February 25: The Ministry will host a Friends and Family CPR Course from 9AM to 12 Noon. The class will include adult CPR, use of the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and Rescue Breathing. Registration will start at 8:30AM and refreshments will be served. The Parish has recently acquired 2 AEDs, one for the Church and one for the Parish Center. Christian Palmer, a student at Notre Dame High School, conducted a fund raiser to purchase the AEDs as his Eagle Scout project. Thank you Christian and Congratulations on achieving the honor of Eagle Scout. Please call Theresa White at 304-623-1302 to register.

Saturday March 4, 2017: *The Seasons of Hope* Program will resume and will be held from 10AM to 12 Noon in the Parish Center. The Parish Nurse Ministry is proud to present a bereavement program. Our Lord assured us that those who mourn are blessed and that they shall be comforted. Seasons of Hope can help us to cope with a loss that we have experienced in our lives. This can include the loss of a loved one, a job, divorce, etc. *Seasons of Hope* offers the bereaved an opportunity to come together and share in God's love with the support of the faith community. We are blessed to have Judy Labdik, a Licensed Social Worker who has facilitated this program before helping us. Please call Theresa White at 304-623-1302 or Mary Jo Flaherty at 304-622-4147 to register. This will be a small group so if you are interested, please call early.

Tuesday, March 28: The Ministry will host the 2nd Annual Kidney Foundation **FREE Kidney Screening** in the Parish Center from 11AM to 2PM. Watch for more information.



The Knights of Columbus Clarksburg Council 872 will be sponsoring a “**free throw**” contest on Sunday, February 12, 2017. The contest will be held at the Gore Middle United High School beginning at 1pm. All children between the ages of 9 through 14 are invited to participate. Contact Doug White at 304-623-1302 or 669-0631.

Mass Intentions



February 11 & 12, 2017 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday: 5:00 pm: Andrew Grisso

Sunday: 7:00 am: People of the Parish

8:30 am: Mike Venettozzi

11:00 am: Joseph Tarantino

Monday: 8:00 am: Diana Lawrence
Anniversary

Tuesday 8:00 am: Adam A. & Anne A. Skasik

Wednesday: 7:00 pm: Ann Cortese

Thursday: 8:00 am: Jane Coughlin

Friday: 8:00 am: Dan Phares
Special Intention

February 18 & 19, 2017 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday: 5:00 pm: Margaret C. Lucas

Sunday: 7:00 am: People of the Parish

8:30 am: John "Pappy" & Lucille Lopez

11:00 am: Al "Coach" Castellana

Pastor's Pondering

Looking ahead to the season of Lent, I will be offering a Monday evening adult education class again for our spiritual enrichment. Rather than a strictly biblical subject, this year I will be offering a class on **“The Letters of Saints Ignatius and Polycarp.”** These two important historical figures were in the “second generation of Christians.” If the tradition is true (and it is highly likely) both of these early bishops were **disciples of John, “the Beloved Disciple”** of the Gospel. They knew one another. In fact, one of the seven letters of St. Ignatius is to the younger bishop Polycarp. Looking at the letters and historical records of these two martyrs of the early Church gives us a fascinating look at the very first Christians, living before the Bible even existed as “one book,” their faith, life, worship and practice. It is in fact **St. Ignatius of Antioch who first used the term “Catholic Church”** in a written record sometime @ 107AD. Since most people do not have a copy of the “Letters of Saints Ignatius and Polycarp” lying around the house I will ask for reservations and a small donation to cover the cost of having copies made. **Sign-up sheets** for reservation of a copy of the letters will be available at the doors of the church beginning this weekend.

Just as we stand on the shoulders of the faith and witness of the martyrs, we stand on the shoulders of generous parishioners; those still living and many who have gone on to glory. I love the final chant of the funeral mass. **“May the Angels lead you into Paradise. May the Martyrs come to welcome you, and take you to the Holy City, the New and Eternal Jerusalem.”** Thank God that some of the generous benefactors of this parish left bequests to Immaculate Conception Parish when they went on to the “New and Eternal Jerusalem.” Those bequests have enabled us to keep the parish and schools going along with the other parishes that support them. Tuition alone does not cover the cost. People sometimes incorrectly think that the schools belong to IC parish. NOT SO! They are Central Schools. We share responsibility for them. It just happens that at the present moment I am the “Designated Pastor,” (whatever that means. There is no job description.) When I first arrived in Clarksburg, Fr. Ledford, then pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, held that position. **Bishop Schmitt** of happy memory used to say, “If I could just get ‘dead Catholics’ to tithe, we’d be OK!” Please consider remembering your parish in your last will and testament. This helps tremendously to secure the future of both schools and parish. As they often say, **“You can’t take it with you!”** On the other hand, if you still want to **try to take it with you, you might consider a bequest to Holy Cross Cemetery!** Both parish and cemetery rely on endowments to cover operating expenses as last week’s financial report made clear. Join me in thanking **Margaret Ann Lydon** for her excellent work in financial reporting, administration and stewardship!

Special thanks to the “anawim” of the parish for your love of the Lord and guileless support of His mission. “Anawim” is the Hebrew word used in scripture for the **humble folk** who remain faithful to God even through difficult times. Simple folk who tithe or give faithfully are the ones who really carry the day to day weight of the parish and schools financially. Without them, they would simply cease to exist.

Blessings,

Fr. Casey