

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 20, 2017

Immaculate Conception Church

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**READINGS FOR
THE WEEK**

Sunday

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56: 1, 6-7

Rom 11: 13-15, 29-32

Mt 15: 21-28

Monday

Saint Pius X, Pope

Jgs 2: 11-19

Mt 19: 16-22

Tuesday

The Queenship of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Jgs 6: 11-24a

Mt 19: 23-30

Wednesday

Weekday

Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

Jgs 9: 6-15

Mt 20: 1-16

Thursday

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Rv 21: 9b-14

Jn 1: 45-51

Friday

Weekday

**Saint Louis; Saint Joseph
Calasanz, Priest**

Ru 1: 1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22

Mt 22: 34-40

Saturday

Weekday

BVM

Ru 2: 1-3, 8-11; 4: 13-17

Mt 23: 1-24

Sunday

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22: 19-23

Rom 11: 33-36

Mt 16: 13-20

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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)



*Flowers at the Altar are in
 loving memory of Diana
 Lawrence given by her
 husband Zeke.*

**THE PICNIC IS AROUND THE
 CORNER!!!**



Our Annual Parish Picnic will be held
 Sunday, August 27th, after the 11:00 Mass. Families
 with the last names starting with

- A-I Hot covered dish
- J-R Cold dish (salads, etc.)
- S-Z Desserts

If you prefer to bring something else that is fine.
 Make sure the dish you bring is already cooked.
 Hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken, pulled pork
 sandwiches, and drinks will be provided. Rocky
 Romano will head the committee to plan this
 event. Contact Rocky @ 304-641-2414 if you
 would like to help. A BIG thank you to the
 following committees who donated items toward
 the raffles: The Men's Prayer Group a 24" bike
 for a boy and a girl. The Bereavement
 Committee a 20" bike for a boy and a
 girl, and 2 Razor Scooters from the
 Gift Shop.



CCD/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Registration and first day of Class
 is August 27, 2017 at 9:30 AM- 10:45 AM**

You can always contact me by email
 at smchirandu@gmail.com or call 304 622 8243.

*Please Note: Parents with children
 in Second Grade, First Reconciliation
 and First Communion Classes will be
 held on Tuesday evenings
 from 6PM – 7:15 PM.*

*Back to School Cookout for
 Our Youth Group Members*



Sunday, September 17th 4:00 @ the VA Park
 Anyone in Grades 7-12 is welcome!

Come have fun with us! We will be playing games
 like wiffle ball, kick ball, food and giving away
 school supplies.

Please RSVP by Sept. 15th to
 Sister Maria SJI @ 709-1623 or Robin @641-4025.

**The Harrison County Health
 Department** will hold a Food
 Handlers Permit Class at the
 Immaculate Conception Parish
 Center on Friday, August 25 at
 1 pm. For more information please contact
 Ethel Shorr @ 304-629-9941.



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.

Prayer Line

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



I.C. Men's Group

Next Meeting will be held
 Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 6 pm
 in the Parish Center.
 We will continue with the 12 part series
 on receiving the Holy Spirit.

All Men Welcome!



THE BELLS AND CHOIR
WILL BE STARTING
AGAIN ON THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 6.
BELLS AT 6:00, CHOIR
AT 7:00.



Parish Nurse News

The Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, August 26, 2017 from 8AM to 10AM at Applebee's**. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased from any member of the Parish Nurse Ministry and after the weekend Masses. Help us to make some money that helps to fund the programs we provide.

The Parish Nurse Ministry is proud to present a continuation of the bereavement program. *Seasons of Hope* Program will resume on **Saturday, September 9** and will be held on Saturdays from 10AM to 12 Noon in the Parish Center. 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. We look forward to welcoming back previous members and meeting new members. This will be a small group so if you are interested, please call early.

Blood Pressures will be taken after all Masses on August 26 and 27.



Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.

Saturday, September 16, 2017. A bus will depart from Immaculate Conception Church, Clarksburg at 6 AM and return the same day at approximately 10pm. Cost for the bus is \$30 per person. Rosary with Children's Choir begins at 10:30 AM. **For further details see posters in church, visit dwc.org or call St. James the Greater Church in Charles Town at 304-725-5558 for reservations.**

20% of our parish families have pledged approximately \$300K towards the exterior improvement project. Envelopes will be available in the pews and at the doors of the church until the end of August for those of you who have not contributed. Every donation large or small is appreciated! Thank you for your investment in our parish.



Immaculate Conception RCIA 2017-18
Fr. Casey – Please contact this person and invite them to RCIA:

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Referring Person (optional)

Other Information _____

Join The Immaculate Conception Church for a bus trip to Lancaster PA November 9-10, 2017. Price is \$275.00 per person for double occupancy. Price includes: Round trip motor coach transportation; one night lodging at the Cork Factory; breakfast at hotel; reserved seating for the *Miracle of Christmas* play at the Sight and Sound Theatre; free time shopping in Amish Country. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Anita Petrella at 304-481-3222 or ampetrella@yahoo.com.



It's hard to believe it's been over year and half since we have become part the Kroger rewards program. With your help Kroger has donated well over \$1000 each quarter. Last quarter we had 112 households who shopped at **Kroger** and **\$1161.88** was Kroger's donation. Every August we must re-enroll in the program. To re-enroll or join just call-866-221-4141 and give them your card number or phone number. Our Church number 84483 if you would like to join. If you need any help please call me at 304-695-8204.

Thank you-Gary Altenburg

Mass Intentions



August 19 & 20, 2017 **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday: 5:00 pm: Connie & Leo McConlogue

Sunday: 7:00 am: Anna & Joe Veneziano

8:30 am: Antoinette Tricase

11:00 am: People of the Parish

Monday: 8:00 am: Dan Phares
Special Intentions

Tuesday: 8:00 am: Dr. Julian Gasataya

Wednesday: 7:00 pm: Christopher Quickle

Thursday: 8:00 am: Mary Zivkovic

Friday: 8:00 am: Jacob Aman

August 26 & 27, 2017 **Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday: 5:00 pm: Nancy Davisson

Sunday: 7:00 am: Mary L. Belcastro

8:30 am: Frank Smith

11:00 am: People of the Parish

Pastor's Pondering

Teachers, students and parents are all trickling back and soon the schools will be in full swing. We can be grateful that **St. Mary's Grade School and Notre Dame High School** have not only managed to stay open but **are thriving**. This takes a great deal of cooperation between schools, parishes, parents, pastors and principals and staff. According to *The Catholic World Report*: "The Church worldwide is in the midst of a Catholic education boom. Between 1997 and 2008, the number of Catholic primary schools rose from 86,505 to 93,315—an increase of a dozen schools every week—to keep pace with a 20 percent increase in enrollment in the same period. Likewise, the number of Catholic secondary schools grew from 34,849 to 42,234—an increase of 13 schools each week—alongside a 28 percent rise in enrollment. These gains outstripped the growth in overall Catholic population (16 percent) and world population (15 percent) during the same period. **In the midst of this Catholic education boom worldwide, the Church in the United States has suffered a dramatic decline**.... According to the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA), the number of Catholic schools fell from 8,146 to 6,980 between 2000 and 2010—a loss of 117 schools every year. Combined primary and secondary school enrollment also declined 22 percent, from 2,647,301 to 2,065,872."

We are in "a good place" locally with our Catholic Schools. We must not rest on our laurels but look to the future. West Virginia exports more people than it imports. We are not as culturally diverse as the rest of the country,...yet. Did you know that **thirty-five percent of Catholics in the United States are Hispanic, as are the majority of Catholics under 30?** This is always quite noticeable to me when I have travelled outside of our state. What do those statistics mean for the future? It is always surprising (and disheartening) to me to hear of Catholics who take on "nativist" attitudes. The only people who could logically espouse that attitude are Native Americans and many Latinos have more "Indian blood" than folks of European stock. Even Native Americans, migrated here across the Bering Straits from Mongolia, according to many studies! We're all immigrants! In Fairmont I used to hear of days when "Italian Catholics" were not welcome in "the Irish Parish." I'd like to think that such unenlightened, prejudiced (basically sinful) thinking is from a bygone era, but vestiges of it still seems to linger in pockets here and there.

The Bible has *a lot* to say about immigrants and immigration. In fact, **the Hebrew word *ger*, the closest word to our concept of an immigrant, appears 92 times in the Old Testament alone.** I encourage everyone to do a little Bible study on the topic of immigrants. Here are some passages to start you out: "The LORD your God is the God of all gods and Lord of all lords, the great, mighty, and awesome God who doesn't play favorites and doesn't take bribes. He enacts justice for orphans and widows, and he loves immigrants, giving them food and clothing. That means you must also love immigrants because you were immigrants in Egypt" (Deuteronomy 10:17-19 CEB) "You must not oppress foreigners. You know what it's like to be a foreigner, for you yourselves were once foreigners in the land of Egypt" (Exodus 23:9 NLT) "When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. You shall treat the stranger as the native among you. You shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt." (Leviticus 19:33-34 ESV)

Just some food for thought,...and prayer,...and maybe,...confession.