

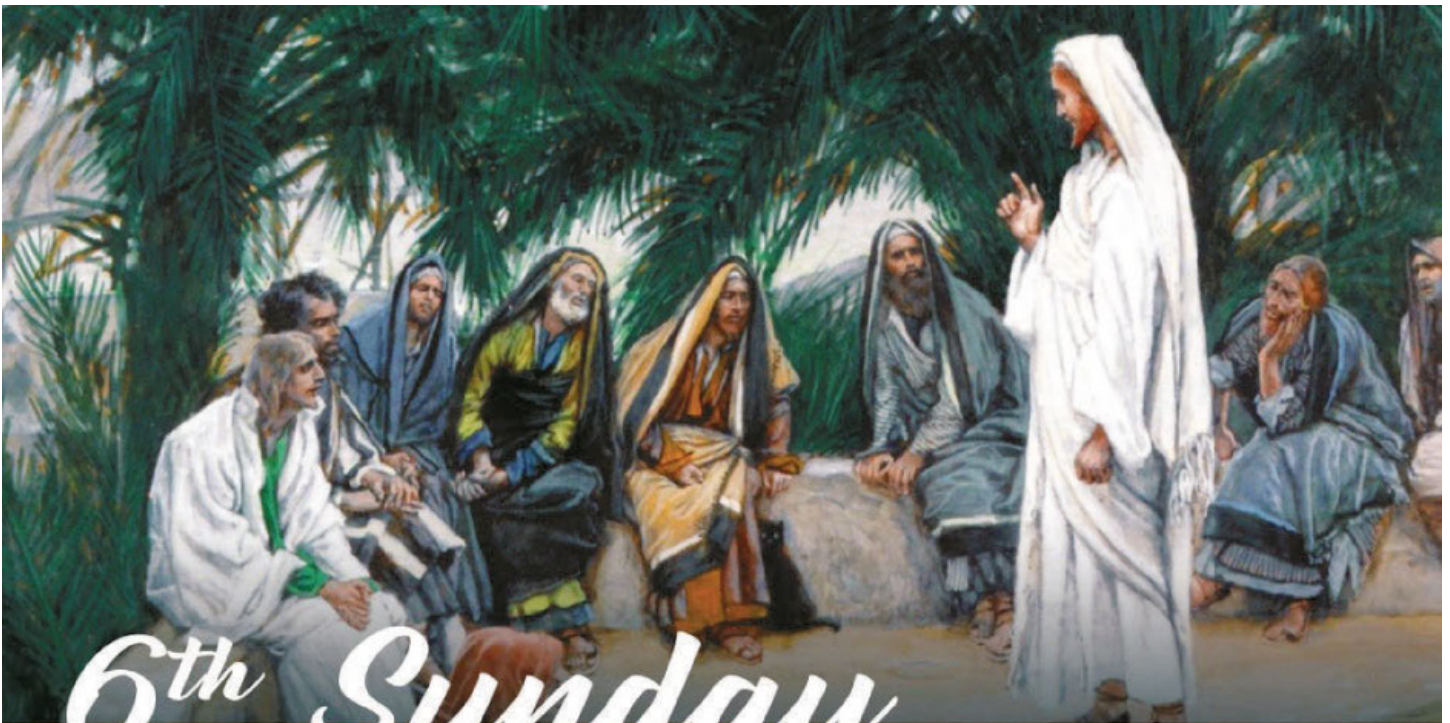
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

MERCER, PENNSYLVANIA

Welcome!

You probably have noticed in stores these past few weeks chocolate and hearts. Valentines Day is tomorrow. Already there are bunnies and baskets for Easter peeking out. Unlike its Christmas counterpart, Easter is mostly uncommercialized, which is pretty remarkable: the day that we celebrate the glory of Christ's resurrection remains untainted by retailers.

Just because we're not receiving Easter ad upon Easter ad in our newspapers and inboxes doesn't mean we should pigeonhole the holiday as a minor celebration. Easter is the most crucial celebration on the Christian calendar—even the word crucial has its roots in Christianity, stemming from the term for crucify. What are you doing for Lent? It is not too far off. Be sure to observe Lent to its fullest so you can rejoice in the Easter festival.



6th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man." - Lk 6:22

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FEBRUARY 13, 2022

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

How can we help you?

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 6:00 PM & by appointment.

BAPTISM

By individual appointment. Baptism is celebrated during the weekend Liturgies.

MATRIMONY

6 months preparation required.

ANOINTING OF SICK

If you or a loved one are sick, facing surgery or are in any health need, please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the celebration of the Anointing of the Sick.

HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME

Monthly visits by Pastor & Eucharistic Ministers. Celebration of the Mass:

Avalon Springs:

10:30 AM - 3rd Friday of the month.

Countryside:

10:30 AM - 4th Friday of the month.

Hospitalized

Please contact the Parish Office for pastoral visit.

Faith Formation

Youth: Gr. 1-11 Sunday 9:00-10:15 AM

Adult: R.C.I.A./Adult Ed. - as scheduled

Social Services

SHARING SHED FOOD PANTRY

2nd & 4th Saturdays: 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

AA: Tues. at 7:30 PM (Gallagher Hall)

AA: Wed. at 8:00 PM (Gallagher Hall)

AI Anon: Wed. at 8:00 PM (Learning Center)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mass Intentions: 724-662-2999.

Prayer Chain: Janice: 724-977-7860

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Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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Andrew G.

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Juliane Vurell

Robert Angelucci

Samantha Packard

To be included in our prayer chain, call Janice at 724-977-7860, or the rectory at 724-662-2999.

Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

ALTAR SERVERS

None Scheduled At This Time

LECTORS

12 Feb 5:00 pm - T. Waterloo
 13 Feb 8:00 am - D. Whittaker
 10:30 am - M. Hazi
 19 Feb 5:00 pm - J. McCracken
 20 Feb 8:00 am - M. Gutowski
 10:30 am - C. Wilpula

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

12 Feb 5:00 pm - S. DeMarsh
 13 Feb 8:00 am - A. M. Kwaiser
 10:30 am - T. Peters
 19 Feb 5:00 pm - T. DeMarsh
 20 Feb 8:00 am - J. Sweet
 10:30 am - D. McMullen

OFFERTORY FAMILIES

None Scheduled At This Time

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

12 Feb 4:30 pm - P. Acker
 19 Feb 4:30 pm - B. Krug

COLLECTION COUNTERS

None Scheduled At This Time

SHARING SHED 10:00 am - 11:00 am

26 Feb R. & S. Smith, C. Hunt



Grades 1 - 11
Every Sunday 9 AM - 10:15 AM

FAITH FORMATION

Sun. Feb. 13: Class
 Sun. Feb. 20: No Class - President's Day
 Sun: Feb. 27: Class

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments
Digital Dating Abuse can be defined as "a pattern of behaviors that control, pressure, or threaten a dating partner using a cell phone or the internet." One quarter of youth (12-17) who have been in a romantic relationship during the previous year report that they'd been the victim of digital dating abuse. So, what are some of the best ways for a parent to open up communication with their child about a delicate topic like online dating? First and foremost, ask your child what they are doing online and then really listen to why they like or don't like what's going on there. Parents must be diligent about staying on top of the latest trends. Great online dating tips can be found at www.cyberwise.org. To see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth visit www.eriecld.org/childprotection/

Weekly Offering
February 6, 2022

Offertory	\$ 3,317.00
Loose Money	203.00
Children	4.00
Facilities Maintenance	75.00
Catholic Communication	20.00
Fuel & Utilities	<u>466.00</u>
Total:	\$ 4,085.00

ONLINE:

Offertory	\$ 1,228.00
Fuel & Utilities	140.00
Facilities Maintenance	<u>20.00</u>
Total:	\$ 1,388.00

From Fr. Matt:

Seventh Annual 1:38 women's Conference

"Say Yes!" to the 7th Annual 138 Women's Conference. The conference will be held from 9:00 - 12:30 on March 12, 2022. You may attend live at St. Jude Parish in Erie, PA, virtually at satellite parishes via zoom or in your own home via zoom. The cost is \$20. This year's conference will feature national speakers Lisa Hendey, best selling author and founder of CatholicMom.com and Patricia Breen who writes online for Blessed is She, Fem Catholic, Grotto Network and CatholicMatch. Visit our website at www.138women.com for more information and to register.

Dear Friends,

Bishop Persico continues to encourage every one to wear a mask when gathered in church for Mass. Please keep praying for an end to the COVID Pandemic.

You can see Lent 2022 on the horizon. It is time to start thinking about what you will do to observe the Holy Season of Lent.

There is a retreat coming up that is meant to help prepare for Lent. It will be held on Friday and Saturday February 25-26 at the Saint Thomas More House of Prayer in Cranberry Township. This is the Cranberry near Oil City. If you have never been to the Thomas More House of Prayer— just going there is worth it. See the registration information elsewhere in the bulletin today.

Another customary way to mark the coming of Lent is the celebration of Mardi Gras-Fat Tuesday. We will have our Fourth Fat Tuesday Potluck dinner on Tuesday March 1. I hope you can come. It has always been an enjoyable evening to be together and be prepared to dive into Lent on Ash Wednesday.

In the gospel passage today we hear the Beatitudes as recorded by Saint Luke. These are not easy actions and attitudes to live by. They take a lifetime to develop. But Jesus promises that our struggle will not last. His victory is our victory if we allow him to work in our lives and respond to his call to follow his will.

Stay safe,

Fr. Matt

Readings for the week of February 13, 2022

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]
/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76
/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19
/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5
/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
/Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday: Jas 3:1-10/Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8/Mk 9:2-13

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2,
3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49
/Lk 6:27-38

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____

Number of People in Household: _____

CIRCLE ONE: Request for Registration Form Change of Address Moving out of Parish Want Envelopes

Please drop Membership Form into the collection basket or mail to the Rectory.

Reservations Due

Next Sunday



Fat Tuesday
Pot Luck Dinner

Gallagher Hall

Tuesday, March 1

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Annual Pre-Lenten Retreat

The Diocesan of Erie is excited to announce the return of the annual Pre-Lenten Retreat. Singles and couples are invited to participate in the retreat Feb. 25-26 at St. Thomas More House of Prayer in Cranberry. Retreatants will have opportunities for community, talks, adoration, Mass and confession. Please complete registration by Feb. 18. For more information and to register, visit www.eriercd.org/chastity/retreat.html. Questions? Call or email Jacob Kessler, director of chastity education for the Diocese of Erie, at 814-824-1216 or jkessler@eriercd.org.



Pancake Breakfast

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 27, 8:00 am till 12:30 pm
Gallagher Hall

Proceeds Benefit Immaculate Heart

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 12

5:00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, February 13

8:00 am † Ed Kerr (Shirley Koegler)

10:30 am † James F. Wilson, Sr.
(J. Wilson & Farmartino Family)

Monday, February 14

No Mass

Tuesday, February 15

Mass at St. Mark's Chapel

† Faithful Departed

Wednesday, February 16

8:00 am † Marcella Wheaton
(Bonnie Krug)

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, February 17

8:00 am † Donald Seeman Jr.
(Fr. Matt & Staff)

Friday, February 18

8:00 am Dave & Michele Zellmann
(Jim & Dottie Joyce)

Saturday, February 19

5:00 pm † Sue Stewart
(Sharon & Andy Samuto)

Sunday, February 20

8:00 am People of the Parish

10:30 am † Edward L. Peters
(Jim & Dottie Joyce)



Eternal Light

Jesus is the 'Light of the World' and the Sanctuary Candle reminds us of His True Presence. The Sanctuary Vigil Light is burning this month in memory of Ron Mahen as requested by Charles and Sharon Kurz.

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