Masses

**Saturday Evening:** 5:00 pm  
**Sunday:** 9:00 am, 11:00 am  

**Daily Mass:**  
Monday - Friday 9:00 am  

**Holy Days:**  
7:00pm (Vigil on the eve)  
9:00 (on the day)  

Confessions  

**Saturday:** 4:00 - 4:30 pm (Large Church)  
or by appointment with a priest  

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SUNDAY’S READINGS

FIRST READING:
See, your king shall come to you;
a just savior is he,
meek, and riding on an ass,
on a colt, the foal of an ass. (Zec 9:9b)

PSALM:
I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.
(Ps 145) or Alleluia

SECOND READING:
For if you live according to the flesh, you will die,
but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body,
you will live. (Rom 8:13)

GOSPEL:
“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.” (Mt 11:28)


OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 5, 2020
Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Saturday: St. Benedict, Abbot
Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

REFLECT
FIRST READING
The prophet Zechariah envisioned a future king for the people of Israel who would rule the nations with justice and humility. How do you see these virtues as a strength in leadership?

SECOND READING
Paul speaks of the promise of the resurrection from the dead for believers who reject the flesh and live according to the Spirit. What spiritual exercises do you practice that help reject the flesh?

GOSPEL READING
Jesus praises his Father for the irony of the wise and learned who are unable to see what is revealed to the childlike. What does this tell us about the kingdom of heaven?
Happy July Fourth!
The 1974 Musical Shenandoah produced quite a few wonderful songs, not least is the one I’ve reproduced here. Take some time in the light of current events to think about how true these words are today as then, and during the Civil War, the setting for the play and movie. Another word for this “state of mind” is the “Kingdom of God.”

Freedom ain't a state like Maine or Virginia
Freedom ain't across some county line
Freedom is a flame that burns within ya
Freedom's in the state of mind

Freedom, freedom,
Freedom, freedom
Freedom is a flame that burns within ya
Freedom's in the state of mind

Freedom ain't a boat that's leaving without ya
Freedom ain't a place ya float to find
Freedom's in the how ya think about ya
Freedom's in the state of mind

(Chorus)
You can't get to freedom by riding on a train
The only way to freedom is right on through your brain

Freedom is a notion sweeping the nation
Freedom is the right of all mankind
Freedom is a body's imagination
Freedom is a state of mind

Freedom, freedom
Freedom, freedom
Freedom is a notion sweeping the nation
Freedom is a body's imagination
Freedom is a full-time occupation
Freedom's in the state of mind

Shenandoah is a musical that was composed during 1974 with music by Gary Geld, lyrics by Peter Udell, and book by Udell, Philip Rose, and James Lee Barrett. The musical is based on Barrett’s original screenplay for the 1965 film Shenandoah.
Prayers for the Sick

Andrew Webster
Charlie Swift
James Wilkinson
Elizabeth Daconto
Joseph Gagliano
Rosalie Kalinowski
Primo Carlos
Jennifer Lombardi
Alice Nolan
Peter McCombs
Bob Sherwood

Oliver Burkhardt
Dennis T. Fitzimmons
Darling Fitzimmons
Anne Martin
Frances Reilly
Joe Panarello
Lori Grace
Gina DiMartino
Luhur Budiarjo
Kevin Williams
Therese Hopper

Mass Offerings this Week

Saturday, 5 pm:  All Parishioners of Mary Immaculate
Sunday, 9 am:  Roetta Lyons
              By the Cullen Family
              Jeff Hunold
              By Aunt Roe
Monday, 9 am:  Toby Cullen
              By the Cullen Family
Tuesday, 9 am:  George Gamaldi
              the Parish Family of Mary Immaculate
Wednesday: No intention
Thursday, 9 am:  Vincent Garrish and Fr. Tino
                By the Cullen Family
Friday: No intention

Mass Intentions

Now, perhaps more than ever, we can gain comfort and offer consolation to others during their time of grief by having a Mass said for a friend or loved one.

You may also offer a Mass for healing for someone in need.

Stop by the rectory office to make arrangements.

Altar Flowers for the month of June

are offered in memory of

Patricia Butler

by the Butler Family

Please Pray for Our Deceased

Ursula Gouhl
Elizabeth Lombardi
Mary Stanganelli
Peter Kokell
Anna Marie Vallone
Ellen Schon Lee
Salvatore Richard Matera
Peter DiChiaro
Tony & Roseanne Curiale
Tony & Teena Loreto
Elizabeth Hamilton
Robert Santiago Leon
Robert Caruso
Registration is now Open

Register by visiting our website and either use the on-line registration or print out a form and return it to the office. You can pay on-line or write a check. Payment must be received with your registration form. Placement will be on a first-registered, first-placed basis and will be confirmed after payment is received. If you are experiencing a financial hardship, please contact the Faith Formation co-ordinator, Fran Bursztyn, to discuss payment options.

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New dates for the postponed Sacraments have not yet been finalized. Parents will be notified when details are set.

A survey was recently sent to parents asking for input on this year’s Vacation Bible School AND class for the fall of 2020. If you didn’t receive the survey, please contact the office. If you did, please let us know your thoughts. Your opinion counts!

As we reopen...

We return to the Sacrament of Baptism and the Funeral Mass.

Please contact the rectory for more information.

CONFESSIONS

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation NOW FROM 4:00 TO 4:30 EVERY SATURDAY In the Library of the Large Church
LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING to the Call

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments
Faith Like a Child

If you Google Search recommendations on how to raise generous children, almost every list of ideas begins with — or at least contains — the directive for adults to be good models of generosity themselves. Our children learn from our actions much more than from our words. Of course, when I think back over the years while my children were growing up, I think I may have learned as much from them as they learned from me. There is a time between early childhood and middle school where a child seems to be freer to give and share than at any other time in life. It is around the age of First Communion when the cries of “mine” turn to laughter and smiles, and the urge to be a part of something bigger than oneself leads to sharing. Before you know it, the child hits the pre-teen years, and once again, he or she becomes the center of the universe.

I believe that the previous paragraph is all true, however, the stages described seem to repeat themselves throughout adulthood. Don’t you agree? Sometimes we fall into seeing ourselves as the center of the universe, or we become consumed by our state in life or with what we have acquired. Also, we at times are generous and loving people. It is sin that draws us back into ourselves and away from any meaningful life of stewardship and generosity. In order to be freed for love, we need role models to help us see what really matters. We need to reflect on the example of many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. And, yes, we need to look to children who may be at the point in their lives where sharing is fun, and love is something in abundance.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING
Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?
Catholic Life Explained:
Kissing the Altar at Mass

Question:
Why do priests kiss the altar at the start of Mass?

Answer:
Our churches and chapels are filled with symbols. We might think of the more common symbols (like the crucifix, statues, stained-glass windows, vestment color and altar cloths) as well as major symbols (such as the paschal candle and the baptismal font). But there are some things that we can take for granted in our sacred spaces, because unfortunately, they seem to just be part of the building, including three of the main symbols of our liturgy: the ambo (lectern), the chair for the priest celebrant, and the altar.

These three objects are placed in a specially designated area called the sanctuary. They are the places where the Word of God is proclaimed, where the priest prays and presides at the celebration, and where the bread and wine are offered by the priest during the Eucharistic Prayer. Although each of these objects is sacred because of the role they play in our worship, the altar holds a special place. In a document containing the rules and instructions for the Mass — the “General Instruction of the Roman Missal” — we read: “The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished throughout the Eucharist” (no. 236).

One of the ways that we recognize the importance of the altar is when the priest and deacon kiss the altar at the beginning of Mass. Kissing is an ancient act of devotion. Remember, we also kiss the cross on Good Friday, and the deacon or priest kisses the “Book of the Gospels” after the Gospel is proclaimed. This act of devotion reminds us that the altar is a symbol of Jesus, the “living stone” (see 1 Peter 2:4), the foundation stone of our faith. It is a symbol gesture, but it is a powerful reminder of the One on whom our faith is built and in whose name we gather as the “household of faith” (see Galatians 6:10).

To learn more, see the “Catechism of the Catholic Church” (no. 1362-1363).
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GOSPEL MEDITATION
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We are all familiar with the refrain, “You have put on Christ. In him you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia!” In Baptism, we “put on” Christ. In putting on Christ, we put on all that Christ is and represents: hope, faith, and love. We are no longer bound to the sins and failures of the flesh, that part of us that resists God and relies exclusively on human means. It also means that we are not in debt to our past, complete with its sins, failures, regrets, fears, and unfulfilled dreams. There is always hope. In putting on Christ, we put on God’s vision for the world, for all of His children and for us. We have been given a road map to guide our paths and a blueprint to follow for our life’s journey.

There is no need for regret, and we are not tethered to our past. Is there anything in your past that you regret? Any decision or memory that continues to haunt you? We have all made mistakes, and we have this uncanny ability to continue beating ourselves up over things we can no longer do anything about, except learn from them. To put on Christ means that I can now bring God’s unconditional love to my hurtful memories and sinful choices. With each new moment and every new choice, I can start clean and live in freedom.

Imagine adults when the disciples were preaching and baptizing. They came to baptism not really knowing who they were, with pasts that were broken, seeking to live the joy of the Gospel they heard spoken to them and wanting the love they saw witnessed in the lives of those who believed. What tremendous celebrations their baptisms must have been! They could now have the support of a community, full participation in the sacraments of the church, focus for their disordered lives, consolation, healing, and an understanding of what life is really all about.

Our lives are meant to be celebrations of the Spirit we have received in Baptism. How does that joy get expressed in and through you? When we truly understand that we have put on Christ, our burdens can become much lighter. It is odd that so many Christians look like they are carrying the weight of the world on their shoulders. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if those weights could be lifted and joy experienced!
Explore the World into which Jesus was Born

Have you ever said to yourself, “I really don’t understand the Bible, and I wish I knew more about it!? Here’s your chance!

Jesus Christ became incarnate in a particular time and place and in a particular cultural, political, and religious situation. Come learn about these "particulars" in a lecture series offered here at Mary Immaculate Church.

Dr. Judy Travers, Professor of History at Suffolk County Community College, will offer 3 one-hour talks designed to explore the world into which Jesus was born and in which Christianity developed.

We'll look at several historical aspects of Jesus' world, including
the earliest traditions and beliefs of the Jews
the important social/political/religious parties in Judea and the Roman Empire at the time of Jesus’ birth
the spread of Christianity after the death of Christ, despite the persecution of Christians within the empire

By learning about the people and culture of Jesus’ day, we can gain a greater appreciation and understanding of the teachings of our Lord.

This series will be presented in the Large Church and will begin at 7 pm on Thursday, July 9th, Monday, July 13th and Thursday, July 16th.

To register, please either call the rectory, 631-286-0154, or email eileen@miparish.net

Save the Date: Blood Drive: August 16, 9am to 3 pm

Appointments will be necessary. Sign-ups will begin the weekend of July 18th.

FINAL MINI PLANT SALE!

Last chance to bring home a new addition for your garden!

All plants from last weekend will be available this weekend PLUS more varieties of potted Dahlia, perennials, trees and shrubs!

Come and adopt a plant or two to beautify your garden and support our church.
Pray for those who serve

Robert Vasquez - Navy
Gun. Sgt. John Scott Dowdell - USMC
SSgt Matthew Pica - Army
SSgt. Shawn Weismiller - Air Force
Sgt. Jason Ramos - Army

Prayer for Independence Day

God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with the memory of those who declared that life and liberty are your gift to every human being.

Help us to continue a good work begun long ago. Make our vision clear and our will strong: that only in human solidarity will we find liberty, and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth.

Turn our hearts toward the family of nations: to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship, and to find safety only in the common good of all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRAND RE-OPENING OF OUR THRIFT SHOP!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH

10 am to 2 pm

We are thrilled to announce our return to usual business hours:

Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm
Jesus said, "Learn from Me."

Trace the picture.

Find and count the hidden children.

3 or 4? 4 or 5?
Jesus gave praise to God.

Match and trace the letters.

PRAISE

Jesus said that all things had been given to Him by God.

Connect the dots.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12