

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



AUGUST 23, 2026

WELCOME!

Parish Information

129 Graham Avenue
Brookville, PA 15825
P: (814) 849-8697
W: www.icbrookville.com

Our Staff

Pastor | Rev. William M. Laska
Religious Ed. | Penny Rakovan
Secretary | Chris Koladish

Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception

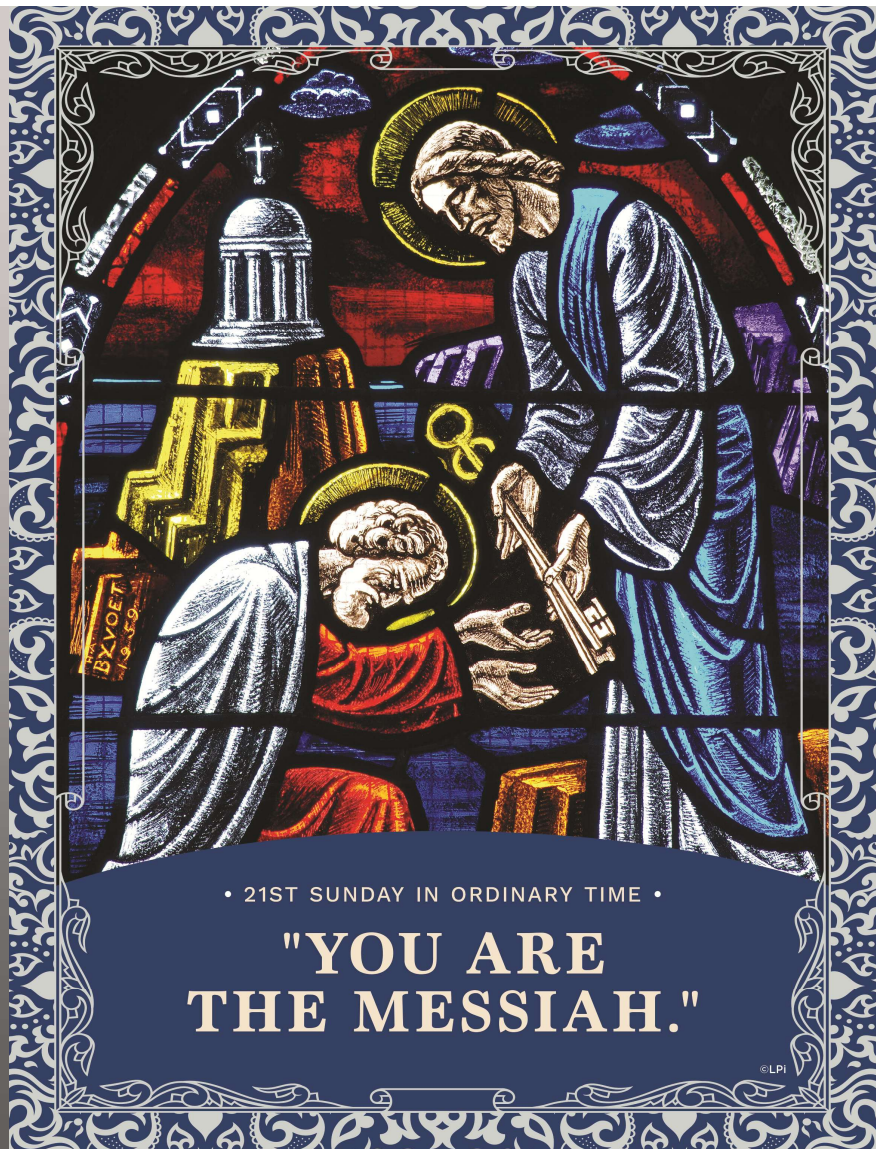
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Holy Day: Consult Bulletin for
Mass times

St. Dominic

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.
Holy Day: Consult Bulletin for
Mass times
Reconciliation: 8 a.m. Sunday

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. (IC),
also by appointment



• 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •
**"YOU ARE
THE MESSIAH."**

©LPI

MORE PARISH INFORMATION...

Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment. A six-month preparation period is required.

Sacrament of Baptism

By appointment. Please call the rectory for information.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call the rectory if anyone in your family is hospitalized
or is a shut-in.

Parish Membership

Membership in the parish is required to be a sponsor for a
Sacrament, to be married in the parish, or to have a child
baptized. Please notify the rectory office of a change of
address or phone number.

Religious Education Classes

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. (*All Grades*)

***Bulletin Deadline: Monday at 9:00 a.m.**

THE CHURCHES OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. DOMINIC

MASS INTENTIONS

Schedule for the Week

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

8:00 AM Parish Family of Immaculate Conception and St. Dominic

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

8:00 AM Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Salay
by Judy Croxton

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

8:00 AM A. Louise Boozer by her Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

8:00 AM Donna Spinazzola by her Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

5:15 PM Jean Kelso Reynolds by her Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Michael Schrecongost
by his Parents

10:30 AM Donna Chestnut by her Family



The flowers at Immaculate Conception are in memory of Larry Riggs. They were placed by his Family.



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Larry Riggs. Requested by his Family.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—AUGUST 29 & 30

Altar Servers

Saturday, 5:15 p.m. | Please volunteer if you attend this Mass

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Emelia Gow

Lectors

Saturday, 5:15 p.m. | Jim Stanley

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | John Pozza

St. Dominic | Jo Schrecongost

Rosary Leaders: Steve French, Mike Kessler



STEWARDSHIP - AUGUST 15 & 16

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$3,810.00
Loose.....	\$981.00
Feast of the Assumption.....	\$552.00
Church in Latin America Collection.....	\$964.00
Priestly Education and Care.....	\$647.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$44,504.00
Pledged.....	\$95,499.00
Paid.....	\$81,372.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$5,127.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2025	\$30,015.00
Surplus (Deficit) (Week #7).....	(\$4,874.00)

Thank you for supporting your parish.

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It is important to read today's Gospel and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew's Gospel. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about his passion and death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do. The use of the term *church* in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

USHERS SCHEDULE

August 29 Jim Stanley, Don Jonischek

August 30 John Palmer, Jonathan Hoak

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

The "Order of Christian Initiation for Adults" or OCIA is the process where adults express their interest in becoming members of the Catholic Church. Through weekly meetings and instruction, discussion and prayer is offered to help introduce the fundamentals of our Faith.

Please spread the word to encourage family and friends who have expressed even a minimal interest in the past, and offer to accompany them as they take this important first step.

As in the past years, we invite and look forward to having many other parishioners attending these classes who simply want to know more about our Catholic Faith. Please contact the church office (814-849-8697) if you know someone who is interested in the OCIA program.

Classes meet on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall at Immaculate Conception Church.

CHILI COOK-OFF

Break out your best Chili recipes and enter this year's Chili Cook-off at our Fall Festival. Entry fee is \$5 with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The Cook-off will be held on Saturday, September 12th. Please bring 4 quarts of Chili, heated and ready to be sampled by 9 am to the Festival. For questions, please email the church office at icbrookville@windstream.net.

STUFFED CABBAGE ROLLS

Stuffed Cabbage Rolls will be available by pre-order at our Fall Festival for pick-up on Friday September 11th before 6 pm. Cabbage rolls are \$20 per pan. Orders must be placed by September 1st. Order forms were included in last week's bulletin and are available on the bulletin board at Immaculate Conception Church (you can drop it in the collection basket) or call Judy Hopkins at 814-849-7176.

FALL FESTIVAL SWEET SHOP

Our Sweet Shop, a most popular stop at our Fall Festival, will be asking for donations of homemade baked goods. Your donations of homemade items are needed to stock the shelves. We need cookies, pies, candy bread, rolls, etc. As in the past, we ask those whose last name begins with the letters A through L, please bring your items on Friday, September 11th. Those whose last name begins with the letters M through Z, please bring your items on Saturday, September 12th. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to help set up the outside tents and picnic tables on Thursday, September 10th. If you are able to help, please come to the school at 6 pm. Students can earn their church hours by helping.

FALL FESTIVAL INFO

Our **Children's Gift Raffle** is seeking items for children up to and including 6th grade. Tickets are free to each child. Monetary donations are also welcome. Donations may be dropped off at the school on Monday evenings.

Our **Gift Raffle** is asking for donations of new items. In the past we have had bicycles, televisions, power tools, paintings, wreaths, gardening items, camping items, kindles, Ipads, rocking chairs, wooden swings etc. If you would like to make a donation to this part of our Festival, please contact Brian Ganoe at 814-591-3248.

Our **Theme Basket Room** is asking for completed baskets using new items. This room has proven to be a very popular area in the past and people are excited to walk away with a beautiful basket filled with useful items. As an added note, if you will be donating a basket that has food items included, please wait to bring your basket after September 2nd to insure freshness and quality. If you would like to make a donation to this area of our Festival, but cannot get to the store to purchase the items for a basket, you can make a monetary donation and we will shop for you and arrange a basket for you.

Our **Craft and Holiday Room** is asking for handcrafted items and Christmas decorations. Perhaps you have a talent for woodworking, wreath making, tole painting, pottery, carving, making jewelry, quilting, hand-painted or carved signs, Christmas ornaments, soap making or any other craft. Please consider making a few items for our Craft and Holiday Room. Show us what you can do! Donations can be dropped off at our school building on Monday evenings.

The **Flea Market** is seeking donations of good, clean, usable household items. Please remember, due to limited space, we do not accept fine china sets, electronics, tires, exercise equipment, books, clothing, overstuffed furniture, couches and chairs. **The last day to make donations to the Flea Market is Monday, August 31st.**

Plans for the Festival also include the \$2,500 Cash Raffle, Cabbage Rolls by pre-order, Chili Cook-off, sandwiches and pizza, Roast Beef Dinner on Sunday, and games and fun for the entire family.