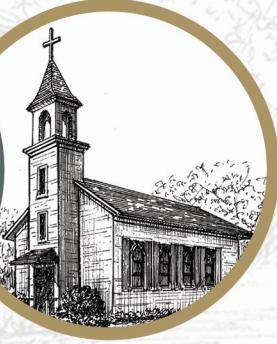


# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



**FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

## WELCOME!

### Parish Information

129 Graham Avenue  
Brookville, PA 15825  
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### 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),



**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.'"  
Mt 5:20

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## 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, FEBRUARY 17

8:00 AM James Laska by Rose Eve Day

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

7:00 PM Joan Hartzell by a Friend

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00 AM Helen Rhodes by Steve and Ruth Rowan

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:00 AM Sarah Brocious by her Family

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

5:15 PM Terry and Wayne Smith  
by Cathy and John Mester

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Parish Family of  
Immaculate Conception and St. Dominic

10:30 AM Gilbert Brant by Jim and Susan Brant

## PRAYER CHAIN

If you wish to have a loved one or friend remembered on the prayer chain, please contact the Church Office at (814) 849-8697 and leave a message or call Mary Snyder at 814-849-3478. Thank you.



The Sanctuary Lamp burns for all those on our Parish Prayer List.

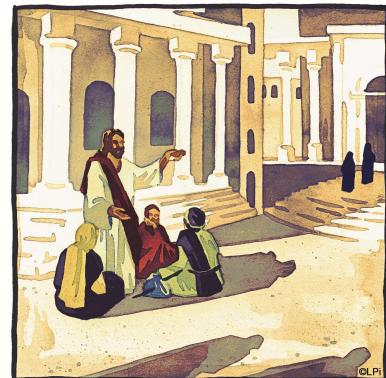
## THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the

Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.



## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—FEBRUARY 21 & 22

### Altar Servers

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

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Nora O'Donnell

### Lectors

Saturday, 5:15 p.m. | Michele Confer

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

St. Dominic | Ashley Thorpe

**Rosary Leaders:** Barb Riggs, Steve French

# LENT

## STEWARSHIP - FEBRUARY 14 & 15

### Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes .....	\$1,555.00
Loose.....	\$808.00
Catholic Communications.....	\$10.00
Fuel Offering.....	\$115.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,970.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2025 .....	\$143,963.00
Surplus ( <b>Deficit</b> )(Week #32).....	<b>(\$12,724.00)</b>

**Thank you for supporting your parish.**

## USHERS SCHEDULE

February 21 Pat Nosker, Steve Koladish

February 22 Steve French, Thad Johnson

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Today is Commitment Sunday for the 2026 Catholic Services Appeal "In Christ, we are One". The CSA is essential to carrying out the Church's mission to evangelize, educate, serve, proclaim the Word, celebrate the sacraments, and provide hope to people in need, beyond what any parish can provide on its own.

As baptized Catholics, the Lord calls each one of us to share His love and build up His Church. Through our gifts to the CSA, we unite as one in carrying out His life-giving mission. Thank you for your faithful generosity and prayers for the CSA.

Every CSA donation also brings us closer to being able to complete our own parish projects of new carpeting for the sanctuary and exterior trim painting at Immaculate Conception and gutter replacement and repair of the bell tower at St. Dominic's. No gift is too small, but please give as generously as you can. Our diocesan assessment is \$44,504.00. All amounts received over the assessment remain in our parish for our own projects.

Thank you for your commitment and generosity to the Catholic Services Appeal.

## MASS REQUESTS FOR 2026

We are accepting Mass requests for 2026. Masses are reserved on a first come, first honored basis. **Mass intentions are to be for one person, one couple, deceased of the family, or in honor of a special day.** You may reserve your masses by calling the office at 814-849-8697 or by email at [icbrookville@windstream.net](mailto:icbrookville@windstream.net) or drop your requests in the mail slot at the rectory. Mass stipends remain at \$10 per Mass.



## SANCTUARY LAMP



The schedule for the Sanctuary Lamp for 2026 is posted on the bulletin board at Immaculate Conception Church. Offering for the candle is \$10.



## THE SEASON OF LENT

As we begin the season of Lent this week on Ash Wednesday, we remind everyone of the extra opportunities to do something special. We will have Mass on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm each week during the Lenten season. The first evening Mass will be on Tuesday, February 24th. Each Thursday evening at 7 pm we will have the Stations of the Cross. Our first evening for Stations of the Cross will be on Thursday, February 26th.

Also, daily Mass during Lent is encouraged, to help deepen our spiritual life through daily reception of the Eucharist, prayer, and reflection. Morning Mass is held at Immaculate Conception at 8 am Tuesday through Friday.



**CHOIR PRACTICE**  
Choir practice for the Easter Season is being held following the 10:30 am Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. New members are always welcome.

## READINGS FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The readings for today's Mass help us think about our choices. God gives us the freedom to choose between good and evil. He doesn't force us. But He wants us to choose life. His commandments are there to guide us, not to burden us.

In the Gospel, Jesus says He didn't come to abolish the law. He came to bring it to its fullest meaning. He wants more than just the outside actions. He calls us to go deeper—to be honest, to be pure, to let go of anger, and to speak with truth.

Saint Paul reminds us that God has good things planned for those who love Him. These blessings are not always easy to see. But the Holy Spirit helps us to understand them. God's wisdom is not like the world's. It leads to real joy and peace. We are invited to follow God with our whole heart. His commandments are not just rules. They are the way to love Him and others. They help us walk with Him every day.