

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



**FEBRUARY 22, 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

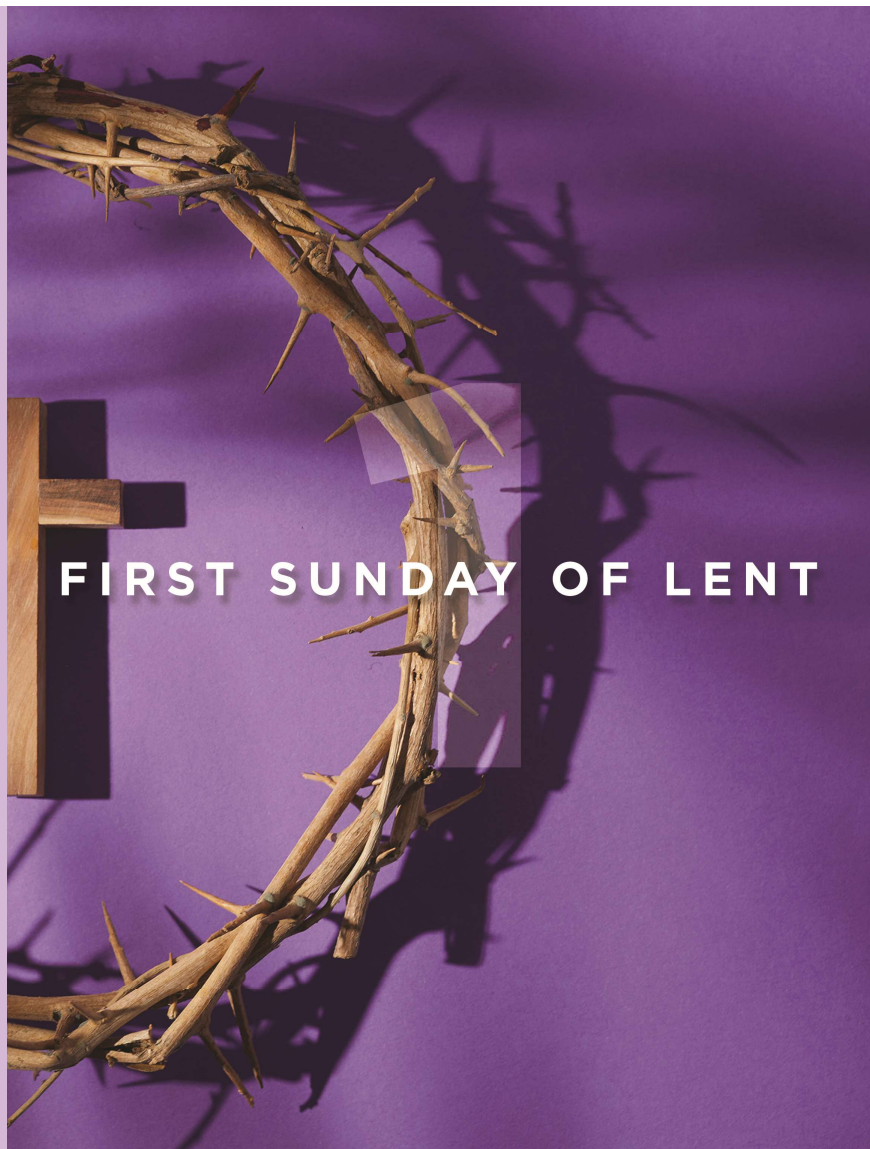
#### St. Dominic

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

### Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. (IC),

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



## 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 24

8:00 AM Donna Spinazzola by her Family  
7:00 PM Al Lefevre by the Cipolione Family

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:00 AM Special Intention

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00 AM Jon Noonan by Sandy Noonan  
**2:00 – 7:00 PM Day of Adoration**  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross and Benediction

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:00 AM Barb O'Donnell by Darlene Ransel

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

5:15 PM Betty Cherico by Rick and Gina Cherico

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 1

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Thomas and Catherine  
Kruckvich by Dave Love  
10:30 AM Bill Kerr by his Family

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 28 & MARCH 1

### Altar Servers

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

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Oliver Butcher

### Lectors

Saturday, 5:15 p.m. | Ann Thacher  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Barbara Chestnut  
St. Dominic | Debbie Thorpe

**Rosary Leaders:** Denny Kinol, Steve Rowan

## STEWARDSHIP - FEBRUARY 14 & 15

### Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes .....	\$6,936.00
Loose.....	\$733.00
Fuel Offering.....	\$435.00
Rice Bowl Offering.....	\$50.00
2026 Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment .....	\$44,504.00
Pledged.....	\$23,375.00
Paid.....	\$19,725.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,970.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2025 .....	\$151,632.00
Surplus ( <b>Deficit</b> ) (Week #33).....	<b>(\$12,370.00)</b>

*Thank you for supporting your parish.*

## 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 a Special Intention. Requested by Rick and Gina Cherico.

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.



## USHERS SCHEDULE

February 28 Rick Cherico, Bob Deter

March 1 Gene Hoak, Steven Hoak

**2026 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL**

A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. Your faithful commitment allows us to live out the mission of the Church. As your pastor, I am inspired and grateful for your support. We have received 41 pledges totaling \$23,375.00. Our diocesan assessment is \$44,504.00.

If you have not yet made a commitment, it is not too late. Just drop your pledge card or envelope marked 'CSA' in the collection basket or turn it in at the parish office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. As a reminder, anything over our goal will be used for our own needs at Immaculate Conception and St. Dominic's.

**EVENING MASS AND  
STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Our evening schedule for Mass and Stations of the Cross during Lent will begin on Tuesday, February 24th.

Tuesday evening at 7 pm for Mass

Thursday evening at 7 pm for Stations of the Cross and Benediction.

**This gives us the opportunity to do  
something extra for Lent.**

**22:32 MEN'S CONFERENCE  
SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH**

Enjoy a dynamic experience with men from around the Diocese of Erie and beyond! The 13th annual 22:32 Men's conference will be held on Saturday, March 7th from 8:30 am to 1 pm and you may attend as follows:

- Live in-person at St. Jude the Apostle Parish, Erie
- Live-streamed to hosting parishes; participating parishes are listed on our website at [www.2232men.com](http://www.2232men.com)
- Live-streamed to your home.

Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your relationship with the Lord through inspiring national speakers and opportunities for prayer, reconciliation and Mass. All you need to have is an open heart! The event is just \$25 and there are discounts for groups. Students may attend for free. For more information and to register, visit [www.2232men.com](http://www.2232men.com) or call 814-455-7364.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Our next day of Adoration will be on **Thursday, February 26th** from 2 to 7 pm. We are asking you to commit to a half hour (or longer) of adoration by placing your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church. This is to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament will never be left alone as it is exposed on the altar. Our day of Adoration ends at 7 pm with the Stations of the Cross and Benediction.

Please plan on joining your parish family as we pray for all those who have requested our prayers, for our parish families and for all those who have needs and no one to pray for them.

**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.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

The First Sunday of Lent begins with the scene of the temptation of Christ, the opening of the public life of Jesus. The temptation declares in the Gospels in a very forceful manner the great change in our lives that He introduces into the world by His work of redemption. Where Adam fell, Christ, the new Head of humanity, triumphs over the power of Satan: at the time of His passion "the prince of this world" will be cast out. The Gospel of the temptation heralds Christ's victory in advance.

By appointing this Gospel for the beginning of Lent, the Church proclaims that this victory should be ours also. In us, as all around us, it is Christ's temptation, Christ's struggle, Christ's victory which is prolonged; our effort is His and so is our strength; His will be our victory at Easter.