

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



**JANUARY 4, 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: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### St. Dominic

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.  
Holy Day (Vigil): 6:00 p.m.  
Reconciliation: 8 a.m. Sunday

### Reconciliation

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



• THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD •

**THEY SAW THE  
CHILD WITH MARY,  
HIS MOTHER.**

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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, JANUARY 6

8:00 AM Fr. John Santor

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00 AM Donna Kinol by her Family

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00 AM Patricia Deter by a Friend

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00 AM Jim and Myrla Carberry  
by Chris and Steve Koladish

#### SATURDAY, January 10

5:15 PM Margaret and Steve Mineweaser  
by Bob Mineweaser

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Fr. Gregory Leopold  
10:30 AM Jon Noonan by John and Marian Palmer

## 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 in memory of our Parents. Requested by Steve and Chris Koladish

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.



## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—JANUARY 10 & 11

### 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. | Ann Thacher

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Steve French

St. Dominic | Josephine Schrecongost

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

## STEWARSHIP - DECEMBER 20 & 21

### Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes .....	\$2,210.00
Loose.....	\$932.00
Retired Religious Fund.....	\$190.00
Flower Fund.....	\$35.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$25.00
Feast of the Immaculate Conception.....	\$105.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment .....	\$42,385.00
Pledged.....	\$80,998.00
Paid.....	\$78,685.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,970.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023 .....	\$110,503.00
Surplus ( <b>Deficit</b> )(Week #25).....	<b>(\$13,747.00)</b>

**Thank you for supporting your parish.**

## USHERS SCHEDULE

January 10 Pat Nosker, Steve Koladish

January 11 Steve French, Thad Johnson

## MASS REQUESTS FOR 2026

We have begun 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.** Please be considerate of other parish families and limit your weekend requests to 2 per family until after the initial request period. Weekend Mass requests may be increased after January 18th. 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.

## CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

If you need a Church contribution statement for tax purposes, please contact the rectory at 814-849-8697 or by email at: [icbrookville@windstream.net](mailto:icbrookville@windstream.net).

Statements will not be automatically mailed out, you must request a statement to receive one. Requests should be made as soon as possible.

Thank you!

## HELP NEEDED

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations at St. Dominic's on Sunday, January 11th following the 8:30 AM Mass.

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations at Immaculate Conception Church on Sunday, January 11th at 2 pm.

Anyone who would be able to help is asked to come at that time. All help is greatly appreciated. This is a great opportunity for high school students who need service hours for church or school.

## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel tells us that "all Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled." Similarly, in families, one person's negative attitude can ripple through and affect everyone. If you desire a peaceful and joyful home, it must begin with you. Embrace peace and joy, and let it spread to those around you.



## SANCTUARY LAMP

The schedule for the Sanctuary Lamp for 2026 is posted on the bulletin board at Immaculate Conception Church. **Please, only one request per family at this time.** Offering for the candle is \$10.

## EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you are involved in any of the Parish Ministries, and we don't have your current e-mail address, please send an email to: [icbrookville@windstream.net](mailto:icbrookville@windstream.net) so we can add you to our address book. Schedules can then be sent to keep you informed and up to date.

## WORD OF LIFE

"Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world." From the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. "The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"

## WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

The Christmas carol *We Three Kings of Orient Are* was written by Reverend John Henry Hopkins, Jr. in 1857 for a Christmas pageant.

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him." Matt 2:1-2

Guided by the star, the Magi traveled to the place where Jesus, Joseph and Mary were staying. They presented their new born king with presents of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The first gift of gold identified Jesus as king, the second gift, frankincense, symbolizes his priesthood, and the third gift, myrrh, prophesied of his death, as myrrh was commonly used as an embalming spice in that day. The three offices of the Messiah, Prophet, Priest and King, were also represented by the gifts.

