

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



Inviting—Uniting—Igniting
720 Liberty Street
Clarion, Pennsylvania 16214
Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning - 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Holy Days - 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
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Parish Membership

Membership includes active participation in the sacramental life of the Church, involvement in the activities of the faith community and financial support of the parish. New members are welcome to register by calling the parish office.



13th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." - Lk 9:60

**WHY DO WE DO THAT?
CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

Question: This time of year, I attend a lot of weddings. Why do Catholic weddings need to take place in a church?

Answer: Technically, there is a clause in Church law that could allow for weddings to take place outside of a church, in a suitable space under special circumstances, but it requires the rare permission of the bishop. But the meaning of marriage goes very, very deep, and the Church has a vested interest in protecting that meaning. As Catholics, we don't see a wedding as an event that needs a pleasing backdrop.

Marriage is a sacrament, both an occasion of joyful promise and symbolic solemnity. It is a spiritual event. The loving bond of marriage symbolizes the mystical union between Christ and his Church. The man and woman profess lifelong vows of fidelity, and they receive supernatural grace from God to keep their promises. Receiving the sacrament of Marriage in a church has broader symbolic meaning for the couple as well. Marriage isn't simply two people in isolation from the world around them. Marriage is the joining of families and the beginning of a new, holy mission in the life of the couple. Weddings are sacred occasions, and it's fitting that they occur in sacred spaces.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MONTY – A Sobering Thought – In his book *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*, Matthew Kelly writes, “We don’t have a reputation for helping people with their real and immediate needs, so they have stopped coming to church, and in many cases they’ve written Christianity off. We are not meeting people where they are and leading them to where God is calling them to be.”

Ask yourself, “If I commit to creating Holy Moments, can I reverse this trend?” **YES YOU CAN!** Are you willing to let God transform you? The process of transforming the world and us begins with Holy Moments.

Happy Independence Day! I will be out of town July 1 – 5 visiting Washington, DC over the Fourth of July. This week why not let this prayer from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops be a guide for your reflection and meditation? It so beautifully summarizes all the blessings of our precious freedom. Why not offer it as well as a prayer of thanks for our United States armed forces—and their families—dedicated to defending our liberty?

Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome—for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us—this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**GUESS WHO?
WHAT'S YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?**

The correct answers are on the opposite page.

1. He translated the Bible into Latin and said: “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” a) Jerome b) John Paul II c) Padre Pio d) Thomas Aquinas
2. He marched around the walls of Jericho until they collapsed and said: “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” a) Ignatius of Antioch b) Samuel c) Solomon d) Joshua
3. This 16th-century Spanish Carmelite nun said: “Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours.” a) Joan of Arc b) Elizabeth c) Teresa of Avila d) Ann
4. A lover of nature and animals, he sang: “Be praised, my Lord, for all your creatures, and first for brother sun, who makes the day bright and luminous...” a) Jude b) Francis of Assisi c) Basil the Great d) Philip
5. Converted on the road to Damascus, he wrote the most books in the New Testament. One of his most beloved verses is this: “Love is patient, love is kind” (1 Corinthians 13:4). a) James b) John c) Peter d) Paul
6. St. Anthony of Padua coined the phrase: “Actions speak louder than words.” True | False
7. When told he would be crucified by the Romans, this saint said: “I am not worthy to die like my Lord.” So he was crucified upside down. a) Simon b) Jude c) Peter d) Matthew
8. He rejected the Christian faith of his mother, Saint Monica, and pursued everything the world had to offer. After converting, he said: “There is no saint without a past and no sinner without a future.” a) Augustine b) Linus c) Cletus d) Clement



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, JULY 4 AND FRIDAY, JULY 5 IN OBSERVANCE OF THE INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY.

2019 PITTSBURGH STEELERS SEASON TICKETS RAFFLE —



Chances for the annual Pittsburgh Steelers Season Tickets raffle are available from members of the Knights of Columbus Council #7549. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$20. The drawing will be held **July 23, 2018**. First prize is two (2) season tickets to all eight regular season home games (over \$1,800 value) or \$1,000 cash. Second prize is \$250 cash, third prize is two tickets to each home preseason game and fourth prize is \$100 cash. Council #7549 appreciates your support of this fundraiser that helps us support church, school and community activities. Tickets will also be sold after all Masses from June 23-July 22. For more information call Frank Wolbert at 229-7530 or speak with any member of the Knights of Columbus.

DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS —

Couples celebrating 25, 50, 60 or 60+ years of marriage in 2019 are invited to attend one of the Annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations this summer. Bishop Persico will preside at both of the liturgies. The Anniversary Celebrations will be held at two locations:

- Aug. 4 at 2 p.m., St. Catherine of Siena Parish, DuBois
- Aug. 25 at 2 p.m., Sacred Heart Parish, Erie.

Couples may complete a registration form online at <https://www.ErieRCD.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>.

The online method is preferred, but you may print a hard copy of the registration form at www.icclarion.org. For questions, call or email the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or familylife@ErieRCD.org.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

This year, Immaculate Conception Parish will be hosting the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner (previously held at the County Seat Restaurant). This free dinner is open to the public and typically draws around 600 diners! We need many volunteers and donations to make this event a big success.



Even though Thanksgiving is five months away, the time to begin planning is now. If you are interested in serving on the Community Thanksgiving Dinner Committee, please call the parish office at (814) 226-8433, ext. 101, or email KimKroh@comcast.net.

FREEDOM — St. John Paul II reminds us: "Freedom is not just doing what we can, it is doing what we ought." We become freer within ourselves and within our relationships when we choose what is right and good. When we choose sin, we become trapped in egoism - less free, not more. This Independence Day, let's continue to pursue virtue and good character and encourage others to do this same.

Answers to IQ: 1.(a) 2.(d) 3.(c) 4.(b) 5.(d) 6.(True) 7.(c) 8.(a)



— NO MASSES Monday through Thursday —

July 1 — July 5

Saturday, July 6 - Saint Maria Goretti

4:00 pm Bill Huefner (Alta Logue)

Sunday, July 7 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am For the People

8:30 am RADIO MASS — Eileen and Wendell Love (Estate)

11:00 am Ron Wolbert, Sr. (Sue Wolbert)

Readings for the week of June 30, 2019

Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 [8a]
/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12 [3a]
/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]
/Jn 20:24-29

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]
/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a,
4b-5 [1b]/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [3a]
/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]
/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Question of the Week for Faith Sharing:

Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." (Lk. 9:61-62)

Adults: When have you faltered or looked back during your journey of faith?

Kids: What can you do to be a stronger follower of Jesus this week?

FARMERS' MARKET VOUCHERS — The Clarion Area Agency on Aging has \$20 Farmer's Market Vouchers available for eligible participants. Clarion County senior citizens who are 60 years old and over and meet the annual income guidelines are eligible to receive the vouchers. You must show proof of age and residency. The Main Street Center will distribute vouchers Tuesdays beginning on June 25th from 9 am to 12 noon and Thursdays from 1 pm to 3 pm until further notice. NO vouchers will be distributed out of the Aging office. Information is available on the church website — www.icclarion.org — or by calling the



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