

# 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.  
Weekdays - Consult the bulletin or phone the parish office

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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.



*14<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven.” - Lk 10:20

### MORE ... GUESS WHO? WHAT'S YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?

The correct answers are on the opposite page.

Continuing from last week...

1. St. Therese of Lisieux is known as the Little Flower because she said: "When I die, I will send down a shower of roses from the heavens." True | False
2. A Church Father and bishop in Lyon, France, he taught that "the glory of God is man fully alive." a) Mark b) Irenaeus c) Giuseppe Moscati d) John Paul II
3. This 20th-century pope lowered the First Communion age from 12 to 7. He said: "Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to heaven." a) Benedict b) Catherine of Siena c) Philip Neri d) Pius X
4. This Italian Franciscan with the stigmata (the wounds of Christ) counseled: "Pray, hope, and don't worry." a) Nicholas b) Ignatius of Loyola c) Padre Pio d) Kateri Tekakwitha
5. Host of a popular TV show in the 1950s-60s, this now-venerable archbishop insisted: "There are not over 100 people in the U.S. that hate the Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly believe to be the Catholic Church." a) Fulton J. Sheen b) Andrew Kim c) Robert Bellarmine d) Robert Barron
6. Known as the Angelic Doctor, this Dominican wrote the *Summa Theologica* — a summary of Catholic theology. He taught: "To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible." a) Thomas Aquinas b) Joseph of Cupertino c) Brother André d) Albert the Great
7. Pope St. John Paul II said: "Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought." True | False
8. An uneducated laywoman, this saint of the Middle Ages was an advisor to popes and was later named a Doctor of the Church. She preached: "All the way to heaven is heaven." a) Josephina b) Cecilia c) Priscilla d) Catherine of Siena
9. Founder of the Jesuits and author of *The Spiritual Exercises*, this saint said: "Teach us to give and not count the cost." a) Bruno b) Ignatius of Loyola c) Norbert d) Alphonsus Liguori
10. This young peasant girl died defending her purity from an attacker. She said: "Our Lord prefers to wait himself for the sinner for years rather than keep us waiting an instant." a) Maria Goretti b) Margaret of Scotland c) the Samaritan woman d) Hildegard
11. This bishop of Milan helped convert St. Augustine. He said: "The rich man who gives to the poor does not bestow charity but pays a debt." a) John b) Joseph c) Leo the Great d) Ambrose
12. St. Augustine said: "Love God and do whatever you please." True | False

**FOOD FOR FRIENDS** — Our next days to serve the Food for Friends meal is Wednesday, **July 17**. Volunteers should be at First Presbyterian Church by 4:45. We'll need cookies to serve for dessert. Future dates are September 18 and 25. Questions? Contact [dsarbin@verizon.net](mailto:dsarbin@verizon.net).



**A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MONTY – Welcome Visitors and Guests!** You noticed that there was no homily at today's Mass. In May 2019, our parishioners participated in an on-line survey, the first phase of our *Parish Vision Plan*, a three-year strategic plan for Immaculate Conception. 447 parishioners took the survey, surpassing my challenge that, if 400 participated, I wouldn't preach during the month of July!

Today, we observed a time of silence reflecting on the Scriptures and on Holy Moments we created during the past week. I invited the assembly to place their moments on the Altar during the presentation and preparation of the gifts. Along with our gifts of bread and wine, our tithes and offerings, we are offering our Holy Moments during the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

In his book *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*, Dynamic Catholic.com founder Matthew Kelly refutes the lie when he writes: **Holiness is possible**. Holiness is possible, not just for Mary and the saints, but it is possible for every Catholic who is willing to let God transform them. The process God uses to transform the world and us begins with **Holy Moments**.

Kelly defines a Holy Moment as "a moment when you are being the person God created you to be, and you are doing what you believe God is calling you to do in that moment.

It is an instance where you set aside self-interest, personal desire, and what you feel like doing or would rather be doing, and embrace what you believe will bring the most good to the most people in that moment". \*

Consider this challenge by the author: "Can you go out tomorrow, collaborate with God in this way and create one Holy Moment?"

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### COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

This year, Immaculate Conception Parish will host 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 success. Thanksgiving is a mere five months away, so the time to begin planning is **now**. If you are interested in serving on the committee for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, please call the parish office at (814) 226-8433, ext. 101, or email [KimKroh@comcast.net](mailto:KimKroh@comcast.net).

### Immaculate Conception Parish

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**GOSPEL MEDITATION** - This Sunday, Jesus reminds us that "the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." As Catholic disciples, we are the laborers that the Master is sending. All around us are opportunities to share the love and mercy of Jesus Christ - our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, even our faith communities! Lest we feel unequipped for the task, Jesus gives us some advice.

"Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals." We might not have a theology degree or training in public speaking, but that doesn't mean we can't share the Gospel. The power of God is at work in simplicity. The disciples went forth with nothing as a reminder to trust in the Providence of God. Say a little prayer that God will speak through you and has a need for your gifts, just as you are.

"Do not move about from one house to another." So much of the life of Jesus was about relationships. He modeled this attitude by journeying with his disciples. Here he makes the same recommendation to them, to remain with the same family for their entire stay in the town. Break bread with others. Invite them to coffee or a game night in your home. Sharing your faith isn't just about saying the right thing, but loving well over time.

"The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off." Sometimes we want to help someone, but for whatever reason, they don't receive it well. Sometimes people aren't interested in our efforts to invite them deeper into faith. When rejection happens, don't carry it with you. Don't let it over-burden your heart. Rejoice that you share in the mission of Christ, and keep on loving the next person he places in your path!



**Immaculate Conception Director of Music & Liturgy/Elementary Music Teacher**

Immaculate Conception Parish, a Catholic parish of 600+ families located in Clarion, PA, is seeking a dynamic Director to enhance Music and Liturgy by forming the assembly, cantors and choir in multiple music styles and prayerful worship. Available instruments are a Yamaha Baby Grand Piano and Protégé by Allen Organ. A complete job description is available at [www.icclarion.org](http://www.icclarion.org). This is a full-time position with teaching responsibilities at our PreK through 6th grade parish school. Must be able to secure all necessary clearances. Competitive compensation package. Interested candidates should e-mail a resume and letter of interest addressed to the Music & Liturgy Task Force to [KimKroh@comcast.net](mailto:KimKroh@comcast.net) by July 31, 2019.

**VENANGO REGION CATHOLIC SCHOOL GOLF SCRAMBLE** — Saturday, July 13, Hi-Level Golf Course

Format is Foursome Team Scramble

9:00 a.m shotgun start

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, July 8**

8:30 am Bob Schwabenbauer (Helen and Mike Selker)

**Tuesday, July 9 - Saint Augustine Zhao Rong and**

**Companions**

8:30 am Sheriden Anderson (Patrick and Rita Reed)

**Wednesday, July 10**

5:30 pm Keith Martin (Virginia Martin and Family)

**Thursday, July 11 - Saint Benedict**

8:30 am Louise Schmader (Mark Weaver)

**Friday, July 12**

8:30 am Bob Leonard (Jim and Mary Lou Delaney)

**Saturday, July 13 - Saint Henry**

4:00 pm Paul Boyles (Pattie Boyles and Family)

**Sunday, July 14 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 am For the People — **INCENSE**

8:30 am RADIO MASS — Martha Kerle (John and Kate Kerle)

11:00 am Deceased members of the Adams and Walters Families (Regis and Pat Walters)

**Readings for the week of July 7, 2019**

**Monday:** Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab [cf. 2b] /Mt 9:18-26

**Tuesday:** Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38

**Wednesday:** Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7

**Thursday:** Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15

**Friday:** Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23

**Saturday:** Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33

**Next Sunday:** Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 [cf. 33] or PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9a] /Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

**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 **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 helping us support church, school and community activities. Tickets will be sold after all Masses through July 22. For more information call Frank Wolbert at 229-7530 or speak with any member of the Knights of Columbus.



**Answers to IQ:** 1.(False) 2.(b) 3.(d) 4.(c) 5.(a) 6.(a) 7.(True) 8.(d) 9.(b) 10.(a) 11.(d) 12.(True)

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