



# 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

**Add a  
HOLY MOMENT  
to someone's  
day!**



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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.



**GOSPEL MEDITATION** - Loving isn't too difficult, right? Many of us are surrounded by kind, lovely people trying to do the right thing. Indeed, to "love your neighbor as yourself" seems like it should be easy enough. Treat people like you would like to be treated. Bring the new

neighbors some baked goods (normal and gluten-free, just in case). Chat with the bank teller about his holiday weekend. Write an occasional card to your sister "just because." There were probably varieties of these acts of kindness in Jesus' day. Perhaps substituting figs for cookies. But "exchange pleasantries with the traveling cloth merchant" isn't the example Jesus gives.

"A man fell victim to robbers... they stripped him and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead." The righteous pass by the scene of the dying man. The hero of the story is the one on the margins of Jewish society, who perhaps would not have been welcomed, in other circumstances, by the man now in the ditch. His neighborly love causes him to halt his journey, to tend wounds, and to pay for the man's care out of his own savings. Are we interruptible? Are we attentive to the hurts of others? Are we generous with our money and possessions?

In the past few weeks, who has crossed your mind as someone in need of help? Perhaps it's an acquaintance suffering from cancer. Maybe you were invited to donate to or volunteer at a local social cause, but it just won't stick in your mind (or schedule) to make it happen. The needs of people are many and varied. We can't help everyone, but God does place opportunities in our path for compassion and courageous love. This week, be "the one who treated him with mercy." © LPi

### Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments-

**Know the Warning Signs of Abuse:** Those who abuse children look like everyone else. They don't look like scary people that we should know to avoid. Rather, they live with their families in our neighborhoods. One of the most important ways to ensure the safety of children in our environments is to know the warning signs of adults who present a risk of harm to children. Among these signs are when the person (1) always wants to be alone with children in areas where no one can monitor the interactions, (2) allows children to do things their parents would not permit, (3) is always more excited to be with children than with adults, and (4) discourages others from participating in activities involving kids. For more information and resources visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/>

**A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MONTY – Welcome Visitors and Guests!** You noticed that there was no homily at today's Mass. In May our parishioners participated in an on-line survey, which was 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!

We observed a time of silence today, reflecting on the Scriptures and on **Holy Moments** we created during the past week. I instructed the assembly to place their "moments" on the Altar during the presentation and preparation of the gifts, so that, along with our gifts of bread and wine, our tithes and offerings, we are offering our **Holy Moments** during the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

**What is a Holy Moment?** In his book *The Biggest Lie in the History Christianity*, Dynamic Catholic.com founder Matthew 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**?"

**Immaculate Conception Parishioners** – Are you feeling "stuck" in the process of creating Holy Moments? Why not use Matthew Kelly's "prayer of transformation" this week?

Lord,  
Here I am.  
I trust that you have an incredible plan for me.  
Transform me. Transform my life.  
Everything is on the table.  
Take what you want and give what you want to give.  
I make myself 100 percent available to you today.  
Transform me into the person you created me to be,  
so I can live the life you envisioned  
for me at the beginning of time.  
I hold nothing back.  
I am 100 percent available.  
Lead me, challenge me, encourage me, and  
open my eyes to all your possibilities.  
Show me what it is you want me to do, and I will do it.  
Amen.

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**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING** — Looking for family planning that respects your faith, your marriage, your body *and* that is effective? Couples from around the diocese are learning about a way of life that helps them work with God to grow their families or space children. Find studies verifying Natural Family Planning's (NFP) effectiveness, class schedules, and resources for strengthening your

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*Natural Family Planning: Cooperating with God's Design for Married Love* is this year's theme for National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week. Join other families in celebrating God's vision for married love on Sunday, July 21st at the 11:00 am Mass at St. Peter Cathedral with Bishop Persico. Following Mass, all are invited to a free luncheon at Mother Theresa Academy cafeteria, followed by the opportunity to join other families at Presque Isle State Park. More information is available at [www.eriercd.org/awareness-mass.htm](http://www.eriercd.org/awareness-mass.htm).



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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.

**COFFEE KLATCH** — “Coffee klatsch” comes from the German kaffeeklatsch which means “coffee chat.” It can be called kaffeeklatsch or coffee klatch or coffee clatch. It doesn’t matter how you say it, it’s still an informal social gathering where people drink coffee and talk amongst themselves in a very social and fun manner. So, now that you know what it is...why not come to one on **Friday, July 19th at 9 am in OLCC!** All are welcome.



**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 parish, 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.



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**CATHOLIC QUOTES -**

"The remedy for fear is trust in God."  
— Caryl Houselander



**Monday, July 15 - Saint Bonaventure**

8:30 am John and Helen Stahlman (Estate)

**Tuesday, July 16 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

8:30 am Bill Huefner (John and Jean Blachier)

**Wednesday, July 17**

5:30 pm Henry Murphy (Nickol Family)

**Thursday, July 18 - Saint Camillus de Lellis**

8:30 am Jack Doran (Marie Mauersberg)

**Friday, July 19**

8:30 am Regis and Dorothy Kaltenbach  
(Cheryl and Larry Anthony)

**Saturday, July 20 - Saint Apollinaris**

4:00 pm Shirley Lahr  
(Catholic Daughters of America)

**Sunday, July 21 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 am For the People

8:30 am RADIO MASS — Gordon Rice  
(Jerome and Arlene Griebel)

11:00 am Jean Barone (Unique Salon Girls)

**Readings for the week of July 14, 2019**

**Monday:** Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]  
/Mt 10:34--11:1

**Tuesday:** Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]  
/Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday:** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]  
/Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday:** Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25,  
26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30

**Friday:** Ex 11:10--12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc,  
17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday:** Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15  
/Mt 12:14-21

**Next Sunday:** Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]  
/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

**FOOD FOR FRIENDS** — Our next day to serve the Food for Friends meal is on Wednesday, **July 17**. Volunteers should be at the 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).



<i>Thank You!</i>	June 29 - 30	July 6 - 7
Envelopes	\$ 5,932.00	\$ 6,802.00
Loose	1,760.15	1,238.00
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