

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



Lord,

never let me forget that

holiness is possible.

Create Holy Moments

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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.

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PERSICO – The Bishop writes today from Erie about this Sunday’s annual National Needs Collection.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Without outside assistance, over 80 Catholic dioceses in the United States and its territories cannot offer their people basic pastoral care, provide priestly formation, or organize lay ministry training. These areas of our nation which struggle with severe poverty, lack of resources and often rugged terrain and sparse populations are known as our “home mission dioceses.” The Catholics who live in these places rely on your generous support in the annual National Needs Collection, to be taken up in our parishes this year on July 20 and 21.

This collection is a combination of two separate appeals:

- The Catholic Home Mission Appeal helps to provide essential pastoral outreach in home mission dioceses through grants. These grants support priestly and religious vocations, faith formation, and education for local leaders to equip them to meet the unique needs of their faith communities.
- The Black and Indian Mission Collection, established in 1884, helps to evangelize and support our African American and Indigenous communities with mission schools, religious education programs, the purchase of catechetical materials, and ministry training.

Thousands of the faithful living in home mission dioceses or in other mission circumstances struggle to receive basic pastoral care and catechesis. Scarce resources greatly limit the services which can be offered to them. As members of the Church in the United States, we are called to solidarity with our sisters and brothers who need our help to practice their faith right here at home. Please give generously to the National Needs Collection on the weekend of July 20 and 21. May you and your families enjoy a restful and refreshing summer.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIRATE GAME OUTING

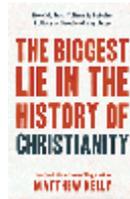
— Our annual family outing will be held on Sunday, August 4th, 2019. The Pittsburgh Pirates will be playing the New York Mets in a 1:35 PM game. That Sunday is a “Kids Day”, which

features the Family Fun Zone on Federal Street from 11:00AM to 1:00PM. Children 14 years old and younger will also receive a voucher for a free 8 oz. ice cream. All alter servers are invited to attend as guests of the Knights at no charge. All other family members and parishioners may purchase tickets on a first come basis for \$40, which includes \$10 loaded value at the ball park. The Knights will be providing a hot dog picnic, and beverages. Others are welcome to bring salads, desserts or other snacks. You may sign up by calling Rick Tote at 814-764-5050, during the day, or call or text 814-229-2018. If you wish to sit with others as a group, please arrange to make payment and pick up all tickets for the group at the same time.

Thank You!

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, 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.



FYI TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISHIONERS – Copies of Matthew Kelly’s book *THE BIGGEST LIE IN THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY* will be available next weekend on the lobby book rack.

SUMMERTIME COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

– A Clarion County-wide penance service will be held at Immaculate Conception Church on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Area priests will be available for the sacrament of penance and reconciliation that evening.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - Active and contemplative. At work and at rest. These are dynamics we all face in our lives, and if we're honest, we might not always balance perfectly! In this Sunday's Gospel, our daily tensions play out in two sisters.

Mary "sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak." Martha, on the other hand, is "burdened with much serving." This, as it turns out, is not necessarily "the better part."

All of us reading this have some sort of labor we engage in. We have different trades or careers. We have responsibilities as family members, some of which may take up most of our time. In the time of Scripture, showing hospitality to guests was one of the most important values in society. Our work is important. Jesus himself spent decades as a carpenter. So what's the problem with Martha? Martha is burdened, anxious, and worried. Not only that, but she resents her sister's choice. "Tell her to help me," she demands of Jesus.

How easy it is to get very busy doing good things. We need to provide for our families and plan for retirement. We need to make sure children are clothed, fed, and educated. Our committees, ministries, and sports schedules need to stay on track. However, without a balance of work with rest, without contemplation in the midst of our action, we will miss the point. While many parts are required for our life in the world to function, the better part is our relationship with God. This week, make time in your busy schedule to sit at Jesus' feet. Maybe this is 20 minutes with Scripture, participating in a daily Mass, or a quiet walk alone in the park. Receive what Christ wants to speak to you.



**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. 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 by July 31, 2019.



**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.

ALF CRAFT SHOW VENDORS - The Immaculate Conception PTO is accepting vendors for the 2019 Autumn Leaf Festival Craft Show. Inside and outside spaces are available. Cost is \$100 per space, which includes a parking pass. For more information, contact Amanda Lewis at amcale8@yahoo.com or Sara Seidle-Patton at sjseidle@seidlelaw.com. Proceeds from the sale of vendor spaces benefit the Immaculate Conception School.



FARMERS' MARKET VOUCHERS

— The Clarion Area Agency on Aging has a limited number of Farmers' Market Vouchers available. Vouchers will be distributed to senior citizens of Clarion County who are at least 60 years old and meet the eligibility requirements and have not previously received their vouchers. Vouchers will be available starting July 23, 2019, every Tuesday from 9 am to 12 pm and Thursday from 1 pm to 3 pm until September 30th at the Aging Office located at 16 Venture Lane, Clarion.

Senior citizens who are unable to pick up their own vouchers must fill out a preprinted proxy form to send with their proxy. There are no exceptions. These forms are available at the Area Agency on Aging. For more information or questions, please contact the Aging Office at 814 226-4640.



Monday, July 22 - Saint Mary Magdalene

8:30 am Bob and Rick Schwabenbauer
(Freda and Family)

Tuesday, July 23 - Saint Bridget

8:30 am Walt and Celia Schaeffer and Clinton McCall
(Mary Jane McCall)

Wednesday, July 24 - Saint Sharbel Makhlūf

TBA Louise Schmader (Fred and Sue Faivre)

Thursday, July 25 - Saint James

8:30 am Dawn Kidney (John and Carol Truscott)

Friday, July 26 - Saints Joachim and Anne

8:30 am David Aaron (Butch and Linda Aaron)

Saturday, July 27

4:00 pm Scott Sayers (Father Monty)

Sunday, July 28 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

8:30 am Nick Trombetta (Marcy Trombetta)

8:30 am RADIO MASS — Maureen Sayers
(Lisa Witherite-Rieg)

11:00 am For the People **INCENSE**

Readings for the week of July 21, 2019

Monday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday: Ex 14:21--15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]
/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]
/Mt 20:20-28

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]
/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]
/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]
/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13



LOTTERY CALENDARS — The 2020

Immaculate Conception PTO Lottery Calendars will be available soon. If you would like to request certain numbers, please contact Stella Miller at (814) 226-7935 or email tootsey58@yahoo.com by August 3, 2019.

CATHOLIC QUOTES —

"Never miss an opportunity to do good."

— St. Francis de Sales



**MONEY
COUNTERS
Monday, July 22
Team 3**

<i>Thank You!</i>	July 13 - 14
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