

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



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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

*Join us next Sunday for the Parish Picnic*

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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 from Erie about the annual Collection for the Church in Latin America.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As you know, many of our southern neighbors are experiencing serious crises. Nearly every day we hear dramatic stories about the migrant crisis on our southern border. In recent months the news has also been filled with stories about the economic collapse of Venezuela. The annual collection for the Church in Latin America (CLA) allows us to help.

The CLA helps provide lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as marriage and family life programs to the millions of Catholics in Latin America who would otherwise have no access to them.

Today I ask you to renew your support for our brothers and sisters in Latin America. I invite you to pray for them and to support this year's Church in Latin America Collection, which will be taken up in the parishes of the Diocese of Erie on the weekend of August 17-18. Together we can make a real difference in the lives of our fellow Catholics throughout Latin America. Please know my gratitude for your generosity and be assured of my prayers. Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

**THERE IS AN ENVELOPE IN YOUR PACKET DATED AUGUST 18, 2019, FOR THIS SPECIAL COLLECTION.**



**RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Were you baptized Catholic as a child, but have not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season.

You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. Weekly sessions begin on Sunday, September 8, 2019 from 9:30 to 10:45 am.

For information please contact Linda Summerville at [linda.summerville62@gmail.com](mailto:linda.summerville62@gmail.com) or 814-226-5864.

**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](mailto:amcale8@yahoo.com) or Sara Seidle-Patton at [sjseidle@seidlelaw.com](mailto:sjseidle@seidlelaw.com). All proceeds from the sale of vendor spaces benefit Immaculate Conception Parish School.

**A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MONTY** –

The Pennsylvania grand jury report detailing clerical sex abuse in the Commonwealth was published one year ago. Victims are finally receiving justice, criminal offenders—hierarchy, clergy and lay—are receiving the punishment they deserve. The impact of the report has been devastating. The ramifications include a decrease in Sunday Mass attendance, a significant downturn in financial contributions and many Catholics leaving the Church. To address the latter issue—Catholics leaving—I will be offering a series of sermons based on a book by Bishop Robert Barron of Los Angeles, CA. In *Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis*, Bishop Barron lists six reasons why Catholics should never leave the Church, but “stay and fight”. He provides the reader with a “toolbox” to encourage “fellow Catholics who feel, understandably, demoralized, scandalized, angry beyond words, and ready to quit.”

Today I am reprinting the prayer from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

I hope you will offer this prayer as the awful first anniversary approaches.

**PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE**

God of endless love,  
ever caring, ever strong,  
always present, always just:  
You gave your only Son  
to save us by the blood of his cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,  
join to your own suffering  
the pain of all who have been hurt  
in body, mind, and spirit  
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.  
Hear our cries as we agonize  
over the harm done to our brothers and sisters.  
Breathe wisdom into our prayers,  
soothe restless hearts with hope,  
steady shaken spirits with faith.  
Show us the way to justice and wholeness,  
enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,  
heal your people's wounds  
and transform our brokenness.  
Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace,  
so that we may act with justice  
and find peace in you.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** – Masses in observance of the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—a **holy day of obligation**—will be on Thursday, August 15 at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**BLESSING OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS** – With Clarion University, Immaculate Conception and local schools set to open the week of August 26, a blessing for students and teachers will be offered at all of the masses on August 24 and 25.



# Faith Formation

## Registration 2019-2020

Registration for children in Kindergarten through grade 11 will take place on Sunday morning, August 25<sup>th</sup> in the Cafeteria at Immaculate Conception Parish School from 9:30-10:45a.m.

Registration materials were mailed to families the first week of August. Please bring completed paperwork with you on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Additional forms can be found on the parish website at [icclarion.org](http://icclarion.org) under the heading of Faith Formation. Contact Teresa Frederick with any questions at [tdfrederick@comcast.net](mailto:tdfrederick@comcast.net) or 226-8433 ext.103.

### NEW VIDEO STUDY SERIES -

The Mass - Encountering Heaven on Earth

This series is presented by Bishop Robert Barron from Word on Fire ministries. Bishop Barron will walk you through the Mass to help you understand how to fully, consciously and actively participate in the Mass.

Two **bi-weekly sessions** are offered beginning the week of September 9. Meetings are Mondays at 7:00 pm and Wednesdays at 3:00 pm. Both sessions meet in Our Lady of Clarion Center.

Price is \$35.00 which includes a study guide.

Registration forms are available on [icclarion.org](http://icclarion.org) (to print), in the lobby of the church or email Linda Summerville at [linda.summerville62@gmail.com](mailto:linda.summerville62@gmail.com).

**BIG SALE** The First Immaculate Conception Parish School Community **TREASURES and TRASH SALE** is happening on Saturday, September 14th from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. You do not want to miss this opportunity to display your treasures from home decor, baby items, toys, household items, clothing, playhouses and more. Rent space with a table for \$15.00. Due to the number of tables available, each family is limited to two tables for space/table rental initially. All sales belong to you! Immaculate Conception Parish School will take care of the advertising, the table set up and the promotion. Hurry in to the school office to reserve your table today. All checks should be made out to Immaculate Conception Parish School. But that is not all...in addition...Immaculate Conception Parish School will be offering treasures for sale as well. Classroom desks, vintage basketball and cheerleading uniforms, books from the historic school library, wheel carts, props from school performances and more. This is your chance to get a little piece of Immaculate Conception Parish School's history for your home!



- Monday, August 12 - Saint Jane Frances de Chantal**  
8:30 am Phyllis Aaron (Chuck Aaron)
- Tuesday, August 13 - Saint Pope Pontian and Saint Hippolytus**  
— NO MASS —
- Wednesday, August 14 - Saint Maximilian Kolbe**  
— NO MASS —
- Thursday, August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
8:30 am Bill and Bernadette Huefner (Nathan Blachier)  
7:00 pm Joe Stahlman (Sue and Theresa McMillen)
- Friday, August 16 - Saint Stephen of Hungary**  
8:30 am Gertrude Hartle (Estate)
- Saturday, August 17**  
4:00 pm Maureen Sayers (Vickie Ferringer)
- Sunday, August 18 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:30 am Brinley Carpenter (Rita and Gary Kahle)  
8:30 am RADIO MASS — John and Helen Stahlman (Estate)  
11:00 am Deceased Knights of Columbus 4th Degree (Knights 4th Degree Assembly #982)

### Readings for the week of August 11, 2019

**Monday:** Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a] /Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday:** Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12 [9a] /Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**Wednesday:** Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20

**Thursday:** *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28.  
*Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

**Friday:** Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24 /Mt 19:3-12

**Saturday:** Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a] /Mt 19:13-15

**Next Sunday:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b] /Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

**BAPTISM** — IC is looking for families to join our Baptism Formation Ministry. Families meet twice a year with first time parents to discuss what it means to be a Catholic family and offer support to new parents. Interested families must be in a valid Catholic marriage and actively participate in parish life including attendance at Sunday and Holy Day liturgies. For more information, contact Linda Summerville at [linda.summerville62@gmail.com](mailto:linda.summerville62@gmail.com) or by telephone at 814-226-5864.

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