

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

2019 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.

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 (to print), in the lobby of the church or email Linda Summerville at linda.summerville62@gmail.com.

GOSPEL MEDITATION — Have you ever seen a celebrity? Have you ever met a political representative? Did the encounter leave you with newfound acting or musical abilities? Did it give you a grasp of the intricacies of the latest city ordinance or controversial law? Talents, expertise, and skill are hard-won traits, not rewards that spread by contact. Our life of faith is also not so easy.

“We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets!” In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus notes that it requires moral strength to enter the kingdom of God. It’s not mere proximity to righteousness that saves. Rubbing elbows with the righteous is not the same as being truly holy ourselves. Unfortunately, we can have this attitude in many areas. It’s easy to see who may seem “first” in the eyes of the world. This occurs in our workplaces and among our public figures. It can also happen in our schools, local parishes, and the larger Church. For some of us, the temptation to have the popularity and prestige rub off on us can be fairly strong. If only we are in the right place with the right people, surely others will associate us with what they possess!

But salvation is worked out in each individual life. It is our task not merely to show up, but to be transformed. And the truly transformed may not be everyone we expect. “People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south ... some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” Some who seem first in reputation now may be last in the kingdom of God. Others who appear now on the furthest fringes of society — but better imitate the lowly holiness of Jesus — will be first in his kingdom. What are your concerns? Proximity and reputation? Or prayerful righteousness? ©LPi



ALF CRAFT SHOW VENDORS - The Immaculate Conception School 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 Sara Seidle-Patton at sjseidle@seidlelaw.com or Amanda Lewis at amcale8@yahoo.com.

Proceeds benefit the Immaculate Conception Parish School.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MONTY – 248 people attended last Sunday’s parish picnic. Our sincere thanks to **Joe Polito** and **Matt Hummel** who co-chaired the event and to committee members **Tracy Durish**, **Courtney Hummel**, **Randy Shook**, and **Ken Means**. The food was prepared by **A La Carte Catering**, Emlenton. Thank you to all of our volunteers—the servers, setup-cleanup crews and the “Bouncy House Belles”. Special thanks to **Stella Miller**, ticket seller extraordinaire, and her side-kick, **Heather McHenry**; the **K of C Kettle Corn Crew** headed by **Joe Glover**; and the corn-hole bracket master, **Ronnie Fenske**. The 50/50 winner was **Sue Leonard**. The I.C. Parish Corn-hole champs were the intrepid team of **Mike** and **Michael Troese**. Participation trophies were awarded runners-up **Emmy** and **Dave Hartle**. Finally, extra-special thanks to **Clarion Ford** for their generous donation to the 2019 parish picnic.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sam Griebel by his wife, Jane.



The 1st Immaculate Conception Parish School Community TREASURES and TRASH SALE



is Saturday, September 14th from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Don’t miss this opportunity to display your treasures from home decor, baby items, toys, clothing, household items, playhouses and more. Rent space with a table for \$15.00. Due to the number of tables available, each family is initially limited to two tables for rental. 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. Make checks out to Immaculate Conception Parish School. But, there’s more...Immaculate Conception Parish School will offer 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 IC Parish School’s history for your home!



BAPTISM MINISTRY — 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. Please contact Linda Summerville at linda.summerville62@gmail.com or by telephone at 814-226-5864 for more information.

SCRIP — The Immaculate Conception PTO has a full supply of Scrip gift cards available for Comet Food Warehouse. We are asking parishioners to help us use up the supply before Comet closes its doors. Please consider purchasing Comet Scrip gift cards from PTO after Mass or by stopping in the school office. Thank you.

Question of the Week for Faith Sharing —

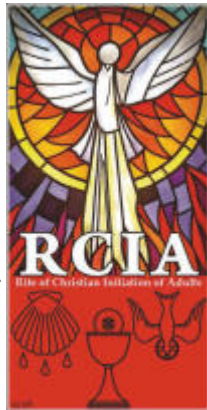
Jesus answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able." (Luke 13:24)

Adults: What daily choices are you making that will allow you to be recognized at the doorway of the reign of God?

Kids: What good habits are you practicing in order to be a good Christian?

HOLINESS RUNS IN THE FAMILY — Raising faithful children is no easy task. For St. Monica, it seemed nearly impossible. Her husband wasn't Christian and often mocked her faith. Their son, Augustine, fell quickly into wild ways. He and his friends drank, stole, and caroused throughout town. Monica never stopped praying for Augustine, no matter how far he strayed. Augustine became swept up in heresy, a false form of Christianity. He lived with a mistress and had a child out of wedlock. All the while, Monica kept praying. Conversion came slowly to Augustine, but at age 32, he was finally baptized. Augustine would go on to become a priest, then bishop, then world-renowned theologian whose works have stood the test of time. May Saint Monica and Saint Augustine inspire us to never stop praying for our loved ones.

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, contact Linda Summerville at linda.summerville62@gmail.com or 814-226-5864.

**Immaculate Conception Parish
Saintly Sojourn October 8-10, 2019**

Join Father Monty on a pilgrimage to shrines and sites in and near Philadelphia

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- Motor coach transportation
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For more info contact Kim at (814) 226-8433, Ext. 101 or email: KimKroh@comcast.net



Monday, August 26

8:30 am Dawn Kidney (Denny and Family)

Tuesday, August 27 - Saint Monica

8:30 am Maria Vu
(Anh Dang and Thuy Hoang and Family)

Wednesday, August 28 - Saint Augustine

8:30 am Deceased Members of Clark and Mohney Families (Jane Mohney and Family)

Thursday, August 29 - The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

8:30 am Special Intention (As Requested)

Friday, August 30

8:30 am My Parents (Father Monty Sayers)

Saturday, August 31

4:00 pm Martha Kerle (Lisa Kerle and Family)

Sunday, September 1 - Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Bob Leonard (Rich and Paula Herman)
8:30 am RADIO MASS — Deceased members of Knights of Columbus Council #7549
11:00 am For the People

Readings for the week of August 25, 2019

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 [1]/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1] /Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mk 6:17-29
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 [cf. 11b]/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a /Lk 14:1, 7-14

WELCOME BACK TO CAMPUS C.U.P STUDENTS!

On The Road Again - Join us for a one-day pilgrimage to **New York City on September 28.** Information can be found on Facebook or by contacting Ann @ 814-226-8433, ext. 109 or ael726@hotmail.com.



**MONEY COUNTERS
Monday, August 25
Team 3**

<i>Thank You!</i>	<i>Aug. 17-18</i>
Envelopes	\$ 6,844.00
Loose	1,379.00
Monthly	60.00
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