

# 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.



*“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:27*

**A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PERSICO** – The Bishop writes from Erie about the annual Catholic Education appeal:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The yearly Catholic Education Collection is an opportunity for parishioners to show their support of life-long faith formation initiatives.

To be taken up on the weekend of September 14-15, the Catholic Education Collection supports faith formation opportunities for everyone throughout our entire diocese. Almost every aspect of parish life is touched by faith formation, from religious education and family life to service and worship.

Please generously support this collection. Half of the funds raised from this collection remain in your parish to support its educational and faith formation programs. The other half is granted throughout the diocese to fund programs like leadership training, tuition assistance, workshops and conferences and training for pastoral ministers. A small portion also supports The Catholic University of America which promotes Catholic Social Teaching and the training of priests, religious and lay leaders.

Thank you for your generous support. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL

Bishop of Erie

**THERE IS AN ENVELOPE IN YOUR SUMMER PACKET FOR THIS ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL.**



**THE FIRST 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!

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS** — CD of A's next meeting will be at St Mary Parish, Crown, Monday, Sept. 9 at 6:30 PM. Need a ride? Contact Karen McDade at 814-764-3610.

**A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MONTY** – When Pope Pius VII (1876-1958) described the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ, he was using an image of Jesus and his disciples envisioned by Saint Paul and passed down to us in Scripture and the Tradition of the Church. How can you speak to your children and grandchildren about this spiritual doctrine? I found this simple explanation on the Loyola Press website

(<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith>).

“The Church can be both seen on earth and felt in our hearts. This is why we call the Church the Mystical Body of Christ. The Church has four important qualities, or marks:

The Church is **one**.

We have one Lord and we share one faith. We receive one life in the Holy Spirit.

The Church is **holy**.

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are holy. In the sacraments, we receive all we need to make us holy.

The Church is **catholic**.

Catholic means universal. Jesus told the apostles to teach all nations. The Church reaches out to all.

The Church is **apostolic**.

Jesus founded the Church with the apostles. The pope and bishops continue their mission today.

The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. These are the Marks of the Church.”

**“TURNING TO GOD IN THE MOMENT OF DARKNESS”** - Bishop Lawrence Persico has asked all parishes of the Diocese of Erie to celebrate the Mass of Our Lady of Sorrows in lieu of the Mass of the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time next Sunday in recognition of the one-year anniversary of the release of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report on sexual abuse. This request applies to anticipated Masses on Saturday as well. Further, all Catholic churches in the diocese of Erie will be open to the faithful from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., so that people may make private visits in prayerful response to the crisis of sexual abuse. A special booklet to guide your prayer will be provided.



**VIDEO STUDY SERIES: THE MASS — ENCOUNTERING HEAVEN ON EARTH**

Bishop Robert 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 being offered **beginning this week**. 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).

**CATHOLIC QUOTES -**

Nothing is so strong as gentleness; nothing is so gentle as real strength. — St. Francis de Sales



This Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at the 11:00 Mass the parents of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade faith formation students of Immaculate Conception Parish are presenting their children with their Catholic Youth Bibles. Please pray for our 9<sup>th</sup> graders as they begin the process of preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**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](mailto:linda.summerville62@gmail.com) or by telephone at 814-226-5864 for more information.



**HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION**

classes for 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grade begin on Sunday, September 15 from 9:30 – 10:45 AM in Our Lady of Clarion Center.

Please bring your registration paperwork and your Catholic Youth Bible. Contact Teresa Frederick at [tdfrederick@comcast.net](mailto:tdfrederick@comcast.net) with any questions.

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

**NEW YORK, NEW YORK**- A one day trip to New York City with Slippery Rock University is in the works:

- **WHEN:** Saturday, September 28
- **TIME:** Leave the Campus Ministry House at 11:30 PM Friday, September 27
- **COST:** \$25 which covers the bus and breakfast
- **DEADLINE to REGISTER:** September 16
- **QUESTIONS?**  
Contact Ann at [ael726@hotmail.com](mailto:ael726@hotmail.com)

**WE ARE....** This week's spotlight is on **Bruno the Magnificent** the newest CU Catholic intern. He can't answer the phone or design posters, but greets one and all with a wagging tail at the Campus Ministry House.



**MASST INTENTIONS**

**Monday, September 9 - Saint Peter Claver**

8:30 am Bob Schwabenbauer  
(Dennis and Dot Schwabenbauer)

**Tuesday, September 10**

8:30 am Bruno Balest (Bill and Grace Bruce)

**Wednesday, September 11**

5:30 pm Sheriden Anderson (Helen and Family)

**Thursday, September 12 - The Most Holy**

**Name of Mary**

8:30 am Dawn Kidney (Harold and Donna Aaron)

**Friday, September 13 - Saint John Chrysostom**

8:30 am Jack Doran (Mary Kay and Stella Westlake)

**Saturday, September 14 - The Exaltation of the**

**Holy Cross**

4:00 pm Breeze Hartle (Grandkids)

**Sunday, September 15 - Twenty-fourth Sunday in**

**Ordinary Time**

8:30 am Matthew Moyer (Maureen Allen)

8:30 am RADIO MASS — Louise Schmader (Estate)

11:00 am Patricia Knaust (Campus Ministry)

**Readings for the week of September 8, 2019**

**Monday:** Col 1:24-2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]  
/Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday:** Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab [9]  
/Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday:** Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]  
/Lk 6:27-38

**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8,  
11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37,  
38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

**Next Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17,  
19 [Lk 15:18]/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

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