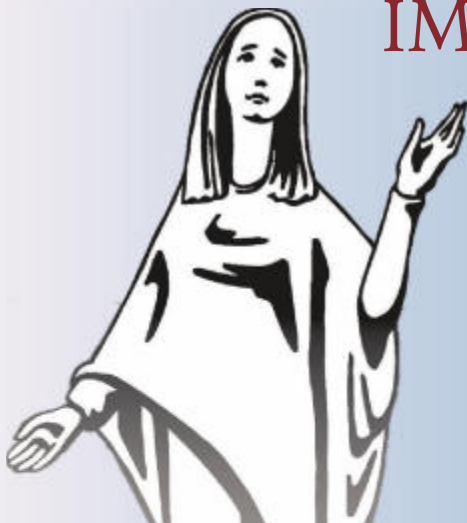


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Mass Schedule

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.

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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.



"Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'" - Lk 16:31

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

If you saw someone dead come to life tomorrow, what would you change about your life? Would you say "nothing"? That's what Jesus seems to hope. After all, we already know what to do. In this Sunday's Gospel, a rich man and a poor man pass away, the former to damnation and the latter to peaceful rest alongside the Jewish patriarchs. The rich man asks if the poor man can appear to his brothers and advise them to live a more virtuous life. The parable offers a strong rebuke: "They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them." In other words, they should already know what to do.

We, too, know what to do. More than Moses, Jesus Christ himself has spoken, and continues to speak through his Church. The rich man did not heed the wise words, despite knowing them. If we are convicted against certain Christian teachings in our heart, how much good will miraculous "proofs" do? We know more than the law and the prophets - we know the prophetic law of love proclaimed by Jesus Christ. Are we living like we believe it?

Where in our lives are we like the rich man? Do we know how to treat the poor but still we ignore them in our excess? Do we know the third commandment, but the Sunday liturgy feels "optional" when other weekend commitments arise? Have we heard Christ's teachings on sexuality, but consider them out of reach for us? We have received a great many truths as Christian people. We are blessed by God with the sacraments and the abundance of His graces. We have what we need - in Him - to begin to live a virtuous life now.



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BLESSING OF STUDENTS – Next Sunday, October 5 and 6 at all the Masses all students involved in fall sports and extracurricular activities – basketball, cheerleading, clubs, cross country, football, golf, marching band, soccer, organizations, volleyball – are invited to receive a special blessing. Students from Immaculate Conception, all area school districts and Clarion University are encouraged to participate. Let your parish family bless you, rejoice in your accomplishments and encourage your enthusiasm!

THE 66th ANNUAL AUTUMN LEAF FESTIVAL – “An American Autumn” is here. Please support our parish's booths, stands and activities this week. (www.clarionpa.com/events/autumn-leaf-festival/)

- Immaculate Conception School PTO
“Bountiful Harvest Pie and Bake Sale” – Today
- Knights of Columbus – Council 7549
“Hot Sausage Stand” - all week
- Knights of Columbus – Council 7549
“Kettle Corn Stand” – various times
- The PTO “Annual Crafter’s Day Fair”
Parish Events Center – October 4
- The PTO “Soup and Sandwich Sale”
School Cafeteria – October 4

Don't forget – the parish office is closed on Friday, Oct. 4!

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MONTY – I am reprinting one of my favorite meditations on autumn. It brings back fond memories of over forty-five years of Autumn Leaf Festivals and Clarion University Homecoming weekends!

*For autumn and the leaves of death
we give you thanks,
O Lord, and seek to praise
that northern lands can be a glory,
and men and women at peace find rest
from empty fields and spilling barns.*

*We thank you for abundant days,
for all the richer life your Son has promised,
more than eye, taste, and even autumn can provide.*

*And present things:
books, faces, friends' return, the fire's dance,
the shouts of play, the scarlet maple and the distant hills.
Your gift is like a wine, pressed down and running over,
good measure for October days!*

*We give you thanks
for banquets and for bread,
but more that you are a God that
saves the leaf that falls and
seeks communion with the earth.*

*And we are never dead,
although we sleep and winter will return.
Gather us O Lord: we are the children of your desire.
Lord of the harvest, God of the beautiful world,
we are your glory and we give you praise
with the angels of heaven...*

FALL FLOWER MEMORIALS – The floral arrangement at the altar is given for the Glory of God, in honor of the Marriage of Abby Steele and Devin Burkhouse and in memory of Linda and Dennis Bowser. The mums decorating the Church and grounds are colorful evidence of your generosity. Thank you for your support of the 2019 “Fall Flower Memorial” fund.



The month of October, the **Month of the Most Holy Rosary**, is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pray the Joyful Mysteries of the rosary this week for all who will be visiting Clarion and our parish this ALF week. Rosaries and prayer pamphlets are available in the lobby.

USHER TRAINING — SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13th SECURITY TASK FORCE PROTOCOLS

There will be a mandatory meeting for all ushers at noon on Sunday Oct. 13th in the church, so **save the date** and plan to attend. This meeting will cover the new Security Task Force protocol checklists to guide us on exactly what to do for medical emergencies, severe weather, fires, suspicious packages or intruders. This training will help us be some of the best prepared in the usher ministry in the area.

OUR GUARDIAN ANGELS — It's good to know we're not alone. This October 2nd we celebrate the feast of our guardian angels. This ancient belief has roots in Scripture. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus implies the special guiding care of the angels. "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father" (Matthew 18:10). Our guardian angels are given to us by God to protect and watch over us from the moment of our conception until the hour of death. Let's pray together to our own heavenly help: Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side to light, to guard, to rule, and to guide. Amen.

**2019 K of C STEELERS SEASON TICKET
RAFFLE WINNERS**



- 1st Prize — Steelers season tickets
Rick Troese (chose \$1,000 cash option)
- 2nd Prize — \$250 Jim Wilshire
- 3rd Prize — Preseason Tickets (2 games) Jamie Simpson
- 4th Prize — \$100 Jessica Wolbert

THANK YOU to those who purchased and sold the Steelers Season Ticket raffle tickets on behalf of the K of C Council #7549!

COLLECTION FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

– Please help Immaculate Conception Parish and School support the food pantry sponsored by Community Action. During September, we are asking you to donate **mac-and-cheese**. In October, we are hoping to collect **soups (canned or boxed)**. Other non-perishable food items and paper products are always welcome! Please place your donated items in the collection containers in the church lobby.



SISTER TINA AND SISTER MARIAN, from Catholic Rural Ministry, are offering a Spiritual Enrichment Opportunity on October 18th and 19th in the Oil City Area. You are invited to one or both days. Catholic Rural Ministry and Venango Campus (CU) are collaborating to bring Edwina Gateley, an international speaker, to present on personal and global transformation. By using this link

<http://www.clarion.edu/locations/clarion-university-venango/index.html>

you can find out more information and sign up. The fee for each day is only \$15.00, which includes lunch.



Monday, September 30 - Saint Jerome

8:30 am Carol Brown (Ed Wolbert)

Tuesday, October 1 - Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus

8:30 am Tom Ragley (Barb and Dennis Huffman)

Wednesday, October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

8:30 am Don Schmader (Howie Schmader)

Thursday, October 3

8:30 am John and Helen Stahlman (Estate)

Friday, October 4 - Saint Francis of Assisi

— NO MASS —

Saturday, October 5 - Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

4:00 pm Jim Selker (Rose Selker and Family)

Sunday, October 6 - Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am Betty Preston (Patty Guth and Family)
- 8:30 am RADIO MASS — Keith Martin (Virginia Martin and Family)
- 11:00 am For the People

Readings for the week of September 29, 2019

- Monday:** Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday:** Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23] /Lk 9:51-56
- Wednesday:** Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab] /Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Thursday:** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
- Friday:** Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9] /Lk 10:13-16
- Saturday:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34] /Lk 10:17-24
- Next Sunday:** Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8] /2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

NEARBY — St. Joseph's Parish in Lucinda will host their annual fall dinner on Sunday, October 13, 2019, in the parish social center.

A country-style turkey and ham dinner will be served from 11 am to 1:30 pm. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, and free for preschoolers.

Dinners are served on a first-come-first-served basis and take out dinners will be available.

Raffle Prizes: 1st Prize — Choice of Quilt
2nd prize — \$200 3rd prize — \$100



WE ARE.... This week's spotlight student is **Emily Evers**, a CU Eucharistic Minister at Immaculate Conception. Check out Emily's reflection on our Facebook page.

NYC Pilgrimage - Please keep in your prayers those traveling to New York City

this weekend. The first stop for **Connor Bernath, Natalie Brown, Austin Cessna, Maddie Ciccone, Quentin Holmes, Jenna Joseph, Lexi Lorenz, Kaitlyn Mang, Leah Mastrine, Erin McGuinness, Xhonanita Olivas, Lauren Snyder, Brianna Thompson, and Ann Enderle Liska** will be the 8:00 AM Mass at St Patrick Cathedral. New York, here we come!



**MONEY COUNTERS
Monday,
September 30
Team 3**

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