

# 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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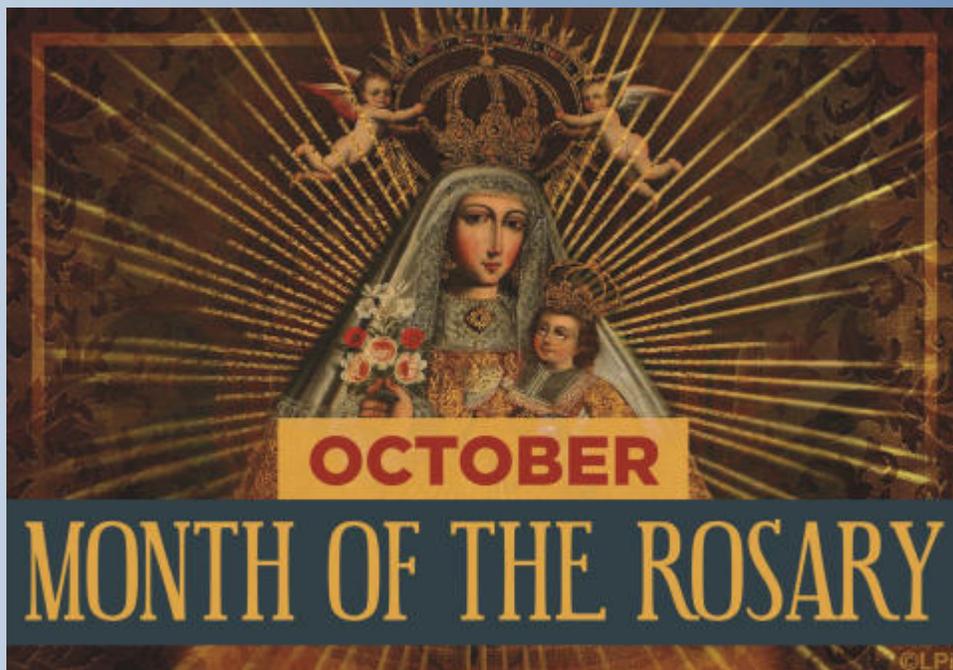
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### Parish Membership

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.



## Mysteries of the Rosary

### Joyful (Monday & Saturday)

1. Annunciation
2. Visitation
3. Birth of Jesus
4. Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
5. Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

### Sorrowful (Tuesday & Friday)

1. Agony in the Garden
2. Scourging at the Pillar
3. Crowning with Thorns
4. Carrying of the Cross
5. Crucifixion

### Glorious (Wednesday & Sunday)

1. Resurrection of Jesus from the Tomb
2. Ascension of Jesus into Heaven
3. Descent of Holy Spirit at Pentecost
4. Assumption of Mary, Body and Soul, into Heaven
5. Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth

### Luminous (Thursday)

1. Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan
2. Wedding at Cana
3. Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
4. Transfiguration
5. Institution of the Holy Eucharist

Feast of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary - 7 October

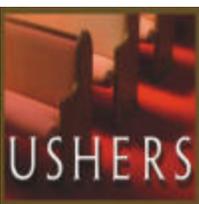
### Immaculate Conception Parish Vision Plan

Last week, we mailed out a copy of the Parish Vision Plan; you should be receiving it soon if you have not already. This Sunday, our Steering Committee will be presenting the priorities learned through our survey, discussions with Ministry Leaders, and our Pastor. We are excited to lay out goals for the next three years to help us live our mission more fully. Beginning this Sunday, we will have a poster at the entrance of the church that outlines the milestones we've determined are necessary to meet our goals and to guide us in living and expanding our mission. Please take some time to read our Parish Vision Plan and see how your family can help us! If you have any questions, please contact a member of our Steering Committee.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION** - *“When you have done all you have been commanded, say ‘We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.’”* The metaphor in the story could seem harsh to us today. A servant has worked hard all day, and rather than receiving a much-needed respite, the master commands an additional task. Jesus, however, is appealing to their sensibilities. This was a hierarchical society in which everyone had a place. His listeners would know this. No servant would presume a reward for good deeds.

It's important to remember that we do have a place at God's table. But we don't "earn" it. Dining with the Lord at the heavenly wedding feast requires surrender. It requires deep faith in God and His promises. It also requires commitment. The kingdom takes work! There are fields to plow and initiatives to prepare. There are sheep to tend to and family to care for. There are people waiting for our yes to generous service. When we serve dinner at a homeless shelter, we are waiting on the table of Christ. When we visit an ill relative, we're imitating the Good Samaritan. We're visiting Jesus! We're growing his kingdom of life and love.

The Gospel today reminds us to check our motives. Are we serving because we're seeking a reward? Or because we have faith that this is who we're meant to serve? That is, is this where we're meant to be? The Gospel reminds us that this faith can do powerful things! *“If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.”* But, ultimately, we're not the ones doing the deeds. We're not the ones "earning" the grace. Faith, and the good we do for others, is a gift. ©LPi



### USHER TRAINING — SECURITY TASK FORCE PROTOCOLS

There will be a mandatory meeting for all ushers at noon on Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup> in the church. 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.

**CATHOLIC QUOTES** - The Rosary is the “weapon” for these times.  
—St. Padre Pio

**A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MONTY** – Today we celebrate 42 years of grace as we observe the anniversary of the dedication of Immaculate Conception Church. The corner stone and Altar of the Immaculate Conception Church were blessed on 2 October 1977. In the Preface for today's Mass we prayed:

*“For in this visible house that you have let us build and where you never cease to show favor to the family on pilgrimage to you in this place, you wonderfully manifest and accomplish the mystery of your communion with us.*

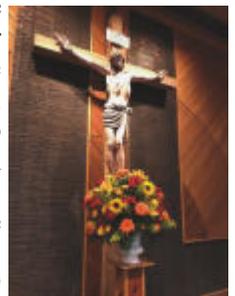
*Here you build up for yourself the temple that we are and cause your Church, spread throughout the world, to grow ever more and more as the Lord's own Body, till she reaches her fullness in the vision of peace, the heavenly city Jerusalem.”*

I want to thank all the members of the Parish Vision Plan Steering Committee and especially Dave Staab, Joe Glover and Stephanie Wilshire who introduced the PVP—the roadmap to our future—this weekend. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary in her Immaculate Conception may the grace of this anniversary inspire us to be the Inviting + Uniting + Igniting community God calls us to be.



The month of October, the **Month of the Most Holy Rosary**, is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the rosary this week for all who are struggling to overcome the ravages of Hurricane Dorian and other environmental disasters. Rosaries and prayer pamphlets are available in the lobby.

**FALL FLOWER MEMORIALS** – The floral arrangement at the altar is given for the Glory of God and in memory of the deceased Bishops of the Diocese of Erie, Pastors, Priests and Religious who faithfully served Immaculate Conception Church and School. 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.



**REMINDER** — The video series “THE MASS”, continues on Monday, October 7th at 7 p.m. and on Wednesday, October 9th at 3 p.m. Both sessions are in Our Lady of Clarion Center.

**COLLECTION FOR THE FOOD PANTRY** – Please help Immaculate Conception Parish and School support the food pantry sponsored by Community Action. During October, we are collecting **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.

# LIFE GATHERING

## “Why the Mass is Important”

Guest Speaker: Kate Wilson

Director of Family Life Diocese of Erie

October 20 at 9:30am

Parish Event Center

All are welcome

Join us for prayer, fellowship,  
activities for the kids and refreshments.

### CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

The Diocese of Erie is committed to protecting the children and youth who are entrusted to its care and to ensuring that those in ministry with our young people are in right relationship with the children/youth receiving services. To share in the ministry of Christ is a great privilege as well as a tremendous responsibility. The *privilege* is the joy of sharing in the mission of Jesus Himself. The *responsibility* is acting in a way that conforms to the attitude and actions of Christ. In this spirit, the diocese has issued a ministerial Code of Conduct. The code is included in the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children, which also includes mandates for creating safe environments. To read the policy, go to <https://www.eriecd.org/images/sections/childprotection/pdf/CURRENTPolicy.pdf> For more information, contact Mrs. Cindy Zemcik, at the diocesan offices at 814-824-1195.



**CARE BAGS** — While on pilgrimage in New York City, the Clarion University students distributed CARE Bags to street people. The bags contained toiletries, socks, protein bars, cans of Pringles, hard candies, and band-aides. Thank you to **Andrea Cussins, Peggy and Andy**

**Lingwall, Mary Schrecengost, and Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court 2454** for their contributions to the CARE Bags.

**WINNER, WINNER, CHICKEN DINNER** — The winner of the CU Catholic \$100.00 was Maddie Cicconi. Maddie's name was pulled from the CU students who have registered with Campus Ministry this semester.

**CU PRAYER PARTNERS** — CU students, if you did not receive the name of your CU employee prayer partner in an email, please contact Ann at

[ael726@hotmail.com](mailto:ael726@hotmail.com).

#### Additions to the October Prayer List

Jim Luton Paul Craig Don Stiglitz  
Addition to the list of shut-ins: Grace Distler



## MASST INTENTIONS

### Monday, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary

8:30 am Dawn Kidney (Tim and Carla Magrini)

### Tuesday, October 8

———— NO MASS IN CHURCH ————

Saintly Sojourn Mass — Mary Jane Miller

### Wednesday, October 9 - Saint Denis and

#### Saint John Leonardi

———— NO MASS ————

### Thursday, October 10

———— NO MASS IN CHURCH ————

Saintly Sojourn Mass — Louise Schmader

### Friday, October 11 - Saint Pope John XXIII

8:30 am Sam and Rose Amato (Jim and Susie Amato)

### Saturday, October 12

4:00 pm Bill and Bernadette Huefner  
(Nathan Blachier)

### Sunday, October 13 - Twenty-eighth Sunday in

#### Ordinary Time

8:30 am Betty Hepfl (Andy and Tina Bauer)

8:30 am RADIO MASS — Deceased members of  
Knights of Columbus Council #7549

11:00 am For the People

### Readings for the week of October 6, 2019

**Monday:** Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]  
/Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]  
/Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]  
/Lk 11:5-13

**Friday:** J1 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]  
/Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday:** J1 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]  
/Lk 11:27-28

**Next Sunday:** 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]  
/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-1

**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.



**MONEY COUNTERS**  
**Monday, October 7**  
**Team 4**

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