

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

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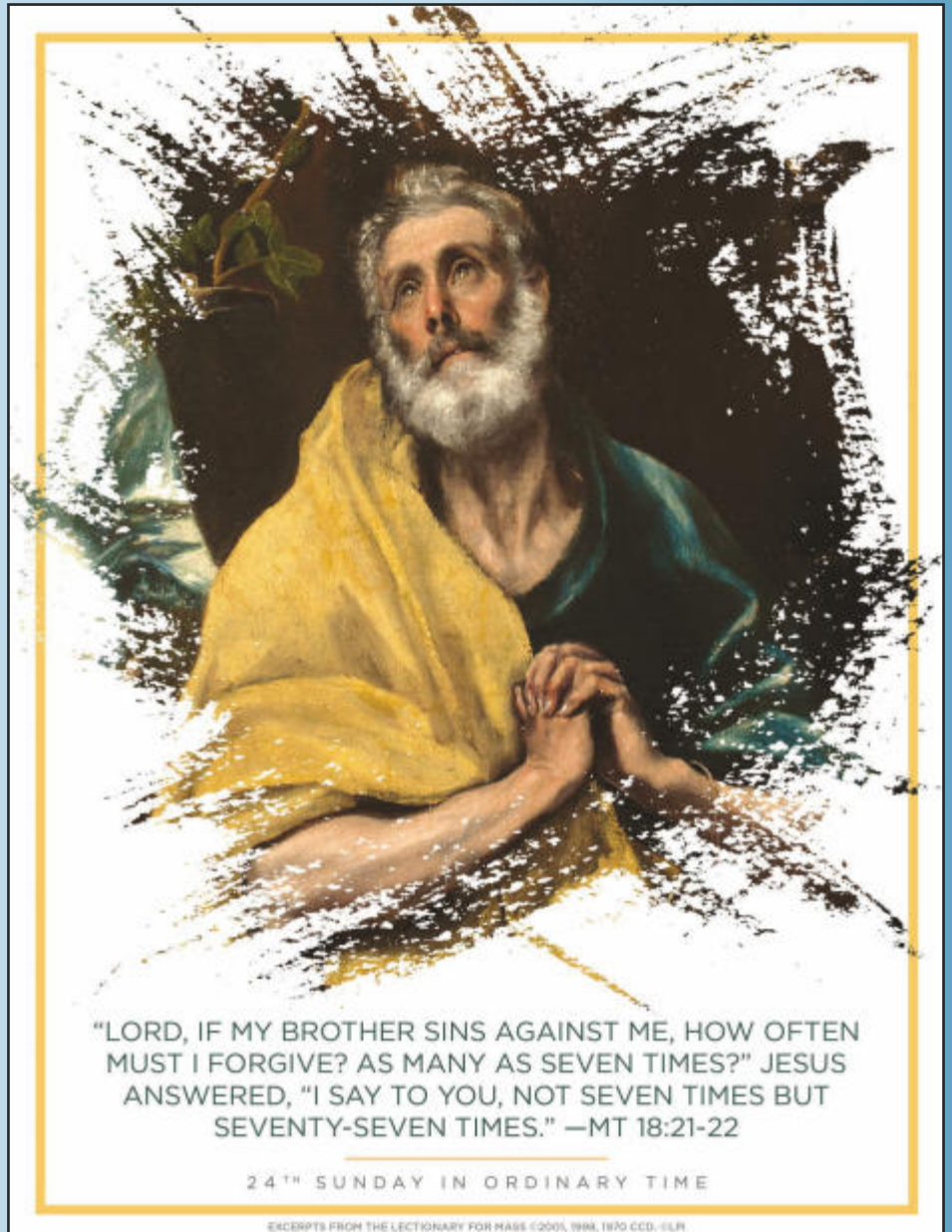
Sister Tina Geiger, RSM

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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.



"LORD, IF MY BROTHER SINS AGAINST ME, HOW OFTEN MUST I FORGIVE? AS MANY AS SEVEN TIMES?" JESUS ANSWERED, "I SAY TO YOU, NOT SEVEN TIMES BUT SEVENTY-SEVEN TIMES." —MT 18:21-22

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PERSICO – The Bishop writes from Erie about the annual Catholic Education Collection.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I ask for your support of the Catholic Education Collection being held on the weekend of September 19-20.

This annual second collection supports lifelong education and faith formation opportunities for everyone throughout our entire diocese. Catechesis is not only for children. We are all called to deepen our faith.

Please generously support this collection. Half of the funds raised from this collection remain in your parish to support its education and faith formation programs.

The other half funds diocesan wide faith formation efforts including leadership training and conferences for those engaged in ministry as well as tuition assistance for families attending Catholic schools. 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 generosity. Contributions can be made directly at your parish or online at www.ErieRCD.org/Catholic-Education-Collection.html. Be assured of my prayers for you and your family. With every best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

THERE IS A BLUE BORDERED ENVELOPE IN YOUR PACKET DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2020, AND MARKED "CATHOLIC EDUCATION (DIOCESE OF ERIE)". PLEASE PLACE YOUR CONTRIBUTION ALONG WITH YOUR SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPE IN THE BASKETS IN THE LOBBY, AT THE EXITS, OR RETURN IT TO THE PARISH OFFICE. THANK YOU!

Question of the Week for Faith Sharing

Forgiveness and Mercy

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times." (Matthew 18:21-22)

» **Adults:** When someone hurts you, how do you forgive them?

» **Kids:** When have you forgiven someone who treated you unfairly?

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE is scheduled for the following dates in September (or by appointment):

- Saturday, September 12 at 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 26 at 3:00 p.m.

You must be present by 3:00 for instruction about celebrating the sacrament at Immaculate Conception. If you arrive after 3:00 p.m. you will have to return on the next scheduled date.

Congratulations First Communicants!

Since First Eucharist was not celebrated last spring in the Easter season, we are honoring our First Holy Communicants this fall.

Each student and their family will be attending Mass and our fourth graders will receive the Sacrament on the following dates at the Mass time noted:

- Jackson Baker** – Sunday, September 13 at 11:00 a.m.
- Caleb Eisenman** – Sunday, September 27 at 8:30 a.m.
- Hayden Nickerson** – Saturday, October 3 at 4:00 p.m.
- Noah Frederick** – Sunday, October 4 at 8:30 a.m.
- Blaise Fleisher** – Sunday, October 4 at 11:00 a.m.
- Hunter Traister** – Sunday, October 11 at 11:00 a.m.
- Dalton Yeany** – Sunday, October 18 at 11:00 a.m.



NEXT SUNDAY – Rev. Philip Oriole will be returning to Clarion to preside at the Sunday Masses. Please give Father Phil a warm welcome. I will be out of the office from September 14 – 25 taking time for my annual retreat.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Life is not always easy on us and it can be hard to figure out the next step to take in our journey. We can even become immobilized by indecisiveness and fear about making the wrong move or choosing the incorrect path. I think of the song, Should I Stay, or Should I Go, as a mantra for many times in my life. Should I stay in this house, this job, or this car? Should I go here or there? When those times of decision surface, I usually turn to my wife, my friends, or even my children. Talking it out can help, and their perspectives give me more data to consider. When I lean on others to help me make a decision, it helps me become more confident in my choices.

Discerning the will of God is not easy either. Rarely do we understand God's calling clearly at first. God's calling is always more easily discerned within a community of faithful disciples. Our stewardship way of life can suffer greatly if we refuse to allow others to assist us in the process of discernment. What gifts or talents are needed for the task at hand? Where do I fit best into God's plan? Where is God leading me? No one should have to decide the answers to these questions alone. We need to always lean on the Body of Christ to help us see the path that God has laid before us. Without a little help along the journey, over time we might find ourselves stuck in the same place where we started.

– Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi

Faith Formation Pick-Up Day



ATTENTION
Faith Formation Families
with children in
Grades K thru 8

Mark your calendar for
 Saturday, September 19th.
 We will be holding our first
 Drive-Thru Pick-Up Event of the year.

Simply come to the parish's Main Street parking lot
 anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Pull in the
 front lot and roll your window down. I will have your
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 packaged and ready for you to take home and
 get started using. If you are unable to come at this
 time, contact me to make other arrangements.

Thanks.....Teresa Frederick
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High School Faith Formation

Classes will begin on
 Sunday, September 20.

Important information regarding
 classes and safety protocols
 has been mailed.

Contact Teresa Frederick
 with any questions.



HOT SAUSAGE — The I-C Knights of
 Columbus Council #7549 will have their
 ALF Sausage Stand open on

September 26-27 and October 2-4
 in the parking lot of Clarion Ford. Hours of
 operation will be 11 AM to 7 PM for these
 five days.

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 the order form on the parish
 website. We are cooking less
 than 50% of our usual amount,
 so get your sandwiches while
 supplies last. Thank you for
 supporting the KofC and our
 charitable causes.



CALIFORNIA WILD FIRES STRIKE CLOSE TO HOME – Shannon Phleger, daughter of our parishioners,
 Gary and Karen Lewis, her husband, Jason, and their sons
 Emmett (9) and Isaac (7), lost their home and possessions
 in Boulder Creek, CA on Tuesday, August 18 due to the
 CZU Lightning complex fires. Their family and friends
 have set up a Go Fund Me page at <https://gf.me/u/ytaacn>
 should you care to check on their progress or to make a
 donation.



Monday, September 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy
Cross

———— NO MASS ————

Tuesday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

———— NO MASS ————

Wednesday, September 16 - Saint Pope Cornelius and
Saint Cyprian

———— NO MASS ————

Thursday, September 17 - Saint Robert Bellarmine

———— NO MASS ————

Friday, September 18

———— NO MASS ————

Saturday, September 19 - Saint Januarius

4:00 p.m. Bill and Bernadette Huefner
 (Jean and John Blachier)

Sunday, September 20 - Twenty-fifth Sunday

in Ordinary Time - Catechetical Sunday

8:30 a.m. Beeze Hartle (Children)

8:30 a.m. RADIO MASS — Mary Jane Miller
 (Martino Family)

11:00 a.m. Jim and Martha Kerle
 (Rose Selker and Family)

Readings for the week of September 13, 2020

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

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4,
 5-6, 15-16, 20 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5,
 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]
 /Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]
 /Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12,
 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]
 /Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a



2021 PTO Lottery Calendars

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 Lottery Calendars for 2021 will
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 email tootsey58@yahoo.com
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