

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.

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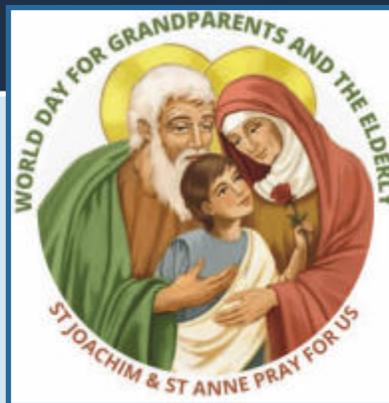
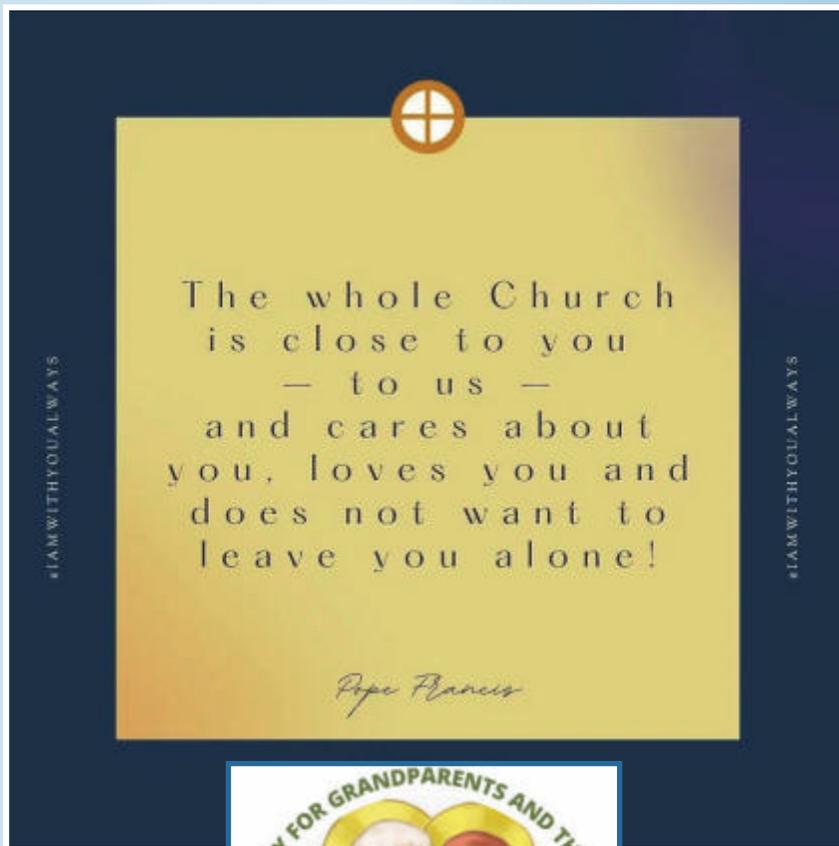
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Parish Membership

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.



FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY - Pope Francis established the fourth Sunday of July as an annual World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This date was chosen because it is close to the feast day of Ss. Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus, celebrated on July 26. The theme of the worldwide observance is "I Am With You Always" (#IAMWITHYOUALWAYS). The Vatican Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life in conjunction with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops provided the following prayer for this year's celebration.

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life.

I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.

Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP — It's All in the Basket

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.

I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!"

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MONTY –

Year of Saint Joseph: A Working Father

In *Patrus Corde* (With a Father's Love: December 2020), Pope Francis writes: "Saint Joseph was a carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family. From him, Jesus learned the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labour... Working persons, whatever their job may be, are cooperating with God himself, and in some way become creators of the world around us. The crisis of our time, which is economic, social, cultural and spiritual, can serve as a summons for all of us to rediscover the value, the importance and necessity of work for bringing about a new "normal" from which no one is excluded. Saint Joseph's work reminds us that God himself, in becoming man, did not disdain work. The loss of employment that affects so many of our brothers and sisters, and has increased as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, should serve as a summons to review our priorities. Let us implore Saint Joseph the Worker to help us find ways to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work!" [6].



EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the 12:10 p.m. Mass on August 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, and the first Friday of the month. Adoration will continue all afternoon and conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:30 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE - is scheduled for the following dates in August:

- Thursday, August 5 – Following the 8:30 Mass
- Saturday, August 7 – 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, August 21 – 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. (Visiting Priest)

DISPENSATION LIFTED — Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days reinstated beginning Aug. 15

Although parishioners have been enjoying the opportunity to return to Mass in increasing numbers since pandemic restrictions have eased, the Catholic bishops of Pennsylvania — including Bishop Lawrence Persico — are making it official. As of Aug. 15, 2021, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days will be lifted. As always, the obligation does not apply to those with serious illness or health risks, as well as their caregivers.

BECOMING CATHOLIC - Have you been thinking about becoming a member of the Catholic Church? Do you know someone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Bi-weekly sessions are planned and will begin **Sunday, August 1**, from 9:30 to 10:45 am.

During the first session, we will provide an overview of the program and answer your questions.

For more information, email Linda Summerville at

linda.summerville62@gmail.com.



Clay Kroh, chair of the Immaculate Conception Parish Technology Committee describes the newly installed audio/video equipment and the features it offers to our worship. Clay writes: Here are the four basic components of the new system.

PTZOptics 20X Optical Zoom Live Streaming Camera - Used to record or live stream masses and church events;

PTZOptics Joystick Controller - Used to control panning and zooming of the PTZOptics camera;

Biamp TesiraFORTE Digital audio server - Mixes the live church audio feeds with the software running on the Acer Windows PC and provides clearer sound in the church itself;

Acer Windows PC with two 24 inch monitors - Used to live stream and/or record masses and church events and upload them to YouTube or Facebook.

The new sound system enhances the liturgies for everyone (those in attendance, those listening to the radio mass, and those viewing the broadcast online) by providing improved, clearer communication.

The new camera system will enhance the liturgies for those viewing the Mass online using the latest technology to improve what the viewer sees on their screen. This will allow Mass to be live-streamed so viewers have the ability to view in real time or a recorded version at their convenience. It also provides a means to livestream and/or record sacramental liturgies — baptisms, first communions, weddings, as well as funeral liturgies — so that people who aren't able to attend in person can still participate.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR FAITH SHARING

Key Passage: When [the people] were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. (John 6:12-13)

Question for Adults: When has the generous gift of another offered you hope?

Question for Kids: What loving gift could you give to another person this week?

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS Intentions

Monday, July 26 - Saints Joachim and Anne

12:10 p.m. Regis and Dorothy Kaltenbach
(Cheryl and Larry Anthony)

Tuesday, July 27

8:30 a.m. Scott Sayers (Father Monty Sayers)

Wednesday, July 28

— NO MASS —

Thursday, July 29 - Saint Martha

8:30 a.m. Charles and Ruth Beichner
(Chuck and Karla Beichner)

Friday, July 30 - Saint Peter Chrysologus

8:30 a.m. Ray and Dora Schrecengost
(Cathy Schrecengost)

Saturday, July 31 - Saint Ignatius of Loyola

4:00 p.m. Ed and Irene Beichner
(Ann and John Stiglitz)

Sunday, August 1 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. For the People

8:30 a.m. RADIO MASS—Louise Schmader (Estate)

11:00 a.m. Allen Frampton (Betty Boroughs)

The 11:00 Mass for Sunday, July 18th was inadvertently left off of last week's Mass Intentions. It is being said this week for Ron Perry at the request of Yvonne Perry.

Readings for the week of July 25, 2021

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c] /Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

AUTUMN LEAF FESTIVAL — If you are interested in being a vendor at this year's ALF Craft Show on Saturday, October 8th, you may print a copy of the vendor contract from the parish website or email Jason and Amanda Lewis at jasonfloydlewis@hotmail.com or Sara Patton at sjspl12@gmail.com.



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