



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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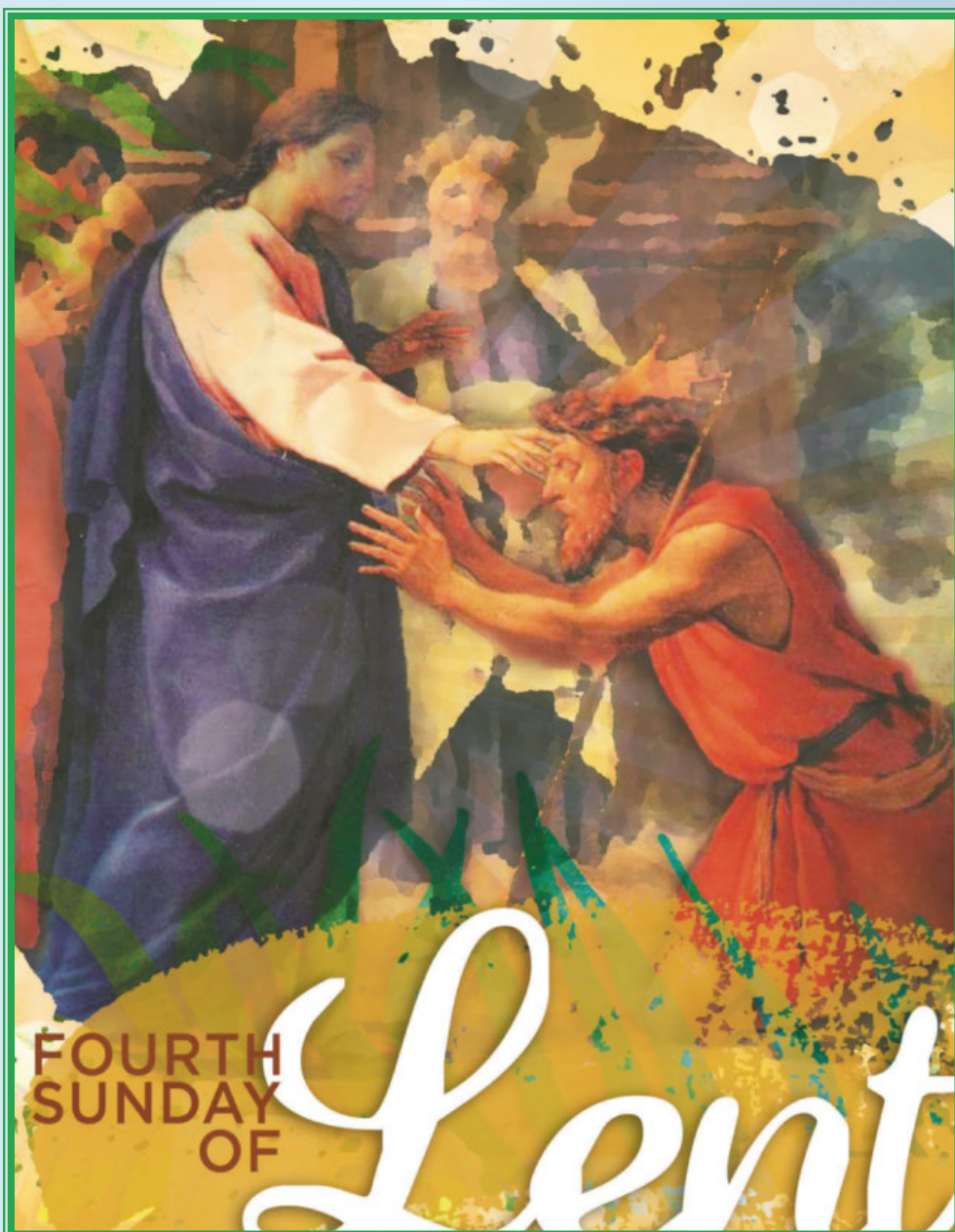
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Parish Membership

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.



MAY THE LENTEN SPRINGTIME...

- **Parish Penance Service**
Sunday Afternoon at 3:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday Lenten Devotions** –
“The Way of the Cross According to Matthew”
Wednesday, March 22 5:30 p.m.
- **“Little White Books”** for the Easter season
will be available on the lobby bookrack next
weekend for a suggested donation of \$1.00.

**...LEAD YOU TO AN EASTER
OF UNENDING JOY!**

**SAINTLY SOJOURN
OCTOBER 10 – 12**

We will be visiting:

- * Corning Museum of Glass, Corning, NY
- * St. Kateri National Shrine and Historic Site, Fonda, NY
- * Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Fultonville, NY
- * St. Marianne Cope Shrine and Museum, Syracuse, NY
- * O-Neh-Da Winery, Conesus, NY – **the oldest
producer of Sacramental wine in the New World!**

The trip includes:

- ♦ Meals – 3 lunches, 3 dinners, 2 breakfasts
- ♦ Admission to the Corning Museum of Glass
- ♦ Wine tasting at O-Neh-Da Winery
- ♦ Hotel accommodations for two nights
- ♦ Motor coach transportation
- ♦ Faith – an opportunity to grow your lifelong faith formation!
- ♦ FUN!

The cost is \$550 per person based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for \$680.

Please make reservations early. Final payment is due by August 10, 2023. No refunds or cancellations within 60 days of the trip unless with a replacement.

For more information or to reserve your seat, please contact Kim at (814) 221-0241 or kkroh@live.com

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS FOR FAITH SHARING**Source of Light**

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as Children of light — for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.

(Ephesians 5:8 – 9)

Adults: What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?

Kids: How can you let the light of your faith in Jesus shine for others to see?

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MONTY – Today—the mid-point of Lent and the day of the second Scrutiny—is a good time to review your commitment to the Lenten discipline of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The Scrutinies are important for our elect to strengthen them spiritually for their reception of the Easter sacraments. But they also strengthen *you* to deal with temptation and distraction.

Prayer - You go to the ‘Y’ *regularly*; you go out for coffee *regularly*; you meet friends *regularly*; you go shopping or to sign the book at your social club *regularly*.

- *Do you pray just as regularly?*

Fasting - It's small distractions that strike first: picking up the dry cleaning, relationship problems, class assignments, which kid needs to be dropped off or picked up, what to fix for dinner, etc. Then, SATAN tempts you with the biggies—the sorrowful mysteries of your past mistakes and misfortunes; the memories that bring, not peace, but poison. Do not re-run “the helter-skelter of your past”!

- *Ask God for the grace to turn a blind eye to your past sins so to see the promise of your future.*

Almsgiving - You supported the Ash Wednesday collection with a generous donation of \$2500.00 for Passages, Inc. The 2023 Catholic Services Appeal total is increasing weekly. CRS Rice Bowl return and the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land are just weeks away.

- *What other charitable organizations are counting on you to support their mission?*

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of the deceased pastors of Immaculate Conception and the priests and woman religious who served our parish and school. Thank you for your support of the 2023 Easter Flower Offering.

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE is scheduled for Sunday, March 25 at 3:00 p.m. (or by appointment).



Immaculate Conception Parish High School
Faith Formation Students
Cordially Invite You to...

Palm Sunday Breakfast

Prepared by Dana and Darren Troese,
along with Knights of Columbus Council #7549.

Who: All Immaculate Conception
Parishioners and School Families are
invited

Where: Parish Event Center

When: April 2, Palm Sunday
from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

There is no charge for the breakfast. The students
will accept donations if you are interested in helping
to support the backpack food program which supplies
needy children in Clarion County with healthy snacks
and meals.

BUNNY BINGO CONTINUES — MARCH 20 & 27 in
the Parish Event Center. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Games
begin at 6:00 pm. Concessions Available.

20 Games (you get 3 Bingo cards for each game)
\$10 Adult Cards / \$5 Children Cards

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

By Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Talking about discipleship and truly being a disciple are
two very different things. It is easier to know what we
should do than to carry it out. Many saints from our
tradition have had much to say about this struggle to do
what they know they must do, and not do that which they
know they shouldn't. It is part of being human.

Without God, we have no chance to overcome this
predicament. Without God, our actions can ring hollow, or
often we are too immobilized to act at all. Without God, we
suffer with blindness to the truth of what is important and
eternal.

The story in John 9 of Jesus healing the blind man is about
more than a physical healing and just one man. It is about
how each of us can find healing of our blindness by turning
to Jesus Christ. Are you someone that has been saying, "I
don't understand all this talk of discipleship and
stewardship; what's the big deal?" We all have a blindness
that needs to be healed, and the body of Christ needs you so
that God's presence in our world can be seen in a more
profound manner. The reality is that God heals the
blindness of those who seek him so that, in turn, they may
be vehicles by which others may see as well.

This Lent, you are invited to bring your blindness to Jesus.
All the written reflections in the world will not give you
new eyes. Those eyes can only be found in Jesus.

MASS Intentions

Monday, March 20 – Saint Joseph,

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. Betty Cherico (Deb Ferringer)

Tuesday, March 21

8:30 a.m. Karen Hulings (Katherine Reed)

Wednesday, March 22

— NO MASS —

5:30 p.m. The Way of the Cross

Thursday, March 23 – Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo

11:00 a.m. Mary Kay Hartle
(James A. Hartle and Family)

Friday, March 24

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the
Lewis and Catherine Wagner Family
(Lew and Cathy Wagner)

Saturday, March 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord

4:00 p.m. Kenneth Ferringer (Deb Ferringer)

Sunday, March 26 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Don Kahle (Rose Marie Kahle and Family)

8:30 a.m. RADIO MASS – Regis Huefner
(Carol Huefner)

11:00 a.m. For the People

Readings for the week of March 19, 2023

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5,
27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18
/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23
/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23
/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11
/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)
/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or
11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

APOLOGIES to BreAnna Liberto whose last name was
misspelled in last week's bulletin under the picture of the
RCIA Rite of Election.



Offertory	March 11 - 12
Envelopes	\$ 7,095.00
Loose	720.00
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