



# 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

### Church & School

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### Parish Staff

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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.



On Friday, May 26, 2023  
The Sixth Grade Class  
of the Immaculate Conception Parish School  
will participate in their Commencement Liturgy



**Caleb Eisenman  
Blaise Fleisher  
Cameron Iseler  
Hayden Nickerson  
Channing Ragon**

Congratulations to these "Hawks"  
as they soar on to seventh grade  
in new schools with new opportunities for learning!

### THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

this Sunday are given to the Greater  
Glory of God and in honor of our  
Sixth Grade students at Immaculate  
Conception School. Thank you for  
your generous support of the 2023  
Easter Flower collection!



### CONGRATULATIONS

to the members of the Class of 2023  
graduating from area high schools this spring.  
We will honor them on Sunday, June 4,  
with a special blessing at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

**John Burke    William Clark  
Kyra Duffee    Abigail Frederick  
Anna Gribbik    McKayla Kerle  
Damon Yeany**

Baccalaureate Services  
to honor the Class of 2023:

- ❖ Clarion Area High School  
Sunday, May 21, 6:30 p.m.  
First United Methodist Church,  
Clarion
- ❖ Keystone High School  
Sunday, May 21, 4:00 p.m.  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Knox
- ❖ Clarion Limestone High School  
Sunday, June 4, 6:00 p.m.  
Trinity Point Church of God, Clarion



### A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MONTY –

#### WHY NOT WEAR RED NEXT SUNDAY?

Pentecost is one of the most important days on the Church calendar, but it often gets overlooked. Here are some ways that your family can help celebrate this important solemnity next Sunday:

- The feast of Pentecost is referred to as the birthday of the Church. Pentecost marks the event that drove the apostles out among the people to spread Jesus' message: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20). Thus, with this announcement, they established the Church.
- Pentecost was originally a Jewish feast that concluded the 50 days of Passover and celebrated the end of the barley harvest, plus the beginning of the wheat harvest. The Jewish people at Pentecost also celebrate the gift of the law to Moses at Mt. Sinai.
- The symbols of Pentecost are wind, fire and a dove.
- The first symbol—wind—is taken from the noise the apostles heard as the Spirit descended upon them (Acts 2:2).
- After the wind, flames appeared and rested upon the heads of each of the apostles (Acts 2:3).
- A dove serves as a symbol of the Holy Spirit. There is no mention of a dove in Acts, but we associate a dove with the Holy Spirit because of the story about Jesus' baptism: "After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized, and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove" (Luke 3:22).
- Because Pentecost is the birthday of the Church, celebrate it just as you would any other birthday in your home—break out the cake and ice cream! Rather than singing "Happy Birthday," recite a prayer for Pentecost. Most prayer books contain a special prayer for this extraordinary day.
- Wear something red to Mass next Sunday. The color of the vestments worn by priests on Pentecost is red, to symbolize the love of the Holy Spirit, or the tongues of fire that appeared over the heads of the apostles on Pentecost.
- And don't just stop at wearing red. Use a red tablecloth for dinner, eat off red paper plates, eat red foods, and drink from red Solo cups! See how many ways you can incorporate the color red in your celebration.



**UPDATING THE PARISH PRAYER LIST**– The parish prayer list will be revised for June, 2023. Please re/submit names of family members and friends for the list by phone or emailing Amy at the parish office by Noon on June 1 (814-226-8433 Ext. 100 — abish@icclarion.org).



**BAPTISM FORMATION SESSION**

For new parents or expecting parents who plan to have their child baptized at Immaculate Conception parish, the Baptism Formation team invites you to our Baptism Formation session on **Sunday, June 11, 2023**, from 9:30 to noon. This session is required before Baptisms are scheduled. Register online at [icclarion.org](http://icclarion.org) under Sacraments in the main menu or contact Linda Summerville at [lsummerville@icclarion.org](mailto:lsummerville@icclarion.org)



If you would like to volunteer to help with the picnic...  
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Opportunities to sign up will be announced soon.

**5th Annual  
Immaculate Conception Parish School**

**Golf Outing**

Sunday, June 4, 2023  
Clarion Oaks Golf Club  
Clarion, PA  
Registration: 8:00 AM  
Shotgun Start: 9:00 AM

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For more information  
Contact Nadine & Randy Cyphert  
at  
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814-226-8433 ext. 105

**Skill and Cash Prizes**

**Catered Lunch**

**Beverages Throughout the Day**

**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK  
FOR FAITH SHARING**

*Praying for Others*

[Jesus prayed to his Father,] "I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours."

(John 17:9)

**Adults:** Who needs you to pray for them this week, as Jesus prayed for his disciples?

**Kids:** Who will you pray for this week?



Additions to the Prayer List:  
Maxine Lauffer and Deb Bowser



**MASS Intentions**

**Monday, May 22 – Saint Rita of Cascia**

8:30 a.m. Regis and Dorothy Kaltenbach and  
Larry Anthony (Cheryl Anthony)

**Tuesday, May 23**

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

**Wednesday, May 24**

— NO MASS —

**Thursday, May 25 – Saint Bede the Venerable,**

**Saint Gregory VII, Pope,**

**And Saint Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi**

8:30 a.m. Patricia Boyles (Mike and Teresa Cyphert)

**Friday, May 26 – Saint Philip Neri**

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the  
Harold and Patty Rapp Family

10:30 a.m. Connie Eisenman  
(St. Michael's Rosary Society)

**Saturday, May 27 – Saint Augustine of Canterbury**

4:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the  
Sam and Rose Amato Family  
(Sandy and Joe Amato)

**Sunday, May 28 – Pentecost Sunday**

8:30 a.m. For the People (INCENSE)

8:30 a.m. RADIO MASS – Deceased Members of the  
Immaculate Conception Knights of Columbus  
Council #7549 (I.C. Knights)

11:00 a.m. Frank and Linda Wolbert  
(Frank and Nancy Wolbert)

**Readings for the week of May 21, 2023**

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab  
/Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a,  
35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8,  
9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab  
/Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday:** Gn 11:1-9 /Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29,  
30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

**Next Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31,  
34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23



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