

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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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.

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MOTHER'S
DAY!

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OVER US,
HER CHILDREN,
ON OUR
JOURNEY
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AND IN NEED,
ANXIOUS THAT
THE LIGHT OF
HOPE NOT FAIL.

CHRISTUS VIVIT, NO. 48



A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PERSICO – The Bishop writes from the chancery about the 2024 International Needs Collection next weekend:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Ever since our Lord's admonition to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and shelter the homeless, wherever and whomever they may be, the Church has been reaching out to those in need. Today I would like to ask you to join me, as members of the worldwide Catholic family, in helping the Church to continue to provide for our needy brothers and sisters throughout the world by giving generously to the International Needs Collection to be taken up in the Diocese of Erie the weekend of May 18-19.

This annual collection offers a concrete way for us to reach out to those who live in lands and cultures far from our own. It is a combination of three collections:

- The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe which helps build churches; train and educate seminarians, clergy, and lay leaders; publish Catholic newspapers; support orphanages; and support evangelization among children, youth, and adults;
- The Catholic Relief Services Collection which helps all people, regardless of race, creed, or nation, providing for the victims of war and natural disasters, aiding the Church suffering under persecution, alleviating poverty, and educating the poor; and
- The Support for the Church in Africa collection, which provides for the rapidly growing and vibrant Church on that continent.

Please give generously to the International Needs Collection on May 18-19 and, just as importantly, please include those in need in your prayers. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families and parishes.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L.
Bishop of Erie

THERE IS A RED-BORDERED ENVELOPE IN YOUR SPRING PACKET FOR THIS APPEAL.

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR this Sunday are given to the Greater Glory of God, and in memory and in honor of the Mothers of Immaculate Conception parish. Thank you for your generous support of the 2024 Easter Flower collection!

QUESTIONS of the WEEK FOR FAITH SHARING

Praying for Others

Jesus prayed, "I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me." (John 18:20-21)

Adults and Kids: What are some of the most important things to ask of God?

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MONTY –

WHY NOT WEAR RED NEXT SUNDAY?

Pentecost, one of the most important days on the Church calendar, is often 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 God giving the law of the covenant to Moses on 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 bishops, priests and deacons on Pentecost is red, symbolizing 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. How many ways you can incorporate the color red in your celebration? Use a red tablecloth for dinner, eat off red paper plates, eat red foods—like strawberry shortcake—and drink from red Solo cups!



Immaculate Conception Parish School
Golf Outing
 Sunday, June 9, 2024
 Clarion Oaks Golf Club
 Registration at 8:00 a.m.
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**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
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 OCTOBER 15-17, 2024**

We will be visiting:

- ❖ Sorrowful Mother Shrine, Bellvue, OH
- ❖ Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN
- ❖ Our Sunday Visitor (OSV), Huntington, IN
- ❖ National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, OH
- ❖ A few other stops along the way!

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- \$200 Kate Klimek
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- \$100 Virginia Martin
- \$50 Cynthia Hoffmeier
- \$50 Susan Slike
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- \$50 Sharon Guth



MASS Intentions

- Monday, May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima**
 8:30 a.m. Robert Selker (Kristin Selker)
- Tuesday, May 14 – Saint Matthias**
 8:30 a.m. Barb Wigton (Joe Griebel)
- Wednesday, May 15 – Saint Isidore**
 ——— NO MASS ———
- Thursday, May 16**
 11:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Clark and Mohney Families (Jane Mohney)
- Friday, May 17**
 ——— NO MASS ———
- Saturday, May 18 – Saint Pope John I**
 4:00 p.m. Rick Slike (Susan Slike)
- Sunday, May 19 – Pentecost Sunday**
 8:30 a.m. Barb Wigton (Clarion Borough Employees)
 8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Deceased Members of the Immaculate Conception Knights of Columbus Council #7549 (I.C. K of C)
 11:00 a.m. For the People

Readings for the week of May 5, 2024

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

Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 /Jn 15:9-17

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: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 /Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



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