



# 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.



**A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PERSICO** – The Bishop writes this week from the Chancery about the 2024 National Needs Collection:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When we think of mission territory, we are likely to think of Africa or Asia, not of parts of our own country. Yet, there are many poor, sparsely populated dioceses in our country who need our help to minister to the People of God and to spread the Good News.

The **Collection for National Needs**, to be taken this year on **July 20 and 21**, gives each of us the opportunity to stand in solidarity with poorer dioceses in the United States. This collection is a combination of two other collections:

- The Catholic Home Missions Appeal impacts the lives of nearly 9 million Catholics. Through annual grants, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal funds catechesis for children and adults, seminarian education, lay ministry training, Hispanic ministry and other pastoral programs in needy dioceses. The dioceses funded by the appeal comprise nearly 45 percent of all US dioceses
- The Black and Indian Mission Collection helps to evangelize and support our African American, Native American and Alaskan Native communities with mission schools, religious education programs, the purchase of catechetical materials and ministry training.

The struggle to receive basic pastoral care and catechesis is faced by thousands of faithful living in dioceses within our own country. I ask your generous response to the Collection for National Needs on July 20 and 21. Your support will truly make a difference in strengthening the Church at home. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families in these summer months.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

Bishop of Erie

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH SCHOOL** is accepting applications for a full-time elementary teaching position. Bachelor's Degree in elementary or early childhood education required. Candidates must have current clearances. The complete list of required documents can be found at

<https://www.eriercd.org/schools/teachingforms.html>

Please send cover letter, resume, teaching certificate, three references and required clearances to:



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**A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MONTY** – The second reading at Sunday Mass on July 14 – August 11 is from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians. The Catholic Stewardship Council's July 2024 newsletter offers a brief introduction to the Letter to the Ephesians as it "relates to us that God, the Father, has established a divine plan to bring all of creation to Christ and that He has blessed us with the divine gifts to help implement that plan. Christian stewards know what their gifts are and remain committed to using them in the service of the Lord. Do we know what our gifts are? Do we believe that God has given us these gifts? Are we committed to using our gifts to serve the Lord?"

This six-week reading guide from the Catholic Serendipity Bible will guide you as you ponder your stewardship this summer (Be sure to read the introduction to Ephesians provided in your Bible for historical background and spiritual content):

### Ephesians Six-Week Reading Guide

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>1:1-23</b>	<b>Plan of Salvation/ Fullness of Christ</b>
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>2:1-22</b>	<b>Generosity of God's Plan/ One in Christ</b>
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>3:1-21</b>	<b>Paul's Commission/ Paul's Prayer</b>
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>4:1-32</b>	<b>Working Out Our Unity/ Renewed Life in Christ</b>
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>5:1-6:9</b>	<b>Imitators of God/ Relationships in Christ</b>
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>6:10-24</b>	<b>The Battle Against Evil</b>

**MISSION COOPERATIVE PLAN APPEAL** – We welcome to our parish a representative of the Mary Mother of God Society whose mission is *Reviving the Roman Catholic Church in Eastern Russia*. It is not too late to make a gift! Mail your donation to the parish office or place it in the collection in a plain envelope marked **Missionary Cooperative Plan Appeal**. (Make checks payable to: Immaculate Conception Parish) Please continue to pray for all who serve in the missions. You benefit greatly from their prayers.



**Parish Picnic**  
**AUGUST 4, 2024**  
**Noon to 4:00 p.m.**



**Lunch catered by Mauthe's Country Store**  
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**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS** — The Knights of Columbus, Council #7549 wish to invite you to a **Pittsburgh Pirate Game Day** outing to be held on Sunday July 21, 2024. The Pirates will be playing the Philadelphia Phillies at 1:35 PM. Altar servers and the club-sponsored baseball team have also been invited.

Tickets are \$45 each and seats are located in or near Section 109, lower level, first base side. Each game ticket will come with a \$10 loaded value, good toward food or merchandise in the stadium. Ticket quantity is limited so they will be available on a first come basis.

We will be joining the Clarion Rotary Club for a tail-gate picnic lunch prior to the game. Our club, as well as the Rotary, will provide grilled hotdogs, buns, and beverages. Anyone attending may bring a side dish, snack, or dessert.

If interested, please call or text  
Rick Tote at 814-229-2018.



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
SAINTLY SOJOURN  
OCTOBER 15-17, 2024**

**We will be visiting:**

- ❖ Sorrowful Mother Shrine, Bellvue, OH
- ❖ University of Notre Dame, 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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Please make reservations early. Final payment due by August 15, 2024. No refunds or cancellations within 60 days of trip unless with replacement.

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

**JULY CENTURY CLUB WINNERS —**

\$500	Caroll Aaron	\$50	Rose Kahle
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\$100	Estelle Frese	\$50	Theresa Aaron
		\$50	Don McNaughton
		\$50	Virginia Martin



## MASS Intentions

**Monday, July 15 – Saint Bonaventure**

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the  
Montini and Simoni Families  
(JoAnne DelGreco Grine)

**Tuesday, July 16 – Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

8:30 a.m. Chet McMillen (Grandsons)

**Wednesday, July 17**

— NO MASS —

**Thursday, July 18 – Saint Camillus de Lellis**

8:30 a.m. Steven Santus (Kim and Clay Kroh)

**Friday, July 19**

8:30 a.m. James A. Hartle (Orla Sweet)

**Saturday, July 20 – Saint Apollinaris**

4:00 p.m. Regis and Dorothy Kaltenbach and  
Larry Anthony (Cheryl Anthony)

**Sunday, July 21 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 a.m. Dennis and Dawn Kidney  
(Children and Grandchildren)

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Deceased Members of the  
IC Knights of Columbus Council 7549  
(IC Knights of Columbus)

11:00 a.m. For the People

**Readings for the week of July 14, 2024**

**Monday:** Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23  
/Mt 10:34—11:1

**Tuesday:** Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday:** Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10,  
14-15/Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday:** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15,  
16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30

**Friday:** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16  
/Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday:** Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21

**Next Sunday:** Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (1)  
/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

**DID YOU KNOW** — There are 5 patron saints of nurses.

St. Agatha      St. Camillus  
St. Catherine of Siena  
St. John of God      Raphael the Archangel

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