



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 5:30 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.



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SURELY NOT
LOSE HIS
REWARD.

— MARK 9:41 —



THE 71st ANNUAL AUTUMN LEAF FESTIVAL – “Flavors of Fall” – is under way!

Please support our parish's
booths, stands and activities
September 28 - October 6!

(www.clarionpa.com/events/autumn-leaf-festival/)

- Immaculate Conception School PTO “Bountiful Harvest Pie and Bake Sale” – this Sunday until Noon
- Knights of Columbus – Council 7549 “Hot Sausage Stand” – all week
- Knights of Columbus – Council 7549 “Kettle Corn Stand” – various times
- Immaculate Conception PTO's “Annual Crafter's Day Fair” and Concession Stand – Parish Center/Cafeteria – October 4
- **Don't forget – the parish office is closed on Friday, October 4!**

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will follow the 8:30 a.m. Mass Thursday, October 3.

Adoration will continue all morning and conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:10 p.m. The focus of our prayer is the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network intention for October 2024: FOR A SHARED MISSION - Let us pray that the Church continue to sustain a synodal life-style in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.



THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE is scheduled for the following dates in October (or by appointment):

- Thursday, October 3 following the 8:30 am Mass
- **NO CONFESSIONS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 DUE TO ALF EVENTS**
- Saturday, October 12 at 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 26 at 3:00 p.m.



DIOCESE OF ERIE FATHER SON DAY — Your sons are growing up... In the next few years, they will have many questions. Where will they get answers? Come for a day of fun, faith and time with your son.

TOPICS FOR THE DAY

- Growing into Manhood
- Increase and improve father/son communication
- Listening to God's call

Help your 11 to 13-year-old son navigate adolescence and become a man for Christ. This event is October 19, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Saint Boniface in Erie.

RSVP by October 11. \$30 registration includes food and activities. More info and to register, go to

<https://www.eriercd.org/chastity/Father-Son-Day.html>

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MONTY – This week, we acknowledge several important Church related events occurring in the month of October.

- October is **Respect Life Month** and next Sunday is Respect Life Sunday. *I Came So That They May Have Life* is the theme for 2024. You will find an insert in next Sunday's bulletin and a prayer card on the lobby bookrack reflecting this year's Eucharistic theme. www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month
- The XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops—the **Synod on Synodality**—will meet in Rome for the second time October 2-17 to continue the work begun in 2023. Pope Francis defined the process: "Synodality is a style, it is a walk together, and it is what the Lord expects from the Church of the third millennium." Synodality is "the action of the Spirit in the communion of the Body of Christ and in the missionary journey of the People of God. It is more commonly understood as a process by which the Church undergoes discernment on a variety of issues. The Synodal Assembly is above all a spiritual event; aided by the Holy Spirit, the laity, priests, bishops, and religious each use their own gifts and charisms to help the Church make decisions.
- October is dedicated to the **Most Holy Rosary**. In the Rosary, with its sequence of prayers and mysteries, we contemplate the Gospel in company with the Blessed Virgin Mary. In 2002, Saint Pope John Paul II wrote, "the Rosary is a prayer loved by countless Saints and encouraged by the Magisterium. Simple yet profound, it still remains...a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness . . .With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer" (Rosarium Virginis Mariae, 1). Rosaries and prayer pamphlets are available in lobby.
- This week, why not pray the rosary for the intentions of Pope Francis and all those participating in the 2024 Synod on Synodality.



FALL FLOWER MEMORIALS – The floral arrangement at the altar is given for the Glory of God and in honor of your deceased loved ones. The mums decorating the Church and grounds are colorful evidence of your generosity. Thank you for your support of the 2024 “Fall Flower Memorial” fund.

BLESSING OF STUDENTS – Next Sunday, October 6 at the morning Masses all students involved in fall sports and extracurricular activities – basketball, cheerleading, clubs, cross country, football, golf, marching band, organizations, soccer, volleyball – are invited to receive a special blessing. Students from Immaculate Conception, all area school districts and Penn West University - Clarion are encouraged to participate. Let your parish family bless you, rejoice in your accomplishments and encourage your enthusiasm!

Faith Formation Events

IN OCTOBER
2024

SUN 06	ALTAR SERVER TRAINING #2
SUN 13	EDGE & PURPOSE
SUN 20	PURPOSE
SUN 27	EDGE PURPOSE "DONUT MISS MASS"

For more information:

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READING BETWEEN THE WINES —

The Immaculate Conception Church Catholic Daughters of America are hosting a book review fundraiser on Wednesday, October 2nd at the Haskell House (500 Main Street, Clarion). Doors

open at 4:30 p.m. The program is from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Penn West University President Dr. Jon Anderson will review the book "Down the Great Unknown" by Edward Dolnick. Also, Reverend Harold "Jake" Jacobson will review his book "How I Met My Mother and Other Close Encounters".

Wine from Deer Creek Winery will be served along with light refreshments and there will be raffle baskets. All proceeds benefit Clarion Kindness Project, a local 501(C)3 nonprofit. There will also be a collection box for nonperishable food and hygiene items for the Penn West Clarion Student Resource Room.

The suggested ticket price is a \$15.00 donation. Tickets are available by contacting Deb at (814) 316-5304. Tickets will also be available at the door.

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY PRAYER for parishioners to pray for their priests.

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their soul on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

MASS Intentions

Monday, September 30 – Saint Jerome

— NO MASS —

Tuesday, October 1 – Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus

11:00 a.m. For the People

Wednesday, October 2 – The Holy Guardian Angels

— NO MASS —

Thurs., October 3 – Saint Francis of Assisi (anticipated)

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Adoration will continue all morning and conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:10 p.m.

8:30 a.m. Matthew Moyer (Maureen Allen)

Friday, October 4 – Saint Francis of Assisi

— NO MASS —

Saturday, October 5 – Saint Faustina Kowalska and Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

4:00 p.m. Don Weidner (Nancy and The Girls)

Sunday, October 6 – Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time and Respect Life Sunday

8:30 a.m. Barb Pfendler (Jerry and Mary Lutz)

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Mark Weaver (Mary Park and the Weaver Family)

11:00 a.m. George Parkinson (Sally Doran)

Readings for the week of September 29, 2024

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8 /Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 /Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5) /Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12



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Monday,
September 30
Team 1

Offertory	Sept. 21 - 22
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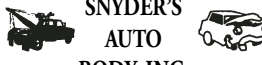
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