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720 Liberty Street
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.

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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.



INTRODUCTION TO WORLD MISSION MONTH

Part 1 of 4 — October is Mission Month

As we begin the month of October, we enter a special period of reflection and action for our Church’s missionary efforts worldwide. World Mission Sunday, which will be celebrated on October 20th, is a vital time for all Catholics to support the spread of the Gospel in mission territories. This year’s theme, chosen by Pope Francis, is “Go and invite everyone to the banquet,” emphasizing our call to bring God’s love and message to all corners of the world.

The contributions collected on World Mission Sunday are crucial for sustaining the Church’s mission in over 1,150 territories where the Church is still young or struggling. Historically, the Church in the United States was once a beneficiary of these missionary efforts, and now we have the opportunity to give back and support our brothers and sisters around the globe. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to engage fully in this mission throughout the month.

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

- Saturday, October 12 at 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 26 at 3:00 p.m.



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.

QUESTIONS MOST CATHOLICS CAN’T ANSWER
 More from The Ultimate Catholic Quiz (100 Questions Most Catholics Can’t Answer) by Karl Keating.

The Rosary...

- a. was invented by Saint Dominic.
- b. is making a comeback among both Catholics and Protestants.
- c. is necessary for salvation; you can’t be considered a good Catholic without at least occasionally praying the Rosary.
- d. was prayed weekly by Pope Saint John XXIII.
- e. none of the above

Answer and more information on the opposite page. There are no trick questions in this book, but there are questions that will trip you up if you fail to read carefully. An answer is wrong if any part of it (such as a date or a name) is wrong. Find the answer that is wholly right.



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MONTY – Welcome ALF Visitors, CUP Alumni, Penn West students and families to Immaculate Conception Parish! For over three decades, the meditation that appears below has inspired my prayer in October and to savor all the Flavors of Fall. (It was composed in the 1960s as a Preface for a Eucharistic Prayer.) It brings back many fond memories of Autumn Leaf Festivals and Clarion University homecoming weekends—especially this year – #71!

For autumn and the leaves of death we give you thanks, O Lord, and seek to praise that northern lands can be a glory, and men and women at peace find rest from empty fields and spilling barns.

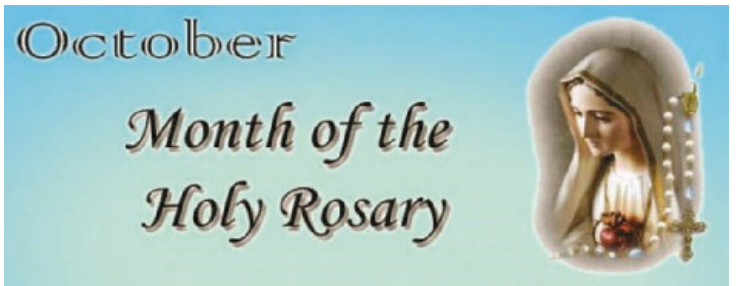
We thank you for abundant days, for all the richer life your Son has promised, more than eye, taste, and even autumn can provide.

And present things: books, faces, friends’ return, the fire’s dance, the shouts of play, the scarlet maple and the distant hills.

Your gift is like a wine, pressed down and running over, good measure for October days!

We give you thanks for banquets and for bread, but more that you are a God that saves the leaf that falls and seeks communion with the earth. And we are never dead, although we sleep and winter will return. Gather us O Lord: we are the children of your desire.

Lord of the harvest, God of the beautiful world, we are your glory and we give you praise with the angels of heaven...



Why not pray the rosary this week for the work of Pope Francis and the XVI General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops meeting in Rome this month? 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 lifestyle in every way, as a sign of coresponsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

FREE ROSARIES/PHAMPHLETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY.

A BAPTISM FORMATION SESSION is scheduled for Sunday, November 17, from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the parish faith formation office. This one-time session is for first time parents who are asking to have their child baptized at Immaculate Conception parish.

To register, go to icclarion.org, click Sacraments on the page header, scroll to the Baptism paragraph. Questions can be directed to Linda Summerville, Adult Faith Formation Director, at lsummerville@icclarion.org.

**QUESTIONS of the WEEK
FOR FAITH SHARING**

Childlike Faith

Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.”

(Mark 10:15)

Adults: What could keep you from embracing the kingdom of God like a little child?

Kids: How do you feel when you hear the wonderful stories of God’s love for you?

ANSWER TO “QUESTIONS MOST CATHOLICS CAN’T ANSWER”

- Many people think so, but the Rosary predated Saint Dominic. Centuries before him, monks had begun to recite all 150 psalms together in choir. As time went on, it was felt that lay brothers, known as *conversi*, should have some form of prayer of their own. They were distinct from choir monks and a chief distinction was that they were illiterate. Since they couldn’t read the psalms, they couldn’t recite them with the monks. They needed an easily remembered prayer. The prayer first chosen was the Our Father. The *conversi* used strings of beads to keep count of the prayers. During the twelfth century, those beads came to be used to count Hail Marys — or, more properly, the first half of what we now call the Hail Mary (the second half was added later).
- True. The comeback is obvious among Catholics, but now even some Protestants are turning to the Rosary. (Mr. Ripley, call your office.)
- Incorrect. Although praying the Rosary is a good thing, you needn’t suffer pangs of conscience if it happens not to be your favorite devotion. There is no obligation to pray it.
- Before he was elected pope, Angelo Roncalli prayed five decades of the Rosary daily, but after his election as John XXIII, he went to the full fifteen traditional decades, saying to an inquirer, “Now that I’m pope, I need more help.”
- This incorrect because **b** is the right answer.



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.eriecd.org/chastity/Father-Son-Day.html>



Monday, October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary

———— NO MASS ————

Tuesday, October 8

11:00 a.m. For the People

**Wednesday, October 9 – Saint Denis and Companions
and Saint John Leonardi**

———— NO MASS ————

Thurs., October 10

11:00 a.m. Mark Weaver (John and Karen Weaver)

Friday, October 11– Saint Pope John XXIII

———— NO MASS ————

Saturday, October 12

4:00 p.m. 20th Anniversary of the Death of Tony Lapinto (Carol Lapinto and Family)

**Sunday, October 13 – Twenty-eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

8:30 a.m. Gerry McMillen (Sue and Theresa McMillen)

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Carl Seigel, Jr. (Lewis and Cathy Wagner)

11:00 a.m. Ronald Perry (Yvonne Perry)

Readings for the week of October 6, 2024

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c /Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 /Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14) /Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Prayer to Respect Life

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Dear Lord,
What a gift You have given in every human life.
Inspire us to respect Your handiwork
in every human we encounter.
Embolden us to protect the dignity
of the most vulnerable members of society. Amen.



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