



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.

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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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHOEVER WISHES TO
BE GREAT WILL BE

YOUR SERVANT.

MARK 10:43

FROM THE OFFICE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND LIFE — Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie invites those who wish to make a donation to relief efforts in the wake of Hurricanes Helene and Milton to donate directly through Catholic Charities USA at

<https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/what-we-do/disaster-relief/hurricane-helene-response/>

“CCUSA, as the official domestic disaster relief agency of the Catholic Church in the United States, has launched a dedicated Helene disaster relief campaign. All donations received for disaster aid will be allocated to the Catholic Charities agencies providing critical relief — including shelter, food, and other humanitarian aid — to those most in need.”

Catholic Charities agencies are on the ground in the areas most affected providing immediate disaster relief such as water, food, and shelter and will continue to serve in their communities throughout the long-term recovery. Check their website for updates on the relief efforts.

Please join us in prayer for those who have been affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, and for those working to provide relief.

OUR MISSIONARY LEGACY

Part 3 of 4 — As we approach World Mission Sunday on October 20th, it's important to remember the legacy of missionary work. The Church in the United States was once mission territory, supported by the generosity of Catholics worldwide. Today, we continue this legacy by supporting the Pontifical Mission Societies, ensuring that the Gospel reaches the ends of the earth.

Our contributions help build and sustain communities of faith in places where the Church is still growing or facing persecution. This mission is a testament to our faith in action, reflecting the universal call to share Christ's love. As we reflect on this year's theme, “Go and invite everyone to the banquet,” let us recommit to supporting our global Church Family.

IN REMEMBRANCE...NOVEMBER BOOK OF THE DEAD - Stop next Sunday after Mass, or anytime during the month of November, to write the names of your loved ones who have died in our November Book of the Dead.



GIVING TUESDAY — The iGiveCatholic campaign is coming up. December 3 is Giving Tuesday with advanced

giving set to begin November 18th. The parish will use funds raised to remodel the reconciliation rooms. The school plans to purchase two new water refill stations.

FOOD PANTRY — The food pantry, sponsored by Community Action, provides emergency supplemental food services to eligible Clarion County residents. Please help your neighbors by making a donation of non-perishable food items. Just leave whatever you can in the designated containers in the lobby of the church. It all helps!

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MONTY –

Dedication Anniversary Next Sunday - The late Bishop Alfred W. Watson blessed the corner stone, walls and Altar of the Immaculate Conception Church on 2 October 1977. Our celebration of the anniversary of that dedication will be next Sunday, October 27. In the liturgy we will acknowledge 47 years in this building and 168 **plus** years— In This Place...Nurtured by Grace—on the corner of Main St. and Weaver Place.

October: Month of the Most Holy Rosary and Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary -

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops authorized a series of Pro-Life Rosary Prayer Intentions in 2020. Why not pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the rosary this week using the intentions expressed below? Free Rosaries are available in the lobby.

The Agony in the Garden: For all who are suffering from abandonment or neglect, that compassionate individuals will come forward to offer them comfort and aid.

The Scourging at the Pillar: That the victims of violence, torture and slavery will be delivered from their suffering, find healing and know that God is close to them.

The Crowning with Thorns: That the persecution of Christians will end in a new era of tolerance and respect for the religious freedom and conscience rights of all.

The Carrying of the Cross: For all who labor under burdens that seem too great to bear—due to illness, age, poverty, cruelty or injustice—that our prayers and aid will lighten their crosses.

The Crucifixion: For an end to the death penalty and for the release of all prisoners of conscience and all who have been wrongfully convicted.

FALL FLOWER MEMORIALS – The floral arrangement at the altar is given for the Glory of God and to honor you, your family and your deceased loved ones. Thank you for your support of the 2024 “Fall Flower Memorial” fund.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK - The church teaches that the sacrament of the anointing of the sick is offered to those: 1) of advance age; 2) those with serious illness or facing surgery; 3) those with chronic illness of body, mind or spirit. **We will celebrate this sacrament at all Masses the weekend of November 2 and 3.** Those planning to receive the Sacrament need to stop and sign in when they arrive at the Church for Mass.

Remember—Please phone the parish office when a member of your family is hospitalized or scheduled for surgery.

WINTER GUIDELINES FOR ERIE DIOCESAN CEMETERIES - All potted plants, empty pots and containers must be removed from the Immaculate Conception parish cemetery by October 31, 2024. Winter decorations and holiday wreaths are permitted after November 1. Your assistance will help keep the cemetery grounds clean, safe and beautiful during the winter months.



ATTENTION ALL LECTORS – There will be a meeting for all parish Lectors on **Sunday, November 3** between the morning Masses. Your participation is required at this annual meeting. **Workbooks** for 2025 will be distributed and aspects of your ministry will be discussed at this session. We will begin ten minutes after the 8:30 Mass ends and conclude the session by 10:40 a.m.

ARE YOU A REGISTERED MEMBER OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH?

You may come to Mass every Sunday, but are you a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish?

- 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.
- An adult child of a registered parishioner, after graduation from college, during their military service, or after moving out of town, is no longer a member of this parish. Where an individual/family resides—or their *domicile*—determines parish affiliation.
- In order to schedule a wedding or baptism; arrange a Mass of Christian Burial at the parish church; to obtain a certificate giving permission to be a godparent or Confirmation sponsor; you must be registered in a parish.
- To schedule an appointment for registration or for more information call the parish office.

WHAT’S IN IT FOR ME? By Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
I think we’ve all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what’s in it for us. It doesn’t matter if it’s a particular work assignment, someone at the parish asking for help with the mission trip bake sale, or your spouse asking if you’ll take over the grocery shopping this week. Often, our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: “If I do this, what will I get?”

Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Savior. But in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship.

In the Gospels, we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honor and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us.

But in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through, and as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don’t give up just because they keep failing at it.

We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives.

Remember, they’re just like us. If they can do it, we can, too.
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Monday, October 21

NO MASS

Tuesday, October 22 – Saint Pope John Paul II

11:00 a.m. Leo Ganoe (Nancy J. Ganoe)

Wednesday, October 23 – Saint John of Capistrano

NO MASS

Thurs., October 24 – Saint Anthony Mary Claret

11:00 a.m. For the People

Friday, October 25

NO MASS

Saturday, October 26

4:00 p.m. Florence and William Brochetti
(Diane and Peter Nachtwey)

Sunday, October 27 –

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Gerald and Ruth Bauer (Katherine Reed)

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Ken Mechling
(Virginia Martin)

11:00 a.m. Gerry and Chet McMillen
(Sue and Theresa McMillen)

Readings for the week of October 20, 2024

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5
/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14
/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Ps 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
/Lk 12:49-53


Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59



Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)
/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE 
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(or by appointment)

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