



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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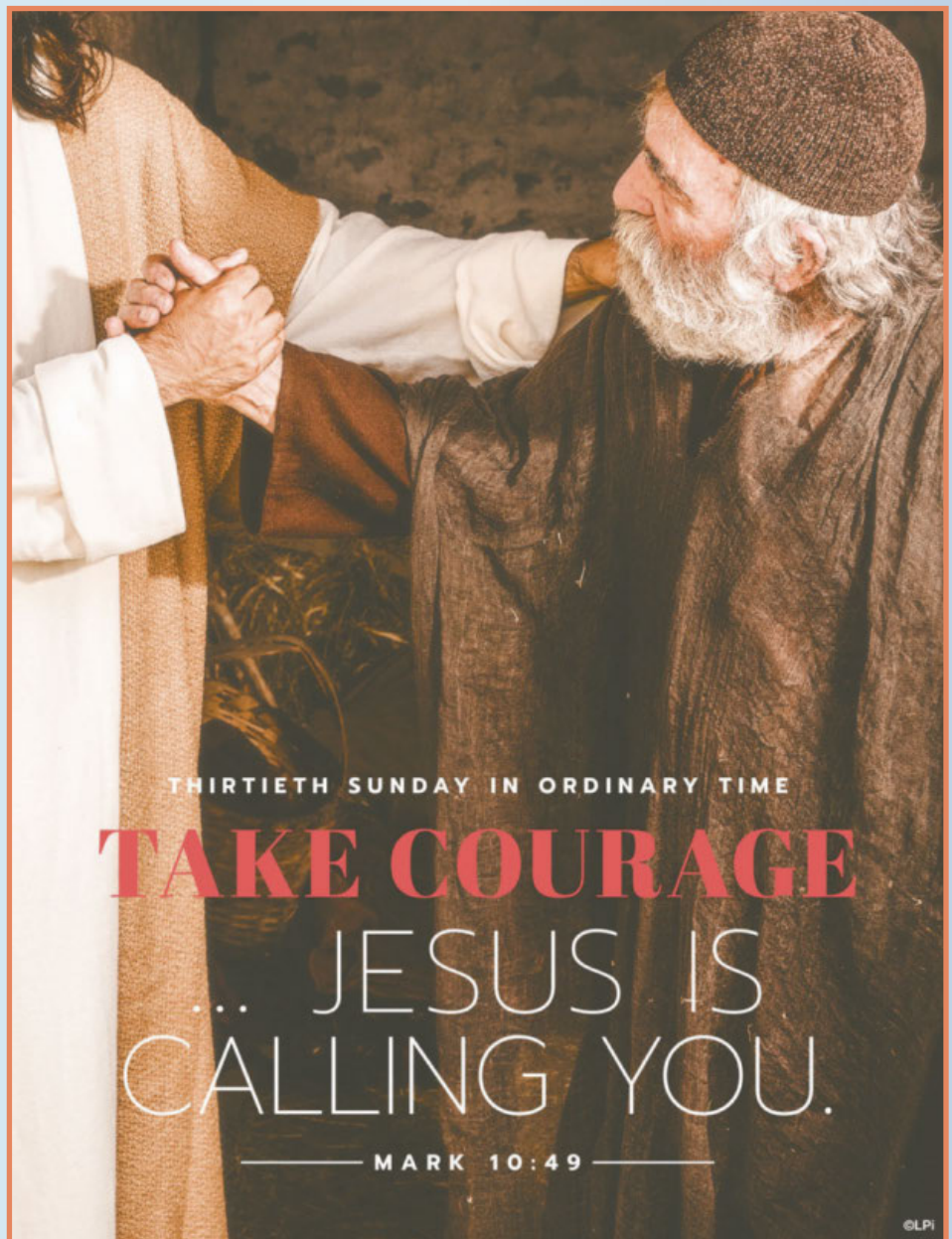
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Parish Membership

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.



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TAKE COURAGE

... JESUS IS CALLING YOU.

MARK 10:49



*Annual
Community Thanksgiving
Dinner*

ATTENTION TURKEY COOKERS!

The Community Thanksgiving Dinner Committee is in need of volunteers to cook turkeys for this year's event.

Turkeys will be picked up from the
Parish Event Center
on Sunday, November 10
and will be due back on
Sunday, November 24

If you are interested in cooking a turkey or two, please go to

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/3120130805/false#/invitation>

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS

The Community Thanksgiving Dinner Committee is in need of volunteers for this year's event on Thursday, November 28, 2024

If you are interested in helping with the dinner, please go to

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/9521272040119/false#/invitation>

Planning for the 2024

Community Thanksgiving Dinner is underway!

If you would like to make

DINE IN RESERVATIONS go to

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To make **TAKE OUT RESERVATIONS**, go to

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We look forward to serving you this year!

(Use the parish website for easy access to the links)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK - The church teaches that the sacrament of the anointing of the sick is offered to those: 1) of advanced 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.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MONTY – This Sunday we celebrate 47 years of grace by our observance of the anniversary of the dedication of Immaculate Conception Church in October 1977. In this place:

- Were you baptized?
- Did you receive your first Holy Communion?
- How have you experienced God's pardon and peace in Penance and Reconciliation?
- Were you sealed here with the Holy Spirit in Confirmation?
- Did you celebrate your sacrament of Marriage;
- Were you anointed with the Oil of the Infirm?
- Have you celebrated a mass of Christian burial for your spouse, your parent, your child, your loved ones?

In the preface for "The Anniversary of Dedication", we pray:

For in your benevolence you are pleased to dwell in this house of prayer in order to perfect us as the temple of the Holy Spirit, supported by the perpetual help of your grace and resplendent with the glory of a life acceptable to you. Year by year you sanctify the Church, the Bride of Christ, foreshadowed in visible buildings, so that, rejoicing as the mother of countless children, she may be given her place in your heavenly glory.

A spiritual director of mine once told me that **grace** is

- What I think I want.
- What I cannot give myself.
- What only God can give me.

I urge you to adopt a simple practical spiritual practice for the coming month. Since our parish is dedicated to the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Immaculate Conception, it just makes sense for us to seek her intercession every day. Therefore, each day in November will you say one "Hail Mary"? Then, at the end of the prayer, after you have rattled off those familiar words, stop. In your own words, ask the Blessed Mother to pray to her Son for you for the grace that you need for that particular day. Do not ask for the grace that you want. Do not ask for the grace that you think you need. Don't negotiate or plea-bargain. Don't ask for anything! Just ask her to pray to her Son, Jesus, for you. And then listen for the voice of Jesus to say to you, as he said to Bartimaeus, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." With your eyes opened by grace, follow Jesus on the way.

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR – Are given this Sunday for the glory of God and in loving memory of the Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Consecrated Religious who served the Church of Erie and, in particular, Immaculate Conception Parish. Thank you for honoring them by your donation to the 2024 Fall Flower Fund.

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS – Masses in observance of this solemnity—a **holy day of obligation**—will be celebrated on Friday, November 1 at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

IN REMEMBRANCE...NOVEMBER BOOK OF THE DEAD - Stop anytime, from now through the month of November, to write the names of your loved ones who have died in our November Book of the Dead.

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED—All Souls Day—will be observed on Saturday, November 2 at a 11:00 a.m. Mass. Special invitations have been sent to families who have had a loved one buried from Immaculate Conception during the past year. During the Mass, the lit candles will be placed on the Altar and then given to their families to be taken home. This celebration is an expression of our Christian faith in the communion of the saints and our need to pray for one another. We pray for those who mourn the death of a loved one during the past year. We seek the intercession of Mary and the saints to pray for us now and at the hour of our death. We pray in a special way for those who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith, in the past year.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will follow the **8:30 a.m. Mass Friday, November 1 – All Saints Day**. 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 November 2024: **FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD**: “Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation”

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

- Thursday, October 31 following the 11:00 a.m. Mass
- Saturday, November 2 at 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 16 at 3:00 p.m.

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/>

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

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.

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.

MASS Intentions

Monday, October 28 – Saints Simon and Jude
NO MASS

Tuesday, October 29
11:00 a.m. For the People

Wednesday, October 30
NO MASS

Thurs., October 31 – All Hallow’s Eve
11:00 a.m. Barb Wigton (Joe Griebel)

Friday, November 1 – Solemnity of All Saints
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. Rose Carbone (Estate)
5:30 p.m. For the People

Saturday, November 2 – All Souls’ Day
11:00 a.m. Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed For the People
4:00 p.m. Sal Mazzocchi (Virginia Martin)

Sunday, November 3 –
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
National Vocation Awareness Week
8:30 a.m. For the People
8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Don Kahle (Rose Marie Kahle and Family)
11:00 a.m. Paul and Mae Stehle (Susan Slike)

Readings for the week of October 27, 2024
Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 /Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3 /Mt 5:1-12a
Saturday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21 /Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30
Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2) /Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 2 !!!



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Monday, October 28
Team 1

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