



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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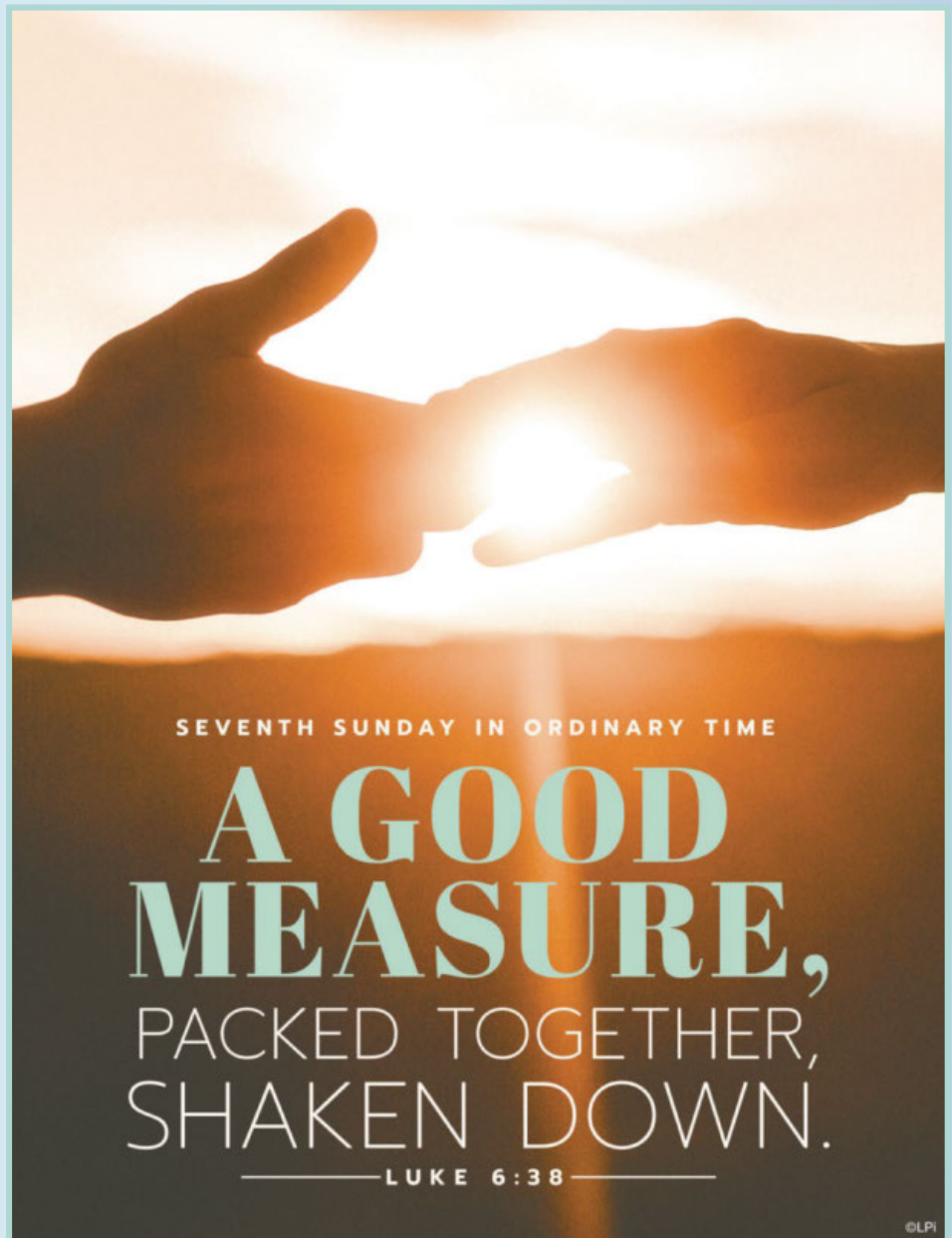
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Parish Membership

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.

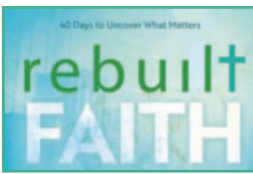
New members are welcome to register by calling the parish office.



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**A GOOD
MEASURE,
PACKED TOGETHER,
SHAKEN DOWN.**

LUKE 6:38



SPIRITUAL CAMPAIGN — The small groups involved in the parish Spiritual Campaign begin meetings this week to discuss the book “Rebuilt Faith.” **Please pray for the success of the campaign** with this prayer for the week of February 23.

Dear Heavenly Father,

We pray as the Rebuilt Faith small groups gather this week and for the next six weeks that you would be with them to guide and direct their thoughts to be centered on you. We pray that their faith will be deepened, their reflections will be holy and their views of you will give them purpose and determination. Please bless them and be with them always, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

HEALTH SCREENING — The Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society, Mu Xi Chapter, and the PennWest-Clarion Nursing students invite you to a free health screening next Sunday, March 2nd in the Children’s Chapel following the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. masses.



They will provide any or all of the following screenings:

- BP screening
- Medication Review (please bring a list of your medications)
- Fall Risk / Prevention screening

No reservation needed. “We look forward to serving you.”



THE 2025 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

One Faith, One Family

will be held next weekend in our parish. Please be on the lookout for your personal invitation in the mail. The CSA is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the diocese to unite in carrying out the work of the Gospel. The CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic family and that the work of the diocese is the work of the Church.

The Church serves each of us and our support is essential in continuing God’s work in our area. Every CSA donation also brings us closer to being able to complete our own parish projects. No gift is too small, but please give as generously as you can.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MONTY – This Sunday was once referred to as Sexagesima Sunday, marking 60 days to Easter. Then, the liturgy had a Lenten feel—purple vestments, changes in the prayers at Mass—well before Ash Wednesday. If you have ever done the math, you know the “Lent = 40 days” formula does not add up! US Catholic online (www.uscatholic.org) offers an explanation: “The 40 days of Lent’ has always been more of a metaphor than a literal count. Over the course of history the season of preparation for Easter Sunday has ranged from one day (in the first century) to 44 (today in the Latin Rite). Officially since 1970, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sunset on Holy Thursday.”

ARE YOU READY FOR LENT?

- **Ash Wednesday** – March 5 Masses at 8:30 a.m., 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.
- **“Little Black Books”** for Lent are available on the lobby bookrack. This year's Lent book focuses on the Passion according to John's Gospel and begins March 2, 2025 through Holy Saturday, April 19. Pick one up today for a suggested donation of \$1.00.
- **Wednesday Evening Devotions** - “The Way of the Cross According to Saint Luke” begins Wednesday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m.
- **First Penance Family Retreat** – Our Second Grade students and their families will celebrate this sacrament for the first time on Sunday, March 16. Retreat: 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are given to the Greater Glory of God and in loving memory of the your deceased loved ones. Your generous support of the 2024 Christmas Flower collection will provide flowers for the next two Sundays. Thank You!

2025 CENTURY CLUB TICKETS ON SALE NOW — Each ticket is \$100 and will be sold after the weekend Masses in the lobby of the church. You may also contact Amy at the parish office by calling 814-226-8433 Ext. 100 or emailing her at abish@icclarion.org.



There is one Early Bird Drawing on March 31st for \$200.

Other drawings are as follows:

- April 30th: (1) \$300 / (1) \$200 / (2) \$100 / (5) \$50
- May 30th: (1) \$300 / (2) \$200 / (2) \$100 / (5) \$50
- June 30th: (1) \$500 / (1) \$400 / (3) \$200 / (3) \$100 / (10) \$50

DEVOTIONS, Explained!

Fasting

Fasting was practiced by righteous men and women of the Old Testament and later by Christ himself. It remains an important part of the Christian devotional life today, being most strongly associated with the penitential season of Lent.

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The 7th aspect or characteristic of Jubilee 2025 is the **INDULGENCES**. In the Catholic Church, an indulgence is a way to reduce or remove punishment for sin

The Jubilee Indulgence is a concrete manifestation of God's mercy, which goes beyond and transforms the boundaries of human justice. This treasury of grace entered human history in the witness of Jesus and the saints, and by living in communion with them our hope for our own forgiveness is strengthened and becomes a certainty. The Jubilee indulgence allows us to free our hearts from the weight of sin because the reparation due for our sins is given freely and abundantly.

In practical terms, the experience of God's mercy involves some spiritual acts indicated by the Pope. Those who cannot make the Jubilee pilgrimage due to illness or other circumstances are nonetheless invited to take part in the spiritual movement that accompanies the Jubilee year, offering up the sufferings of their daily lives, and participating in the Eucharistic celebration.

QUESTIONS of the WEEK FOR FAITH SHARING

In Another's Shoes

Jesus said, "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." (Luke 6:27-28)

Adults: What has allowed you to overcome obstacles and forgive someone who has hurt you?

Kids: When has it been hard to forgive someone who hurt you? What did you do?

MASS Intentions

Monday, February 24 thru Friday, February 28

NO MASSES

Saturday, March 1

4:00 p.m. Rev. Christopher Barnes
 (Chuck and Karla Beichner)

Sunday, March 2 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Barb Wigton (Greg Ochs and Family)

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Carl "Butch" Callen
 (Madelon Callen)

11:00 a.m. For the People

Readings for the week of February 23, 2025

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40
 /Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172,
 174, 175/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35
 /Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18
 /Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14,
 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

THANK YOU!

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Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed, and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

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February 09, 2025

Alison Reese
 Alison Reese
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FOOD PANTRY — Please help support the food pantry sponsored by Community Action. In February, the parish and school will be collecting donations of **Box Food (such as Pasta), Sauces, and Soup**. Other non-perishable food items are always welcome and appreciated. Please place your donated items in the designated containers in the lobby of the church. Thank you for helping!

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