



# 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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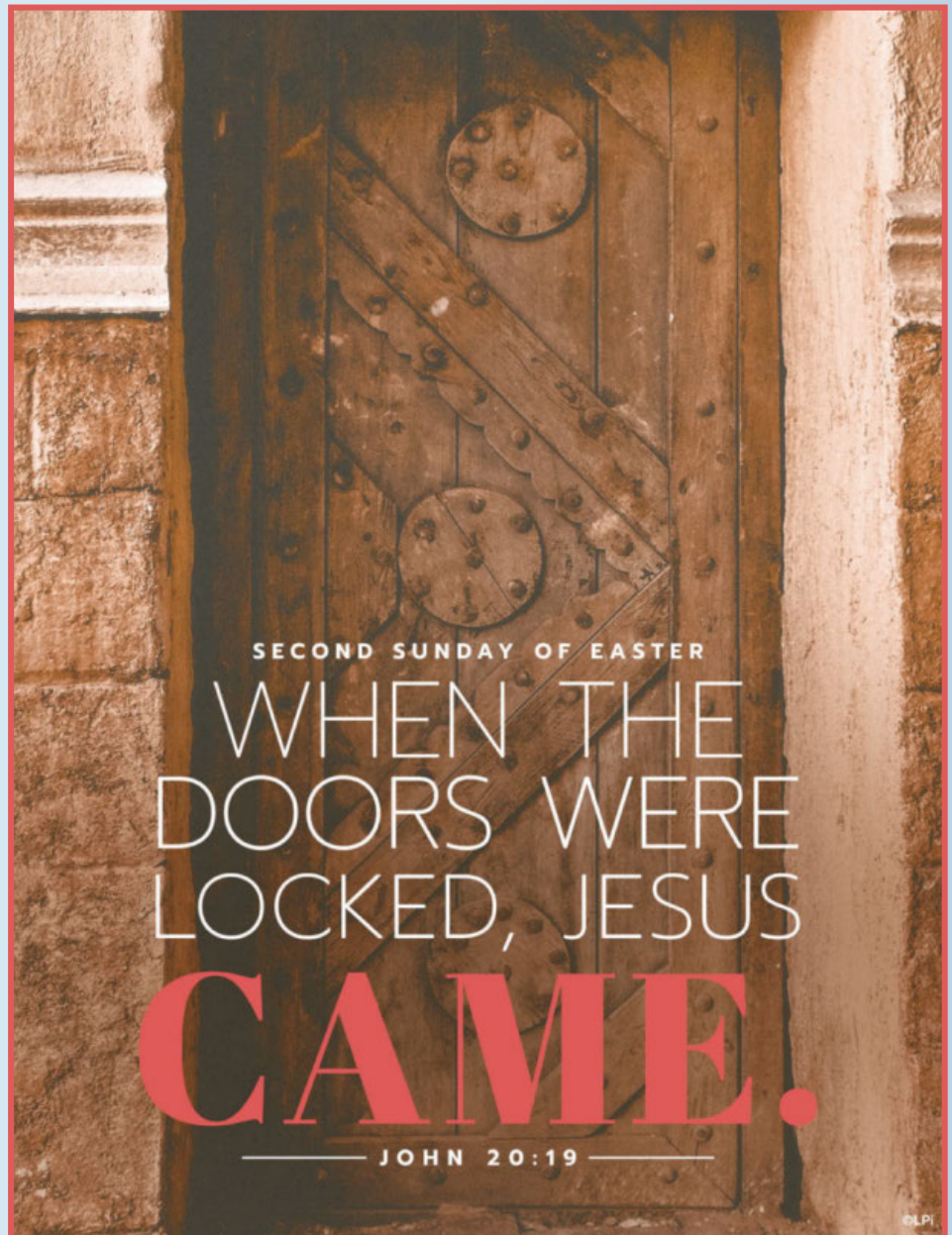
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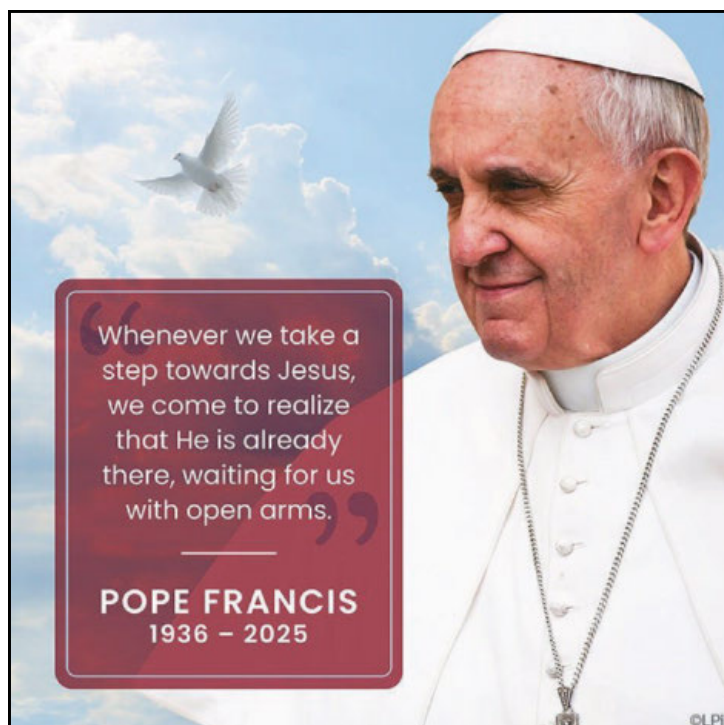
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### Parish Membership

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.





### SOME QUOTES FROM POPE FRANCIS:

- “A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.”
- “Let us not forget that real love is about loving and letting ourselves be loved.”
- “Love is the measure of faith.”
- “We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love.”
- “To change the world, we must be good to those who cannot repay us.”
- “Faith is not a light which scatters all our darkness, but a lamp which guides our steps in the night.”
- “We are not living in an era of change, but a change of era.”
- “You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That’s how prayer works.”
- “God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking His mercy.”
- “The Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.”
- “The world tells us to seek success, power, and money; God tells us to seek humility, service, and love.”
- “A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in God.”
- “Unity prevails over conflict.”
- “Each of us has a vision of good and of evil. We have to encourage people to move towards what they think is good.”
- “Let us ask ourselves: how are we to live this love? What are the signs of a truly loving person?”
- “A Christian who does not protect creation, who does not let it grow, is a Christian who does not care about the work of God.”

### MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Our beloved pastor, **Father Monty** died on Easter Sunday evening surrounded by his family. Please keep Father Monty and the entire Sayers family in your prayers.



“Then I heard a voice from heaven say, ‘Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’ ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.’”

(Rev. 14:13)

Lord, may the deeds of Father Monty follow him into eternity, where he can rest from his earthly labor. Amen.

“The Christian meaning of death is revealed in the light of the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Christ in whom resides our only hope. The Christian who dies in Christ Jesus is ‘away from the body and at home with the Lord’ (2 Cor 5:8).”

- *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1681

“Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”

### QUESTIONS of the WEEK FOR FAITH SHARING

#### *Living Without Fear*

He placed his right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever.” (Rev. 1:17b-18a)

**Adults:** When has your faith in the living Christ helped you overcome fear?

**Kids:** What could you do this Easter season to help someone feel less afraid?

**THE LITTLE WHITE BOOK** – As you rejoice in Christ's resurrection, follow along in the Little White Book - an Easter devotional with reflections that follow the Resurrection narrative of John throughout the season. The 2025 Easter book is from April 20, 2025, to June 8, 2025, and is available on the lobby bookrack. Suggested donation: \$1.00.

**FOOD PANTRY** — During the month of May, please help the Immaculate Conception Parish and School support the Community Action Food Pantry with donations of **Canned Veggies and Fruit**. These and other non-perishable food items are always welcome. Please place items in the designated containers in the lobby. Thank you!





**Save the Date**  
7<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Immaculate Conception Parish School  
**Golf Scramble**  
Sunday, June 8, 2025  
Clarion Oaks Golf Club  
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**CEMETERY MANAGER NEEDED** — Immaculate Conception Cemetery Association is seeking a Cemetery Manager. Please visit the parish website for details about the duties of this position. Training will be provided with the current manager to learn the details and processes necessary to be the Cemetery Manager. Interested parties should email resume and letter of interest to Pat Kahle at [iccemetery1@gmail.com](mailto:iccemetery1@gmail.com) or mail resume and letter of interest to:  
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**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** – Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us, especially children. **Mandated Reporters** in the Diocese of Erie are people who hold positions of trust in our schools, parishes, agencies, and institutions and are mandated by Pennsylvania law and the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children to report suspected abuse of a minor. All employees and volunteers working/serving for the Diocese of Erie, in our parishes, schools or agencies are mandated reporters both legally and morally obligated to report any reasonable suspected or known child abuse to ChildLine, the local police, or other appropriate agency. Visit [www.eriercd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/) to learn the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese

**AROUND THE AREA** — The Fryburg K of C Sporting Raffle is rapidly approaching. The raffle is scheduled for June 7, 2025 at St. Michael's Parish hall on Main St. in Fryburg, PA. Tickets are available at many local businesses or through Matt Gilara (814) 516-3305. There are 90 Prizes! with a \$10,000 Grand Prize. ALL money benefits the Fryburg Knights of Columbus and is used to support the church and local community. For ticket information, please visit: [www.watch4deercatholic.church/knights-of-columbus](http://www.watch4deercatholic.church/knights-of-columbus).



Additions to the Prayer List:  
Pat Fletcher, Bernice Defilippi, Amber Wachob

## MASS Intentions

### Monday, April 28 – Friday, May 2

— At this time there are no weekday masses scheduled —

### Saturday, May 3 – Saints Philip and James

4:30 p.m. Rose Amato (Sandy and Joe Amato)

### Sunday, May 4 – Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Thomas Siegel (Jerome Siegel)

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Sal Mazzocchi  
(Virginia Martin)

11:00 a.m. For the People

### Readings for the week of April 27, 2025

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
/Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20  
/Jn 3:31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

**Next Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6,  
11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

**GOSPEL MEDITATION** - It's common for Catholics to hear the question, "Why do I have to go to a priest to have my sins forgiven?" I've never liked that question because not only is it clunky (confession is the ordinary way for the pardoning of serious sins, not lesser ones). But it misses the larger context: the wonderful origins of the sacrament itself. And this context is deeply Jewish.

Ancient Jews associated forgiveness of sins with priests offering sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple. It was a solemn, public, and tangible way to access God's mercy. So when the risen Jesus breathes on the Apostles and says, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23), the upshot is remarkable: he is the new temple and his Apostles are the new priests. Jerusalem is no longer the place to find forgiveness from sin. Jesus' body, the Church, is.

So why should we go to the Sacrament of Confession? For the same reason ancient Jews went to the temple in Jerusalem: to experience the intimacy, joy, and life-giving power of God's eternal forgiveness.

— Father John Muir

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