



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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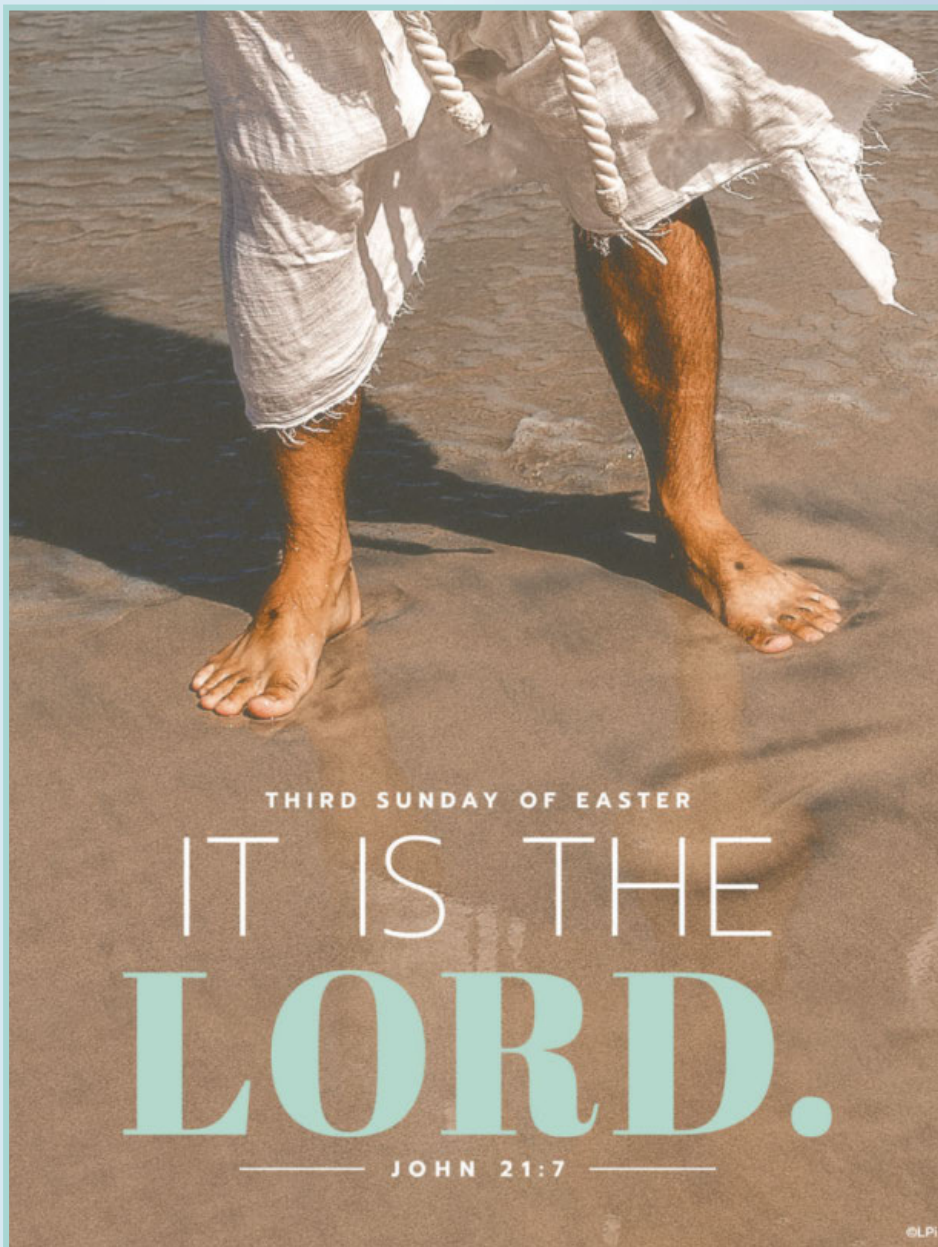
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Parish Membership

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.



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 or mail resume and letter of interest to:

IC Cemetery Association, 720 Liberty Street
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GOSPEL MEDITATION -

3rd Sunday of Easter
by Father John Muir

I eat breakfast. If I don't have something substantial, I'm fading by midmorning. Breakfast is my key meal because it sets up my physical wellbeing for the rest of the day.



Spiritually speaking, we need sustenance to get us going. This is true for the Apostles in this Sunday's remarkable Gospel reading. The risen Jesus makes his third appearance to them in the early morning light and calls, "Come, have breakfast" (John 21:12). The exhausted and cold fishermen sit, and he feeds them bread and fish as the dawn breaks. They are overwhelmed by his presence to the point of awestruck silence. As they eat, their bodies and their hearts come alive. Once refreshed by their morning meal, they will be ready to feed others — indeed, the whole world — with the love of the risen Jesus. But first, they need breakfast from him.

Do you realize how essential early morning prayer is? Jesus desires to refresh us every morning with his word of love, with his grace-filled presence. This week, hear Jesus calling to you: "Come, have breakfast!" Embrace some form of spiritual, meditative practice each morning for spiritual strength to get you going.

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QUESTIONS MOST CATHOLICS CAN'T ANSWER

More from The Ultimate Catholic Quiz (100 Questions Most Catholics Can't Answer) by Karl Keating.

To be elected Pope, a man must at least be

- a cardinal who attends the papal conclave and is less than eighty years of age.
- baptized.
- over fifty years of age.
- fluent in Latin.
- none of the above.

The answer and more information on the opposite page.

THE WITNESSES OF WHAT MAKES NO SENSE –

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

It never fails to amuse me that the disciples in today's Gospel don't recognize Jesus until he asks them to do something that makes absolutely no logical sense.

He's just some random stranger on the shore — until he gives them an order that, in any other circumstances, would have them rolling their eyes into the backs of their heads: Drop the nets again. I know you haven't caught anything all night. I know you're tired. Just do it one more time. Trust me. Again.

That's when they recognize him.

The disciples display such poor recognition of Jesus after the resurrection. I'm sure there's a good, theologically sound reason for it, one I am not smart enough to explain. Whatever that reason is, it's very clear that God was carefully orchestrating these moments of realization. He is trying to tell us something about how we recognize the risen Christ — the one who has conquered sin, the one whose love was stronger than death. The one who never made any sense, and never will, because his kingdom is not of this world, and to understand him — to recognize him — you have to detach from the priorities, the expectations, the limitations of this present world.

You have to be willing to do what makes no sense.

Love — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Forgive — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Believe — again, even when it doesn't make sense.

"We are the witnesses of these things," Peter tells the Sanhedrin (Acts 5:32). Peter, who was so full of joy when he recognized Jesus that he leapt into the sea, fully clothed, desperate to be near him.

It makes no sense, and that's okay. That's kind of our whole thing, as Christians. We are the witnesses of the things that make no sense.

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QUESTIONS of the WEEK FOR FAITH SHARING

Feed My Sheep

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." (John 21:15)

Adults: In what ways are you answering Jesus' command to Peter to "feed my sheep"?

Kids: What do you do to take care of others as Jesus asked Peter to do?



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**.

Any other non-perishable food items are also always welcome. Please place donated items in the designated containers in the lobby of the church. Thank you!



Save the Date
7th Annual
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Sunday, June 8, 2025
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ANSWER TO "QUESTIONS MOST CATHOLICS CAN'T ANSWER"

- Although for centuries all popes have been selected from the ranks of the cardinals, there is no rule that a pope must be selected from their ranks.
- Correct. The candidate must be a baptized Catholic; he can even be a married layman.
- Nope. There is no age requirement. Benedict IX (1012-1056) was only twenty when he was elected pope, and John XII (930 / 934-964) was somewhere between eighteen and twenty-five, the year of his birth not being known with certitude. Of course, there is no likelihood that such a young person could be elected pope nowadays, but this does illustrate that there is no minimum age. There is also no maximum age. The oldest pope, at the time of his election, was Clement X, who was elected at age 79 in 1670. Alexander VIII was only a few months younger when he was elected in 1689. Pope Francis, at his election, was the ninth oldest man to be elected.
- Fluency in Latin is a fine thing, but it is not a requirement for holding papal office.
- The minimalistic answer **b** is correct.

DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED! The Rosary

Christians have used beads to mark the recitation of prayers since ancient times, but in the 12th century, the Rosary emerged as a meditative devotion centering on significant moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary.

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.

MASS Intentions

Monday, May 5 – Friday, May 9

— At this time there are no weekday masses scheduled —

Saturday, May 10 – Saint John of Avila and

Saint Damien de Veuster

4:00 p.m. Don Kahle (Rose Marie Kahle and Family)

Sunday, May 11 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Mother's Day

8:30 a.m. For the People

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Deceased Mothers and Fathers of Immaculate Conception Parish

11:00 a.m. For the People

Readings for the week of May 4, 2025

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30

/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)

/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP —

by Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

I am struck by how Jesus addresses the disciples in the 21st chapter of John. They have been fishing all night, and when the dawn comes, Jesus asks, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They hadn't caught a thing, so he tells them what to do to finally fill their nets. These children thought they knew best, but they couldn't get the job done until they listened to Jesus. Like a child who needs a parent, these early followers of Jesus were learning that real maturity of faith requires trusting in and listening to the Teacher.

The stewardship way of life demands of us a certain maturity of discipleship. Just as a child is not yet ready to be a parent, an immature disciple may not yet be ready to sacrifice regardless of the cost or understand the true value of his generosity. So every day, we are challenged and called to respond, sometimes even with little cost to ourselves. But each step, no matter how small, brings with it growth. We are growing not only in maturity, but in the ability to trust in God and how to listen for the call as well.

How mature are you in your faith? How much trust do you have in Jesus Christ? How often do you pause to listen to the instructions of your Teacher? The night is now over, and the dawn is upon you. Reflect on the visible fruit of your stewardship, and then listen for the words of Jesus.

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