



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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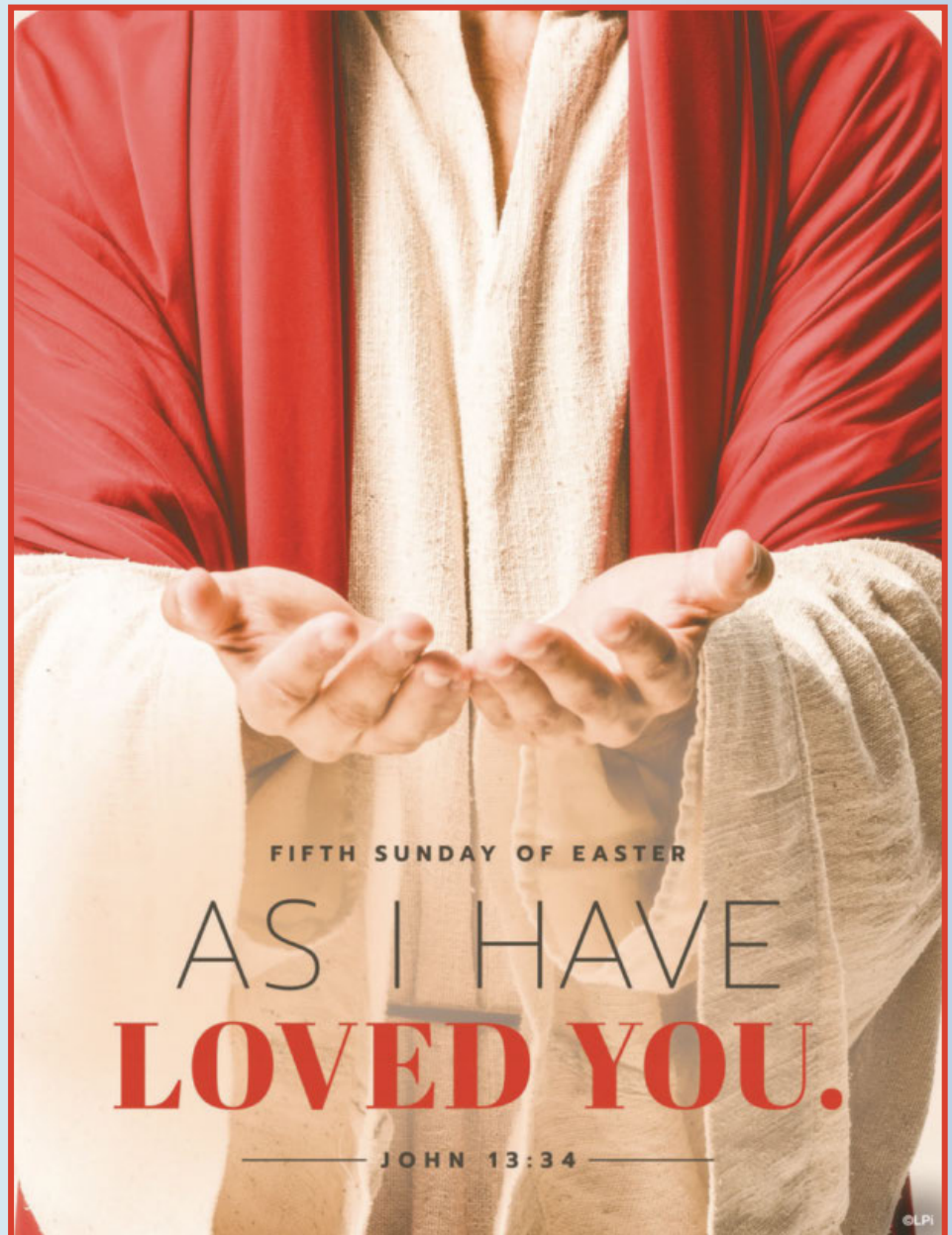
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Parish Membership

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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

AS I HAVE
LOVED YOU.

— JOHN 13:34 —



*Only 3 Weeks
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7th Annual
Immaculate Conception Parish School

Golf Scramble

Sunday, June 8, 2025
Clarion Oaks Golf Club
Clarion, PA
Shotgun 9:00 AM

Sponsorship Opportunities Available



For more information

Contact Kristan Hearst Wilcox at
icpsgolfouting@gmail.com or ICPS at
814-226-8433 ext 105.

50/50 Tickets to benefit the
Immaculate Conception Parish School
are available for a \$5.00 donation
after all weekend Masses.

Only 300 tickets will be sold, so get yours soon!
Drawing will be held at the Golf Outing on June 8.
You do not need to be present to win.

Contact Nadine Cyphert to buy or sell tickets at
nadinecyphert@gmail.com or
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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.

A deacon is

- a priest who does not have permission to celebrate Mass until after his wife dies.
- a layman who may distribute Communion, marry people, baptize babies, and wear vestments.
- a man who has received the first level of holy orders and is neither a priest nor a layman.
- forbidden to hear confessions and give absolution except in emergency situations and in the absence of a priest.
- none of the above.

The answer and more information on the opposite page.

BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Resembling Jesus

I once wrote an article about several women residents of a local nursing home. In researching the piece, I discovered that they had grown up in the same neighborhood as my grandmother, and that one of the women was, in fact, my grandmother's dearest childhood friend.

When I visited this woman to take her photograph, she took a long look at my face, and I could see in her eyes that she was reaching back in her memory across the years.

She said: "You resemble her."

I wept on the way home.

My grandmother died when I was nine, and for the last several years of her life she suffered from Alzheimer's disease. I have always deeply grieved the time we lost, the relationship we could have had. I have hazy fragments of memory from before her illness that lead me to believe we loved each other very much.

Being told I look like my grandmother by someone who knew her well — being identified as belonging to her in some way — was one of the more beautiful things to happen to me.

When we love someone, we want to be associated with them. We want to be recognized as theirs somehow. And if we love Christ, we should want to be known as belonging to him. We should want those who see us to know we are his.

The only way we can resemble Jesus is through love. It is his most recognizable quality, his most famous trait. This is how all will know that you are my disciples.

As Catholics, we are always talking about finding ways to live our faith boldly, unapologetically, publicly. Good — we should! But if we want people to know we are Catholic, we should love them. Bravely. Recklessly. Sacrificially.

As he loves us.

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QUESTIONS of the WEEK FOR FAITH SHARING

Love One Another

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." (John 13:34)

Adults: When have you seen the power of love overcome a bad situation?

Kids: Do you believe love is stronger than hate? Why?



FOOD PANTRY — Please help support the food pantry sponsored by Community Action. For the month of May, the parish and school will collect donations of **Canned Veggies and Fruit**. Other non-perishable food items are always welcome and truly appreciated. Please place your donated items in the designated containers in the lobby of the church. Thanks!

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
CLARION, PA
SAINTLY SOJOURN
OCTOBER 7-9, 2025**

We will be visiting these

Jubilee 2025 Designated Pilgrimage Sites:

- ❖ Shrine of St. Anthony, Ellicott City, MD
- ❖ Cathedral of St. Matthew, Washington, DC
- ❖ Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC
- ❖ Saint John Paul II National Shrine, Washington, DC
- ❖ Basilica of the Assumption (the Baltimore Basilica), Baltimore, MD
- ❖ Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, Baltimore, MD
- ❖ And a few other stops along the way!

Trip includes:

- ❖ **Meals - 3 Lunches, 3 Dinners, 2 Breakfasts plus gratuities**
- ❖ Hotel accommodations for two nights
- ❖ Motor coach transportation and driver gratuity
- ❖ Faith - an opportunity to grow your lifelong faith formation!
- ❖ Snacks
- ❖ FUN!

Cost: \$625 per person based on double occupancy. Single rooms available for \$772.

Please make reservations early. Final payment due by August 7, 2025. No refunds or cancellations within 60 days of trip unless with replacement.

Please make deposit and final payment checks payable to Immaculate Conception Parish and send to the Rectory Office at 720 Liberty St., Clarion, PA 16214.

For more information or to reserve your seat, please contact Kim at (814) 221-0241 or kkroh@live.com

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CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS – Digital Safety and Your Child:

If your child gives out personal information while online, it is easy to track and tough to completely remove. Teach your child to never share personal information such as full name, address, phone number, email, school, or birthday on any social media site. Teach them to never give anyone their passwords. Help your child set up strong passwords and do a yearly checkup on them. Adjust privacy settings for online games, apps, social media sites and your child's electronic devices. Don't forget to check the GPS settings ability to unintentionally share your child's location. Avoid using public wi-fi when sharing personal information. For additional resources visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/

MASS Intentions

Monday, May 19 – Friday, May 23

— No weekday masses on

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday —

Thursday, May 22 – Saint Rita of Cascia

11:00 a.m. Ronald Heasley (Kim and Clay Kroh)

Saturday, May 24

4:00 p.m. Wendy Sayers (Father Monty)

Sunday, May 25 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. SSGT. Patrick Griffin

(Gary and Sue Wolbert)

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Alexandra Badamo

(Anne and Frank Badamo)

11:00 a.m. Charles and Betty Hepfl (Patty Girt)

Readings for the week of May 18, 2025

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21
/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5
/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)
/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

ANSWER TO “QUESTIONS MOST CATHOLICS CAN’T ANSWER”

- a. A deacon is not a married priest. Married priests are called, well, married priests, and they are common in some of the Eastern Churches. (There are even a few in the Western Church.) When a deacon's wife dies, he remains a deacon; he does not suddenly acquire priestly powers at her death.
- b. Although deacons may do all these things, they are not laymen. They are ordained to the first level of holy orders, but they are not priests.
- c. Correct, because a deacon is no longer a layman and is not a priest.
- d. A deacon never can give sacramental absolution, for the simple reason that he is not a priest and doesn't have the power to grant sacramental absolution.
- e. Answer c is correct.

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 iccmemetery1@gmail.com or mail resume and letter of interest to:

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