



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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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.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE HARVEST IS
ABUNDANT.

— LUKE 10:2 —



PRINCIPAL POSITION – Immaculate Conception Parish School, Clarion, PA



Immaculate Conception Parish School (PK–6), a faith-filled Catholic elementary school in Clarion, PA, is seeking a dynamic **Principal** to lead our vibrant parish school community. The ideal candidate will be a practicing Catholic with leadership experience, a Master's degree in Education or related field, and a passion for academic excellence and spiritual development.

Qualifications:

- Minimum 5 years in Catholic education
- Strong leadership, communication, and organizational skills
- PA Administrative Certificate (or willingness to obtain)

To apply, submit a cover letter, resume, and required forms (available at www.eriecd.org/employment.html) to:

Laura Blake, Asst. Superintendent
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Applications reviewed on a rolling basis.

ON PILGRIMAGE — By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Before I embarked on my trip to the National Eucharistic Congress last summer with a group from my archdiocese, we had an orientation meeting. At that meeting, the coordinator of the trip shared with us “The Five Rules of Pilgrimage.”

If you're not familiar with them (I wasn't), here they are:

1. Don't complain.
2. Don't complain. (It's so important, it's listed twice.)
3. When you see a bathroom, use it.
4. When someone offers you something, receive it.
5. When someone asks you for something, give it.

It's great advice for a pilgrimage, but more than that, I think it's great advice in general. So when I read today's Gospel and I hear Jesus say essentially the same thing to his disciples as they set out to evangelize (well, minus the bathroom tip, but those weren't as much of a thing in biblical Judea), I come to an important realization.

The whole Christian life is a pilgrimage.

Too often, life falls short of my expectations. An opportunity didn't work out. A day didn't go the way I planned (like, at all). A person didn't accept me. And I ball up my fists and stomp my feet like a full-grown Veruca Salt, and I yell: I cannot work in these conditions!

And then, I imagine God, on his celestial throne, sighs and opens the Book of the Gospels (surely he keeps it handy, don't you think?) to Luke, Chapter 10. And he whispers in my heart what he said to his disciples 2,000 years ago.

Don't complain. Be open and give of yourself, and in turn, receive what comes your way, whatever it is. If it's good, rejoice. If it's not good, move on. And in the end, remember where you're headed — the place you're trying to go.

Oh, and again: don't complain.

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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.

What is a miracle?

- a. an occurrence that seems to contradict scientific laws but really does not
- b. any unexplained occurrence that includes a spiritual element
- c. an ancient explanation in lieu of modern scientific knowledge
- d. a pious story that helps us understand religious truth without being true itself
- e. none of the above.

The answer and more information on the opposite page.



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 iccemetry1@gmail.com or mail resume and letter of interest to: IC Cemetery Association
720 Liberty Street, Clarion, PA 16214

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

Please check the parish website for details on the Jubilee 2025 Designated Pilgrimage Sites in Maryland and the Washington, DC, area which will be visited.

Trip includes:

- ❖ Meals - 3 Lunches, 3 Dinners, 2 Breakfasts plus gratuities
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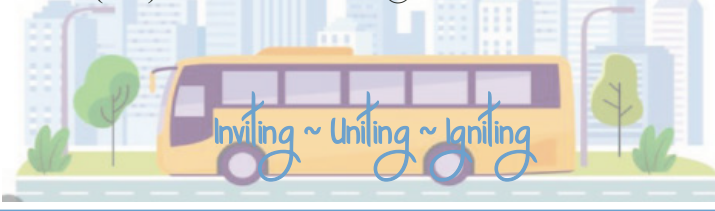
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Please make reservations early. Final payment due by August 7, 2025. No refunds or cancellations within 60 days of trip unless with replacement.

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



DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED! St. Michael Prayer

The prayer to St. Michael invokes the protection of the archangel Michael in the ongoing spiritual battle for the souls of all mankind. This prayer was composed by Pope Leo XIII and its use was instituted in 1886 at the end of Low Mass, a tradition which continued until the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council. A popular story regarding its origin claims that the Pope wrote this prayer after having a vision of demonic spirits descending on Rome.

Michael is mentioned as one of God's seven archangels in the Book of Enoch and is presented by Revelations 12:7-12 as the warrior angel who cast Satan from heaven. He is therefore traditionally venerated as a protector against the forces of evil and a guardian of the Church.

The Prayer to St. Michael is still commonly said at the end of the rosary and by some parishes after the conclusion of Mass.

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THE FOOD PANTRY – Please keep the Food Pantry sponsored by Community Action in mind this summer. If you can help with donations of non-perishable food items, paper products, and toiletry items, it would be greatly appreciated. Donations may be placed in the designated containers in the lobby of the church. Thank you!

MASS Intentions

Monday, July 7 thru Friday, July 11

— NO MASSES —

Saturday, July 12

4:00 p.m. Bill and Millie Schmader and son Billy
(Karla and Chuck Beichner)

Sunday, July 13 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Darl "Butch" Callen (Madelon Callen)

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Rose Carbone (Estate)

11:00 a.m. Sal Mazzocchi (Teresa Cyphert)

Readings for the week of July 6, 2025

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab
/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15
/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3,
10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17,
18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40
/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7
/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34,
36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

ANSWER TO "QUESTIONS MOST CATHOLICS CAN'T ANSWER"

- a. Tossing out this proposed definition is easy: just think of any miracle recorded in the New Testament, such as the Resurrection which certainly contradicted the scientific law (if it may be put this way) of "once dead, always dead."
- b. This is too vague. Probably everyone has lived through unexplained occurrences that include some spiritual elements, such as witnessing a spectacular but unexplainable atmospheric occurrence, at the sight of which one's mind is lifted toward God. That's a fine thing, but it's not a miracle.
- c. This is the common allegation of nonbelievers: miracles are answers provided by primitive people who didn't know much about science or medicine. Yet miracles continue to occur, such as those rigorously vetted during the canonization processes for modern saints. Such miracles are examined by highly trained scientists and physicians who deliberately use modern scientific knowledge in their investigations.
- d. A miracle is not itself a story, though there are stories about miracles, just as any historical event is not itself a story, though there may be stories about it.
- e. None of the above answers are correct, so this one is.

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