



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.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**By Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS**

So many times in my life, I have failed to start something because I had not yet adequately prepared. I would have started working out or going for a jog, but I needed to get the right shoes. I would have started eating right if only I could find the time and money to buy the right foods. I would have started that journaling project, but I couldn't without a really nice leather-bound journal. I would have, I would have, and I would have!

I know many people can relate. We offer up excuses for so many things. Sometimes we even get to the point where we do start something, but by then, we have already lost so much time.

Some of us are thinking about taking a stewardship way of life seriously, but we are just not ready yet. We would be more generous if we can first get out of debt. We would give of our time, but we have to wait until the kids get older or until we fully research our options. The truth is, we don't have to be in any particular state of life or have any specific financial portfolio to start giving our very selves to God. God takes us as we are now. No resume needed. Why waste so much time thinking about getting started and becoming serious? Time is a gift given to all of us. As we think and prepare endlessly, we are practicing poor stewardship. The time to start is today. Who wants to answer God one day at the gates of Heaven saying, "I would have."?

QUESTIONS of the WEEK FOR FAITH SHARING

Acting With Mercy

But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. (Lk. 10:33-34)

Adults: When have you gone out of your way to help a stranger in need?

Kids: Would you help a new student who needed help? Why or why not?

JUNE CENTURY CLUB WINNERS -

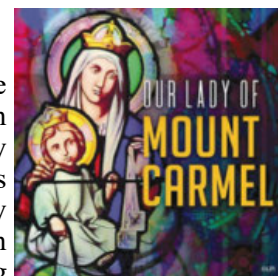
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Thank you TO EVERYONE WHO BOUGHT TICKETS



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL (July 16)

The origins of this feast reach all the way back to the Old Testament. In the book of Kings, we read the story of the prophet Elijah. Much of his prayer, fasting, and public ministry occurred from Carmel, a mountain in Israel. Christian hermits — seeking solitude — made their homes on the mountain during the first millennium. Over time, the hermits assembled into a community and were given a Rule of Life. They named their church after Mary — Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Political upheaval forced the Carmelite order out of the Holy Land and into Europe, where they established monasteries for both men and women across the continent. Many great saints and doctors of the Church have come from the Carmelite order, including St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Therese of Lisieux, and St. Edith Stein. Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Pray for us!



THE FOOD PANTRY – Please help support the food pantry sponsored by Community Action this summer. They are always in need of cereal, pasta, and spaghetti sauce. Also, mac-n-cheese, canned fruit, peanut butter, soup, canned meats and canned vegetables are particularly helpful items. Paper products and toiletry items (soap, shampoo, tooth paste, tooth brushes, etc.) are great, too. All of these items are needed to keep the food pantry stocked in order to help those in need in our area. Your donations can be placed in the designated containers in the lobby of the church. Thank you!



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

Less than a month left to reserve your place at this year's Saintly Sojourn.

Check the parish website for details on the Jubilee 2025 Designated Pilgrimage Sites in Maryland and the Washington, DC, area to be visited.

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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

GOSPEL MEDITATION -

I used to be a bad neighbor. I'd get wrapped up in my life and ignore those around me. Then I found sage advice from Benjamin Franklin to this effect: to be a better neighbor, ask someone to do a favor for you. It's counterintuitive, isn't it? Tell strangers that I need their help? Yuck. I'll risk looking needy. Worse, I'll be indebted to them. But I tried it, and it works like a charm. Recently I asked my neighbor Alan for a hacksaw, and Inga for an egg. They kindly obliged, and our friendship is growing.



This week we hear a scribe of the law cynically ask Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29). Like him, we prefer to keep the list of our "neighbors" as short as possible. It requires less interruption and inconvenience. But when Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, he exposes the lonely, cold-heartedness tendency of the scribe's (and our) heart. My "neighbor" is anyone I encounter who manifests a concrete need. There isn't time to require any other credential because human need opens us to the happy reciprocity which is love.

Jesus' words challenge us this week to ask a neighbor for help in some small way. How marvelous that God himself shows us how. He moves into our world and asks us to love Him with small deeds of love. Maybe that's where Ben Franklin got the idea. — Father John Muir ©LPi

MASS Intentions

Monday, July 14 thru Friday, July 18

— NO DAILY MASSES —

Thursday, July 17

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Holy Hour** including
Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament followed by Benediction

Saturday, July 19

4:00 p.m. Regis and Dorothy Kaltenbach and
Larry Anthony (Cheryl Anthony)

Sunday, July 20 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Don Kahle (Rose Marie Kahle and Family)

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Deceased Members of the
Aaron and Godfrey Families
(Dave and Theresa Aaron)

11:00 a.m. Robin Heasley (Irene Lencer and Family)

Readings for the week of July 13, 2025

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8
/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34
/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7
/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27
/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc,
17-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15
/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)
/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

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 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
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