

*Immaculate Conception Church*  
**150 South Maple Ave., Clarksburg, WV**  
**July 11, 2021**



**15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

**Baptism:** Instruction prior to Baptism. Contact the Parish Office at 304-622-8243.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3-4 pm. Other times by appointment.

**Marriage:** Make arrangements with the Parish at least 6 months before desired date. Must be a registered member(s) of the Parish and in good standing with the Church.

**Sick & Shut-Ins:** Let us know when you or a family member is unable to attend Mass.

**New in the Parish, not registered, or an adult member not receiving envelopes?** Call or come to the Parish Office to register. Forms are also available at the Church entrances.



The flowers on the altar are given by Sheila Jenkins in memory of Al & Jeannie Castellana.



### Pray the Rosary

Make a sacrifice to our Lady in Fatima by joining in praying the Rosary on Tuesday, July 13 at Noon at Nutter Fort Park, Clarksburg. Don't miss the opportunity.

*Ushers, please continue to take a head count at each Mass. This is required by the Diocese. Thank you!*



### July 10 & 11, 2021 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, July 10 @ 4:30 pm**

Joseph M. Jurick

**Sunday, July 11 @ 8:00 am**

People of the Parish

**Sunday, July 11 @ 11:00 am**

Robert Beccaloni

**Monday, July 12 @ 8:00 am**

Linda Maseda Pike

**Tuesday, July 13 @ 8:00 am**

Jean Ovsak Grisso

**Wednesday, July 14 @ 7:00 pm**

Anna & Joe Veneziano

**Thursday, July 15 @ 8:00 am**

Dominick F. Bombardiere

**Friday, July 16 @ 8:00 am**

Sandra LaFontaine

(special intention)

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, July 17 @ 4:30 pm**

Ramon Abalain

**Sunday, July 18 @ 8:00 am**

Nola Tarantino (anniversary)

**Sunday, July 18 @ 11:00 am**

People of the Parish

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Mass Times: Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri. 8 am; Wed. 7 pm

Saturday 4:30; Sunday 8 am and 11 am

Confessions: Saturday 3-4 pm

Spanish Mass: Sunday 9 am in the Parish Center

Pastor..... Very Rev. Casey B. Mahone, VF

Associate Pastor ..... Rev. Mauricio Henriquez

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## Prayer for Pope Francis

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,  
look favorably on your servant Francis,  
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;

Grant, we pray, that by word and example  
he may be of service to those over whom he presides  
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,  
he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



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### Readings for the week of July 11

**Sunday:** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

**Monday:** Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34—11:1

**Tuesday:** St. Henry  
Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday:** St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin  
Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday:** St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30

**Friday:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Ex 11:10—12:14/Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday:** BVM  
Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21

**Next Sunday:** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

### Lectors for July 10-11

Saturday, 4:30 pm Jim Malfregeot  
Sunday, 8:00 am Rick Rinschler  
Sunday, 11:00 am Patty DuPont

### Lectors for July 17-18

Saturday, 4:30 pm Christian Arnold  
Sunday, 8:00 am Joan Smith  
Sunday, 11:00 am Iggy Scott

**Men's Group will meet on  
Tuesday, August 3, 2021  
at 6 pm in the Parish Center.  
All men are welcome.**



*The Pandemic was a challenging time for all of us. As we begin to return to some sense of normalcy, we are asking parishioners to take a few minutes and complete a short survey to assist us in planning and scheduling ministries/activities for our parish. Thank you in advance!*

<https://www.icclarksburg.com/welcome-back-survey>



The next Parish Nurse Ministry Meeting will be held on Monday, July 12 at 6PM in the Parish Center. All health care professionals who would like to help with this ministry are invited to attend. Please call Theresa White at 304-669-6063 with any questions.



## The Mustard Seed

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A Silver Jubilee Celebration for Sr. Maria will be held on July 25 after the 11 am Mass. Lunch & festivities will follow after the Mass at the Parish Center.

## The Eucharist: an “antidote” to death.



*St. Ignatius of Antioch believed the reception of communion provided the "medicine of immortality."*

As humans, we often fear death, not knowing what will happen to us after we die. This is one of the reasons why many have sought for a “fountain of youth,” or the means to keep living forever. Writing about 108 A. D. the soon to be martyred bishop, St. Ignatius of Antioch, wrote in his [letter to the Ephesians](#) about the power of the Eucharist and its ability to **unite us to Christ and live forever in eternity.**

*“Obey the bishop and the presbytery with an undivided mind, breaking one and the same bread, which is **the medicine of immortality**, and the **antidote to prevent us from dying**, but [which causes] that we should **live forever in Jesus Christ.**”*

This does not mean that the Eucharist can somehow allow us to live endlessly on earth, but that it grants us the eternal bliss of Heaven. **St. Ignatius was a student of St. John the Apostle**, who wrote a similar statement in his Gospel.

*Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you ... **This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.**”*

*John 6:53, 58*

The worthy reception of the Eucharist at Mass increases our love of God, thereby increasing our desire for him in eternity, preparing us for the life of Heaven. The Eucharist is our “food for the journey,” ushering us on toward the beatific vision of God, **where death will be no more.** If we want true and lasting immortality, remember the promise of Jesus and turn to Him in the Holy Eucharist.

## Pastor's Pondering

Here we are in mid-July, summertime! There is a sense of relief and optimism as we see the pandemic winding down. (We hope!) The virus and its variants are still out there! Even though things are looking better, it is no time to forget everything that we have learned in the past year. Certain things may just be part of our new normal. Hand sanitizer, frequent hand washing, face masks in certain circumstances, vaccination, our common responsibility for keeping one another safe and healthy, especially our most vulnerable,... all of these things have been good things that emerged from a dark time. We support one another in all these things and we pray that statistics and infection rates continue to improve in West Virginia and around the globe. **Thank you, once again to our Parish Nurses, volunteer ushers and sanitizers, faithful donors and to all who have helped us get through this international crisis of health.**

Now that things are returning to some sense of normalcy it is time to pay attention to the things that had to take a "back seat" to our pandemic priorities. **I will be away from the parish the week of July 11 through the 17<sup>th</sup> to go on retreat.** I am grateful to **Fr. Mauricio Henriquez who will be here for daily masses and your sacramental needs.** The office will remain open from 8:30 to 3 each day to also answer any questions and to address any special needs.

A good priest-friend recently reminded me of several **good reasons to make a retreat.** A retreat is the perfect place to pull away from the busyness of life and to grow in union with Our Lord through the sacraments, Eucharist, silence, simplicity and solitude! It is a great time to reflect on what the Lord is doing in your own experience and where He is leading you next in the pilgrimage of life. Silence – get away from the world and the negative messages it can sometimes bombard us with and focus, instead, on my own personal relationship with the Savior. A retreat is a time to relax and recuperate for your work for God and to return refreshed better equipped to do the work God gives you. On retreat we can enjoy and soak in spiritual talks and readings that fill us up and send us out with something to give to others. **"Nemo dat non quod habet!" (One cannot give what one does not have!)** It is my hope to work on another adult education class to present to the parish in the fall. I believe it is a motto of **the Dominicans: "To contemplate and then give to others the fruit of our contemplation."** On retreat we can also take the time to appreciate the beauties of nature and the created world that surrounds us that in our business we too often fail to notice or appreciate. Sometimes it is difficult to "find time," or so I tell myself, but if I am thinking that way, it is probably a sign that my priorities are out of whack and all the more reason I should go on retreat and prioritize time for God! I ask you all to say a little prayer for me as I pull away and pray that this time will bear good fruit for us all and for all of God's Kingdom.

*Blessings*  
*Fr. Casey*



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