

# 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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
HAVE SEEN  
A GREAT  
**LIGHT.**

MATTHEW 4:16



**BECOMING CATHOLIC – Journey of Faith**

Are you considering a deeper relationship with Jesus through the Catholic Church? Do you have questions about becoming Catholic? To answer these questions, we invite you to attend inquiry sessions beginning March 1, 2026, to explore your questions.

These sessions are for Unbaptized Adults who are seeking to enter the Church, Baptized Christians from other denominations who wish to enter full communion with the Catholic Church, and Baptized Catholics who have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

If you would like to join us or would like some more information, please contact Linda Summerville at

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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.

**The Consecration of the Eucharist**

- can be performed by a Catholic priest or by a priest of an Eastern Orthodox Church.
- can be performed by a Catholic priest only if he celebrates Mass with at least two witnesses.
- can be performed by Catholic priests and Anglican priests so long as they have the proper intention and pronounce the correct words of Consecration.
- can be performed by deacons and specially commissioned laypersons in emergency situations.
- none of the above.

The answer and more information on the opposite page.

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS** – Please contact the church office with any Mass Intentions that you would like to have offered as soon as you can. They can be in memory of someone, in honor of someone or for a just need. Keep in mind that they are published.

Also, you may offer the Sanctuary Candle to be lit for a week at a time for the same type of intention as mentioned above. Donations of \$10 for a regular mass or the sanctuary candle and \$45 for a radio mass are appreciated.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS****Drop Your Nets and Be Free**

There are times I wish I had no obligations. It would be great to take my wife's hand, hop in the car, and drive into the sunset. Where we were going would not matter as much as the fact that we would have nowhere we *had* to be. There would be nothing we *had* to do. No bills. No commitments. No problems. *Freedom!*

Life doesn't work like that, however. When Jesus came along and asked some fishermen to drop their nets and follow him, they did just that. Wow! In some ways, they experienced true freedom. That is what Jesus offers all of us. Yet, true freedom looks quite different than my dream scenario.

In living in the true freedom that Jesus offers, there are things we must do and places we must go. That is because freedom only exists in following God's will, not our own. We are called to be and called to give ourselves completely to God without reservations. We always have the free will to not respond to His call, but we will find that a negative answer may complicate our lives even further. God's path for us calls on us to give freely of what we have been given. Saying no to that call means we carry the weight of those gifts. We were never meant to keep them. The path of God's will may seem long and winding, but it is the one that leads us into that sunset. It is the way to true freedom.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR FAITH SHARING*****The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*****Sunday of the Word of God**

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. (Matthew 4:23)

**Adults:** To whom could you preach the gospel of Jesus Christ this week with actions rather than words?

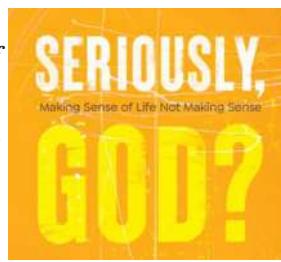
**Kids:** What could you do for someone this week that would tell them something about Jesus?



**THE FOOD PANTRY** – For the month of January, the food pantry, sponsored by Community Action, is seeking donations of **Soap, Shampoo, Sponges, Tooth Paste, and Tooth Brushes**. Beginning in February, the focus will be on **Boxed Foods (such as Pasta), Sauces and Soups**. Gifts of any non-perishable food items are always welcome. Your items may be placed in the designated containers in the lobby of the church. Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and your continued support!

**SMALL GROUPS ARE BACK –**  
*Seriously, God? Making Sense of Life Not Making Sense*

"Have you ever questioned God and not always been satisfied with the answers or lack of an answer? This book examines the whys we all ask in hard times and reminds us that our story is still being written and only God knows the ending."  
 —Mary Lenaburg



This Lent plan to join a faith sharing group to dive into "Seriously God?", our parish Christmas gift book. Groups will meet weekly beginning February 8 and ending the week of March 22. Sign up sheets will be available in the church lobby beginning January 17. Everyone age 18 and older is invited to participate.

If you have any questions or would like to be a group leader, please contact Linda Summerville at [linda.summerville62@gmail.com](mailto:linda.summerville62@gmail.com)

**ANSWER TO "QUESTIONS MOST CATHOLICS CAN'T ANSWER"**

- Correct, because the Eastern Orthodox Churches have the seven sacraments and therefore a real priesthood. It takes a real priest to confect the Real Presence.
- Wrong, because a priest may celebrate Mass by himself. The validity of the Mass does not depend on the presence of witnesses. Perhaps you are confusing here the validity of a marriage, which normally requires two witnesses.
- Wrong, because Anglican orders are not valid. Out of courtesy we call Anglican ministers "Father", but Pope Leo XIII definitely determined in 1896 that Anglican orders long ago became defective. In *Apostolicae Curae* he said that Anglican ordinations are "absolutely null and utterly void". The logical conclusion is that Anglican priests are, technically, Christian laymen. Since they aren't actually priests — despite the courtesy title — their having the proper intention and their pronouncing the correct words of Consecration are immaterial.
- Wrong, because deacons, while having orders, do not have priestly orders, and laypeople have no orders at all. You need priestly orders to consecrate the Eucharist.
- Wrong, because *a* is correct.

**BLESSING OF LIGHT**

Where you have known darkness, may the light stretch and shine.

Where you have dwelt in shadows, may the sun reach its gentle rays.

Where you have hidden in shame, may you know light-filled redemption, healing, belonging, and rest in Jesus. Amen.



Addition to the Prayer List:  
 Patti Craig



**MASS Intentions**

**Monday, January 26 – Saints Timothy and Titus**

7:30 a.m. Rose Balbo (Estate)

**Tuesday, January 27 – Saint Angela Merici**

8:30 a.m. Rose Clark (Estate)

**Wednesday, January 28 – Saint Thomas Aquinas**

7:30 a.m. Deceased Members of  
 Immaculate Conception Parish

**Thursday, January 29**

8:30 a.m. Mark Weaver

**Friday, January 30**

NO MASS

**Saturday, January 31 – Saint John Bosco**

**3:00 p.m. to 3:40 p.m. CONFESSIONS**

4:00 p.m. Rob McElravy  
 (Mark and Tricia Shingledecker)

**Sunday, February 1 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 a.m. For the People

**RADIO MASS –**

Deceased Mothers and Fathers of IC Parish  
 11:00 a.m. Amelia Nick, Loretta Lutz,  
 and Marion McFetridge (Nancy McFetridge)  
 Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of Bill Allen (Maureen Allen)

**Readings for the week of January 25, 2026**

**Monday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a,  
 10, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10  
 /Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30  
 /Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12,  
 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a,  
 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17  
 /Mk 4:35-41

**Next Sunday:** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10  
 /1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

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