



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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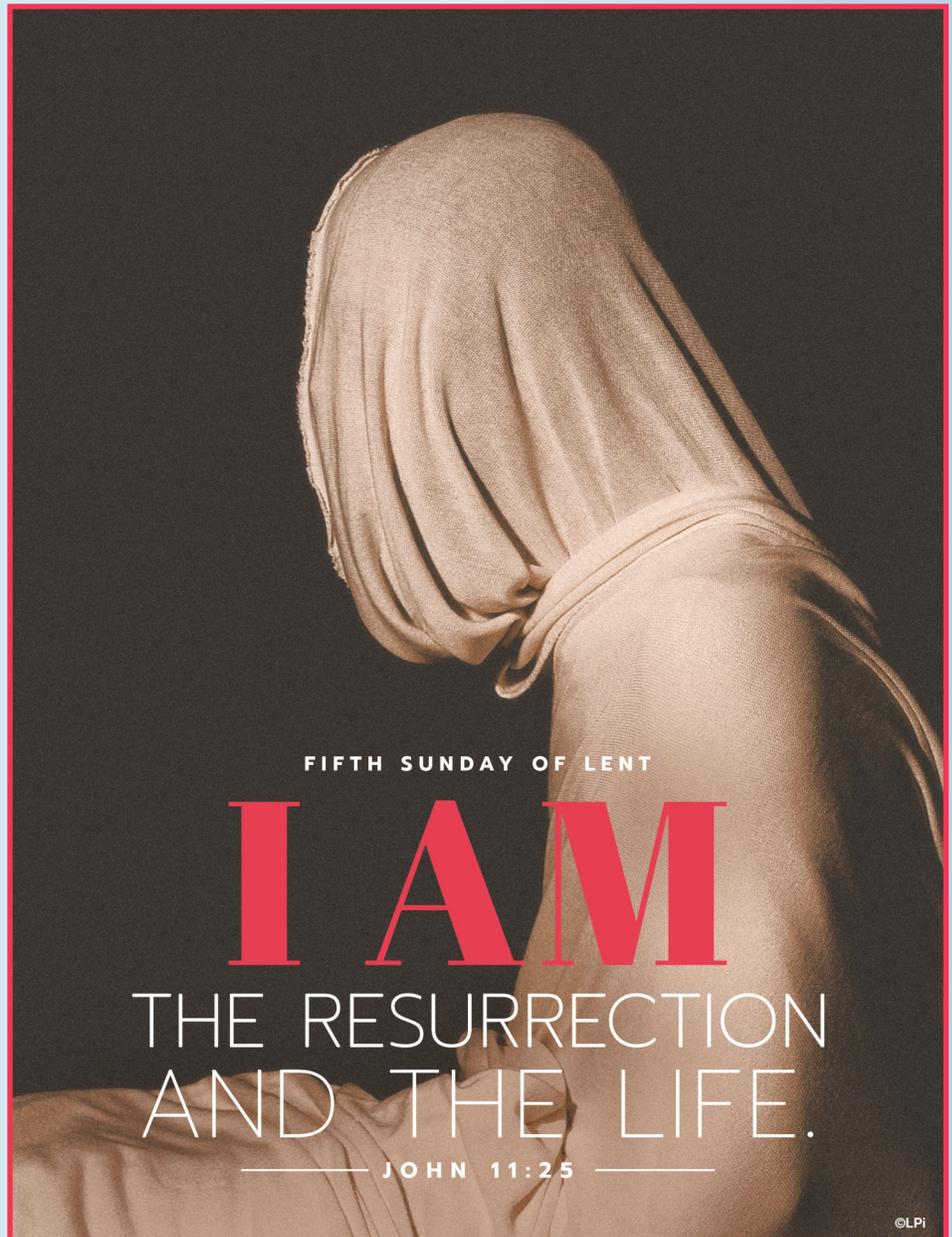
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Parish Membership

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 LENT

I AM

THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE.

— JOHN 11:25 —

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JASON – It is hard to believe that it is now the Fifth Sunday of Lent! This Sunday is typically called Passion Sunday. It is marked with the option of covering images of Christ and the Saints until Easter to help us focus on the meaning of the Passion of Jesus in our lives. Hence, our focus is on Jesus and His Cross. This will help us to understand this weekend's Gospel by seeing that it is the Sacrifice of the Father through the Son's Cross that atones for all sin. Jesus' forgiveness is the pathway to our justification that, no matter what, we have an opportunity to have everything made right through His mercy as he wants to offer new life like he did with Lazarus. Jesus is not giving permission to continue to sin, nor is He excusing the sin; but the forgiveness he offers us where we are and challenges us onward with newfound strength; and that strength is found in Jesus' Cross borne for you and me. Take time this week to focus on His cross and let it guide you to His forgiveness, mercy, and redemption.

Speaking of forgiveness, mercy, and redemption, I hope that you can take advantage of an opportunity of the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter. Check the bulletin, and our other means of communication, It does not matter if it has been one month or 52 years or more, all the lord wants to give us is his mercy! I also know that our schedules don't always allow us to do so. Never be afraid to stop me or call me to ask for this Sacrament now, in the summer, or anytime. This is also why I try to schedule a few times a month outside of the standard Weekend timeslot; because it can be difficult to get there, and I hope that the other times that are offered are a help as well. Remember, here are the three points I offered in last weekend's bulletin:

1. **Time:** Set a time in your calendar, preferably monthly, that will remind you to go to confession.
2. **Another Person:** Ask another person to go with you. You may be bringing them to the freedom of Jesus by your offer to go with them to a Sacrament of Confession opportunity.
3. **Hardest Sin:** Do an Examination of Conscience (remember the only sins that must be confessed are against the ten commandments). Remember, you cannot just choose if they apply to you; nor can you only just say the most important one. However, say the hardest sin for you first, and then the others that may not be as difficult to say. It is also okay to continue to go to confession even if you struggle with the same sin over and over.

Remember, this sacrament is confidential, healing, and can be life changing. The Lord loves us too much to leave us where we are. Let Him move us by His mercy.

Here are a few other items to keep in mind:

1. **Rice Bowls:** Its still not too late to take a Rice Bowl and return with your offering beginning on Easter Sunday! You can place any coins, bills, etc., in as you journey through these remaining days of Lent as a great opportunity of Almsgiving!
2. **Fr. Cory/Fr. John:** Welcome Fr. John and thank you Fr. Cory! Our bishop announced that Father Cory will be taking a new assignment in Clearfield County as

Parochial Vicar of 2/3 of Clearfield County that is a newly formed partnership of three parishes with 9 churches and also announced a new Parochial Vicar for partnered parishes of St. Joseph (Lucinda)/St. Michael (Fryburg)/St. Mary (Crown) as one of our new missionary priests: Fr. John Nwankwo! We look forward to Fr. John helping us (as he did last weekend at 11am Mass) and thank Fr. Cory for all he did for us!

3. A reminder to continue to submit names for the **"Called by Name"** program that we are piloting. You can pick up a form in the Gathering Space Lobby or print one from our website. There is also a QR code on our website to offer a submission. Please keep praying for and submitting names! Your encouragement may be what helps him to be open to this possibility! Never underestimate your encouragement.
4. I hope you are looking forward to **Bible in a Day** next Saturday! Please join us as this is a great way to begin Holy Week. This daylong event is brought us by Ascension Press (the publisher of the "Bible in a Year" Podcast). The event is free (the cost for lunch will be 15.00; financial assistance can be available). Also any high school or college age person is FREE FOR LUNCH! See details later in the bulletin and invite your friends from the area!
5. **Palm Sunday Breakfast** is next weekend brought to us by our Youth! Please join us. See further details in the bulletin and emails.

It is always my hope that we can commit ourselves to something begun in Lent and continue through the Easter Season and beyond. One such way is through our offerings beginning after the Second Sunday of Easter. Please look at this opportunity as another way to encounter the Risen Lord.

Note the Holy Week the Holy Triduum Schedules and please join us for as much as possible. If you have not had the opportunity to journey with the Lord in his church during Holy Week please take advantage of these upcoming sacred days which help us not only to remember but to also be renewed. All the above helps us understand the pillar of prayer in this season and in our life. All Jesus wants to do is walk with us and that takes the form of our personal relationship with him as well as communal. We encounter him in the simple prayers we offer at home in the morning and the prayer of the Mass and every time in between. We remember him in our devotion to the rosary and to our scripture. Take time in this Lenten season to build in time for prayer beyond the communal moments so that we understand that Jesus is calling us as he did for Lazarus! Have a momentous week and see you at "Bible in a Day".

**PLEASE SEE THE
SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK
ON THE PARISH WEBSITE.**

CENTURY CLUB TICKETS – \$100 each. Nearly \$5000 in cash prizes just waiting to be won. Tickets sold after Masses in the church lobby or through the week at the parish office.

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST – The Immaculate Conception Confirmation Students invite you to their annual PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST on March 29 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. in the Parish Event Center. The breakfast is free of charge. The students will have a donation table for anyone who would like to support the backpack food program which provides healthy snacks & meals to needy children in Clarion County.

NOW HIRING – Immaculate Conception Parish School is looking for a long-term substitute teacher (from now until the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year). Anyone interested should submit the following:

- A letter of interest
- Resume
- PA Standard Teaching Application
- A copy of PA Certificate
- Clearances
- 3 letters of reference

Please send the above application materials by email to Mrs. Laura Lauer, Principal
llauer@clarionichawks.net


Bible in a Day
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Join us for an inspiring seminar that will bring the story of Scripture to life! The Bible isn't meant to be overwhelming—it's meant to be understood, shared, and lived. Come experience 6 hours of engaging instruction, small group discussion, and fellowship to help you better understand God's story and your place in it.

Saturday, March 28
from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
at Immaculate Conception Church
Clarion, PA

The event is FREE (donations accepted).
 If you would like lunch, it will be available for \$15.
 Contact Linda Summerville
 by phone 814-226-8433 ext. 203
 or by email lsummerville@icclarion.org
 for more information and to reserve your spot.

 **BLOOD DRIVE** – The IC Knights of Columbus Council #7549 invites you to give the gift of life by donating blood at the Clarion Mall Monday, March 30, 2026 from Noon to 5:30 pm. The Knights are sponsoring this event with food and registration assistance. Sign up to donate blood by using the link below, enter zip code 16214, select the March 30th event and choose a time. After selecting a time, sign in if you have an account, or create a new one to confirm an appointment. Contact Gary Wolbert at (814) 229-0219 or email gmwolbert@gmail.com if you have questions. Thank you!
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>

MASS Intentions

Monday, March 23 – Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo

7:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Virginia Martin Family

Tuesday, March 24

8:30 a.m. Cathy Schrecengost (Yvonne Perry)

Wednesday, March 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Ron and Susanne Fenske Family

6:00 p.m. The Way of the Cross — Stations of the Cross Confession following Stations

Thursday, March 26

8:30 a.m. Marie Mauersberg (Doc and Mary Bauer)

Friday, March 27

7:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Fred and Mona Fox Family



Saturday, March 28

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

4:00 p.m. Jim Amato (Dorothy Rice)

Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday

of the Passion of the Lord

8:30 a.m. For the People

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Gerald and Ruth Bauer (Katherine Reed)

Noon Father Monty Sayers (Frank and Nancy Wolbert)

SANCTUARY CANDLE in honor of Father Tom Hartle (IC Parish Family)

Readings for the week of March 22, 2026

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 /Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 /Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

The parish monthly prayer list is being updated for April. To submit a name for the list, please call or email the parish office no later than March 27th.



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