



# 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.

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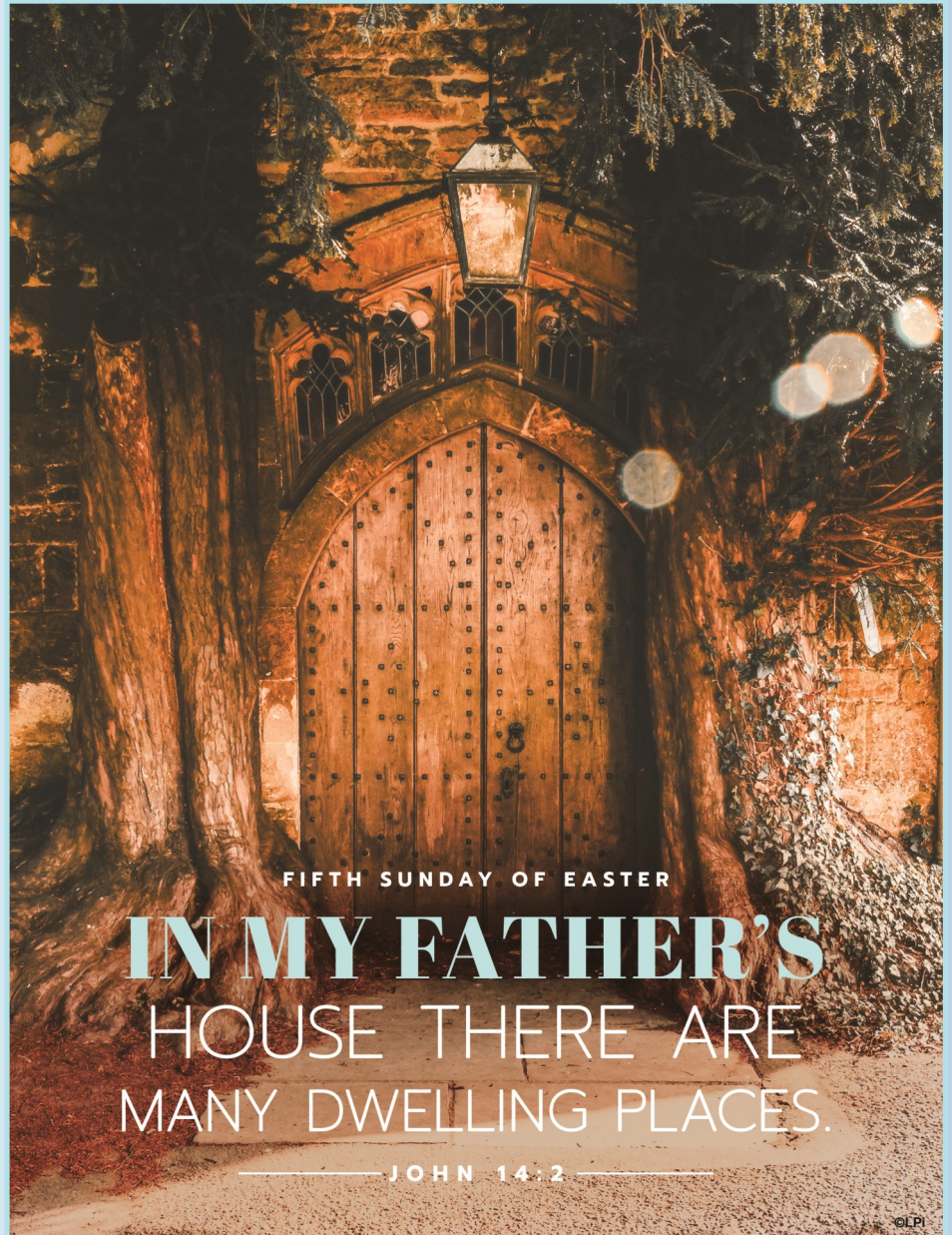
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### Parish Membership

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 EASTER

**IN MY FATHER'S  
HOUSE THERE ARE  
MANY DWELLING PLACES.**

JOHN 14:2

**A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JASON** – It is hard to believe that it is the beginning of May already! As we celebrate this fifth Sunday/week of Easter, we are reminded that we are always guided by the one who loves us infinitely, so much so, that he gave us life by his. That is why Jesus reminds us that there are many dwelling places and that he is the way, truth, and the life. We are called in relationship with him. Part of living the Easter Hope that we embrace is realizing that this relationship is strengthened by spending time through prayer, learning, and action. That is why we spend time growing as a parish family to encourage one another on this journey with the Risen Jesus.

This is also why we celebrate in thanksgiving the gifts/fruits of this Religious Education (Faith Formation) School Year as the last classes for the year are this weekend. Again, thank you to Teresa and our Catechists that help us with our Edge and Purpose programs for all their care and hard work. Thank you to our families as they too are the primary teachers of the faith and we accompany them! Families are reminded to stay tuned to your emails for continued updates for faith formation/youth activities throughout the summer and see our website for the latest calendar information.

However, none of us are ever done learning and should always spend time with the ways that we can learn in our faith. For instance we can take from the Kiosk of books in the Gathering Space Lobby; the FORMED App; **use of our Holy Water and the Little White Book**; as well as the many other opportunities that are offered to allow us to learn in our “head faith” (intellect) and our “heart faith” (the will). Further, as we stay connected to the Lord, we learn that we are called to live that out in our daily lives and interactions with the world to bring them the Risen Jesus. We put into practice what we learn. That is how we begin to build the house of heavenly eternity here on earth and know that there are many dwelling places. **If you would like to complete your Sacraments and have not had an opportunity to do so, please contact Linda Summerville so we can start the process.**

Last weekend I touched base on Vocations, a topic dear to many of our hearts. I would never trade this vocation for the world and will be happy to share more of my vocation story again later. However, I would like to challenge us in ways we can support Vocations to the Priesthood/Religious life. **In the coming months we will continue to partner with our Diocese in exploring more opportunities to do so...stay tuned!** But for now, I hope we can help by:

1. *Praying for more vocations.*
2. *Offer a personal prayer time at home during the week.*
3. *Attend Adoration.*
4. *Offer a time of Fasting (and/or another form of penance).*
5. *Offer a Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet.*

May is the month of Mary. We hope to offer the Rosary before our weekend Masses. The commitment is simple: sign up for a mass throughout the weekends of May, start the Rosary ½ hour (or so) before Mass in the Church. If you are interested in helping us do so, please email (or call)

me and I will add you to our list. Also, please consider taking a name from the Basket in the Gathering Space Lobby as you leave this weekend to pray, throughout May, one Hail Mary for the person. The names are the 2nd, 3rd, and 9th graders, and our RCIA candidates brought into the Church at Easter who have/will receive the Sacraments. This is a great way to grow in devotion to Mary and living our Easter Faith. We will honor our Patroness with the May Crowning Ceremony at all Masses next weekend as well.

Speaking of Sacraments, we have covered the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) as well as Holy Orders last weekend; we will pick up on that teaching in next weekend’s bulletin with the Sacrament of Marriage. For now, **a warm and hearty congratulations to all of our First Communicants and their families as they celebrated this awesome milestone last weekend,** and as they remind us of the gift we have in the Eucharist! Also, **keep our Confirmation Candidates in prayer as they receive the sacrament with Bishop Perscio on Wednesday** at St. Joseph in Lucinda at 7 pm. You are also welcome to join us as well.

Have a great fifth week of the Easter Season for  
He IS Risen!!!!



### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH SAINTLY SOJOURN – October 13-15, 2026

We will visit:

World Apostolate of Fatima/National Blue Army Shrine,  
Asbury, NJ  
National Shrine of Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, MA  
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Cost is \$700 per person (double occupancy) or \$875 for a single room. Reserve your spot early! Final payment due by August 13, 2026.

See more details on the parish website or contact Kim at 814-221-0241 / [kkroh@live.com](mailto:kkroh@live.com)



**A TASTE OF AUTUMN LEAF** – Delicious Immaculate Conception Knights of Columbus Council #7549 Hot Sausage Sandwiches and Kettle Corn will be available at **Mechanistic Brewing Co.**, 538 Liberty St. in Clarion on Friday, **May 8th** and Saturday, **May 9th** from 5:00 pm until sold out. Take outs available.

Come early before they are gone!

**FISHING DERBY** —The Annual St. Leo School Fishing Derby will be on May 9 & 10 at the Ridgway Fireman Carnival Grounds (138 North Broad Street, Ridgway, PA 15853). This event includes a kids’ derby, camping, food, kid games, raffles, live music, and tagged fish with a top prize of \$1500!!

To register, go to

[stleosfishingderby.com/registration](http://stleosfishingderby.com/registration)



**Immaculate Conception Parish School's  
8th Annual Golf Outing**  
 Sunday, June 7, 2026  
 at Clarion Oaks Golf Course  
 Registration at 8:00 a.m.  
 \$320.00 per team of 4  
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**GOSPEL MEDITATION - By Father John Muir**

We generally approach life with the question, "What can this do for me?" We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I'll eventually reap some benefit, or I won't do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today's Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn't present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He is the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God's own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive. ©LPi



**FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY –**  
 The Fellowship Ministry needs volunteers to assist with set up and cleanup, greet parishioners and make them feel welcome. Fellowship Weekends are the third weekend of each month after all Masses. Maybe people

from your "small group" would like to stay connected by serving after one of the masses.

All supplies are provided. Volunteers prepare the coffee and other beverages and bring on the smiles!

Ask a volunteer how to sign up or add your name to the clipboard at the fellowship table.

*MASS Intentions*

**Monday, May 4**

7:30 a.m. Mary Jane Feigh  
 (Michael and Bonnie Barone)

**Tuesday, May 5**

8:30 a.m. Father Monty Sayers and Father Tom Hartle  
 (Phyllis White)

12:10 p.m. Jim Amato (Jennifer Conner)

**7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
 CONFESSIONS at 8:00 p.m. following Adoration**

**Wednesday, May 6**

7:30 a.m. Father Monty Sayers (Mary Lou Zacherl)

**Thursday, May 7 – National Day of Prayer**

8:30 a.m. Valentine and Joan Wieszczyk  
 (Susan and Larry Bornak)

**Friday, May 8**

7:30 a.m. Dave Nelson (Fran Jack)

**Saturday, May 9**

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

4:00 p.m. Mary Nick (Family)

**Sunday, May 10 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Mother's Day**

**CONFESSIONS following the 8:30 a.m. Mass**

8:30 a.m. For the People

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS –** Deceased Mothers and  
 Fathers of Immaculate Conception

11:00 a.m. Mark and Esther Lutz (Family)

Sanctuary Candle for Jim Amato (by Darlene Flick)

*Times for Mass and Confession are subject to change.*

*Please read any emails and check the website for changes.*

**Readings for the week of May 3, 2026**

**Monday:** Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16  
 /Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21  
 /Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5  
 /Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

**Next Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7,  
 16 and 20/ Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

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