



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.

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YOU ARE WORTH MORE THAN MANY SPARROWS.

— MATTHEW 10:31 —



A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PERSICO – The Bishop writes from Erie about the annual Peter’s Pence Collection.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On June 28th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the two Apostles who gave their lives for Christ in Rome. Each year, the Peter’s Pence Collection is taken up throughout the Church on or near this Solemnity. This year, the collection will be taken up in our parishes on the weekend of June 27 and 28.

The Peter’s Pence Collection supports the charitable works of our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, the successor of St. Peter, as he responds to some of the most urgent needs of people throughout the world, including relief to victims of natural disasters such as earthquakes and floods. Peter’s Pence also helps our Holy Father support seminaries and religious houses, orphanages, and medical facilities in developing nations, as well as many other charitable works.

From the beginning the Church has made it a priority to help the most in need among our brothers and sisters in the human family. Your prayers and contributions will allow this important work to continue.

Through our support of the Peter’s Pence Collection, we are also helping to strengthen the ties that bind us together as the Family of God. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L.

Bishop of Erie

THERE IS AN ENVELOPE IN YOUR SUMMER PACKET DATED JUNE 28 FOR THE PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Jean Améry, a Holocaust survivor tortured by the Nazis, later wrote about the abyss of human evil. He described his reaction as an “indignant despair.” Haven’t we all, to some degree, felt that abyss opened beneath us? A sudden loss, a violent headline, a moment of loneliness or panic, when the world feels fragile and meaning seems to collapse?

It is to this fear that Jesus speaks in today’s Gospel: “Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body.” (Matthew 10:28) He does not deny evil or pretend we will never suffer. Instead, He reframes the abyss: do not fear those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Your life is seen, known, and counted by the Father. Even the hairs of your head, even the sparrow’s fall.

This is no superficial comfort. Jesus himself has entered the abyss: suffering, death, even our sense of forsakenness, and he has come through it. That is why his words, “Do not be afraid,” hold such weight. They do not erase the abyss but build a bridge across it.

Faith is not pretending everything is fine. It is staring into the abyss and still choosing trust. And in that trust, we discover we are never alone. Christ stands with us, and the Father’s care surrounds us. That is the only comfort deep enough for our (often fearful) hearts.

— Father John Muir

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Inspiring Father’s Day Quotes

From <https://southernhomeandhospitality.com/>

- “The greatest mark of a father is how he treats his children when no one is looking.” —Dan Pearce
- “My father gave me my dreams. Thanks to him, I could see a future.” —Liza Minnelli
- “My dad, like any coach, has always stressed the fundamentals. He taught me responsibility, accountability, and the importance of hard work.” —Steve Young
- “I’ve always had the feeling I could do anything and my dad told me I could. I was in college before I found out he might be wrong. —Ann Richards
- “I have never been a material girl. My father always told me never to love anything that cannot love you back.” —Imelda Marcos
- “What a father says to his children is not heard by the world, but it will be heard by posterity.” —Jean Paul
- “My father taught me to work hard, laugh often, and keep my word.” —Michelle Obama
- “You don’t have to deserve your mother’s love. You have to deserve your father’s. He’s more particular.” —Robert Frost
- “A father’s words are like a thermostat that sets the temperature in the house.” —Paul Lewis
- “The quality of a father can be seen in the goals, dreams and aspirations he sets not only for himself, but for his family.” —Reed B. Markham
- “[My father] didn’t tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.” —Clarence B. Kelland
- “The heart of a father is the masterpiece of nature.” —Antoine François Prévost
- “A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society.” —Billy Graham
- “There’s no shame in fear, my father told me, what matters is how we face it.” —George R.R. Martin, *A Clash of Kings*
- “Just taught my kids about taxes by eating 38% of their ice cream.” —Conan O’Brien
- “You can tell what was the best year of your father’s life, because they seem to freeze that clothing style and ride it out.” —Jerry Seinfeld
- “I have found the best way to give advice to your children is to find out what they want and then advise them to do it.” —Harry S. Truman
- “A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.” —Unknown
- “In times of trouble you can count on yourself. In times of disaster you can count on your friends. In times of sorrow you can count on your Father.” —William C. Richardson
- “My father is my rock. It’s where I learned everything about loyalty, dependability, being there day in, day out, no matter what.” —Hugh Jackman

SUMMER HOURS – Don't forget that our summer hours for the Office and Church when they are typically opened are as follows:

Church/School Office Hours*:

Mondays/Thursdays: 7a-3p
 Tuesdays: 7a-5p
 Fridays: 8a-Noon
WEDNESDAYS: CLOSED

Church Hours*:

Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays: 7am-7pm
 Thursdays: 7am-9pm
 Fridays: 7am-Noon
 Weekends: 7:30am-7pm

**These hours are in effect through Labor Day and exclude special events, Masses, Adoration, Confession, other functions as well as holidays, and subject to change without notice (but we will do our best to communicate adjustments).*

CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER – Sunday, June 28th at St. Nicholas Social Hall on Shannondale Road in Crates, from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. Join us for a delicious meal of chicken, mashed potatoes, homemade noodles, green beans, and a slice of pie. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children aged 6-12 (free for kids 5 and under). There will also be a Country Store, Quilt Raffle, & Basket Auction. To purchase presale tickets, please call us at 814-229-7569.

BECOMING CATHOLIC – If you are interested in learning more about becoming Catholic or are a Catholic who would like to receive the rest of your sacraments, contact the parish office to get more information. Inquiry sessions will begin soon.

**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK
 FOR FAITH SHARING**

The Reassurance of Faith

Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. (Matthew 10:28a)

Adults: When has your faith in Jesus been most seriously tested?

Kids: What could you do to encourage someone who is feeling hurt?



MASS Intentions

Monday, June 22 – Saint Paulinus of Nola and Saints John Fisher and Thomas More

7:30 a.m. Philomena Zacherl (Mary Lou Zacherl)

Tuesday, June 23 through Friday, June 26

— No Daily Masses —

Friday, June 26

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, June 27 – Saint Cyril of Alexandria

3:00 – 3:40 pm SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

4:00 p.m. Bernard and Helen Selker
 (David and Margaret Potvin)

Sunday, June 28 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. For the People

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** –

Don Kahle (Rose Marie Kahle and Family)

11:00 a.m. Jim Amato (John Hepinger)

Sanctuary Candle: Jack and Florabell Best
 (by Kathy Glosser)

Readings for the week of June 21, 2026

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 /Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 /Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 /Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/ Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/ Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/ Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42)



OPEN ENROLLMENT – Immaculate Conception Parish School currently has openings for students in the 3-year-old classroom, preschool, and pre-kindergarten through the 6th grade. Inquire at the school office (814-226-8433).

Summer Employment—Buildings and Grounds

Immaculate Conception Parish has two part-time positions available (32 hrs. per week). Must apply for all necessary clearances. Duties include custodial tasks, cleaning, heavy lifting, working on ladders, moving classroom contents, painting, mowing / trimming, as well as all other duties assigned. All interested candidates should contact the parish office for an application.

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