



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

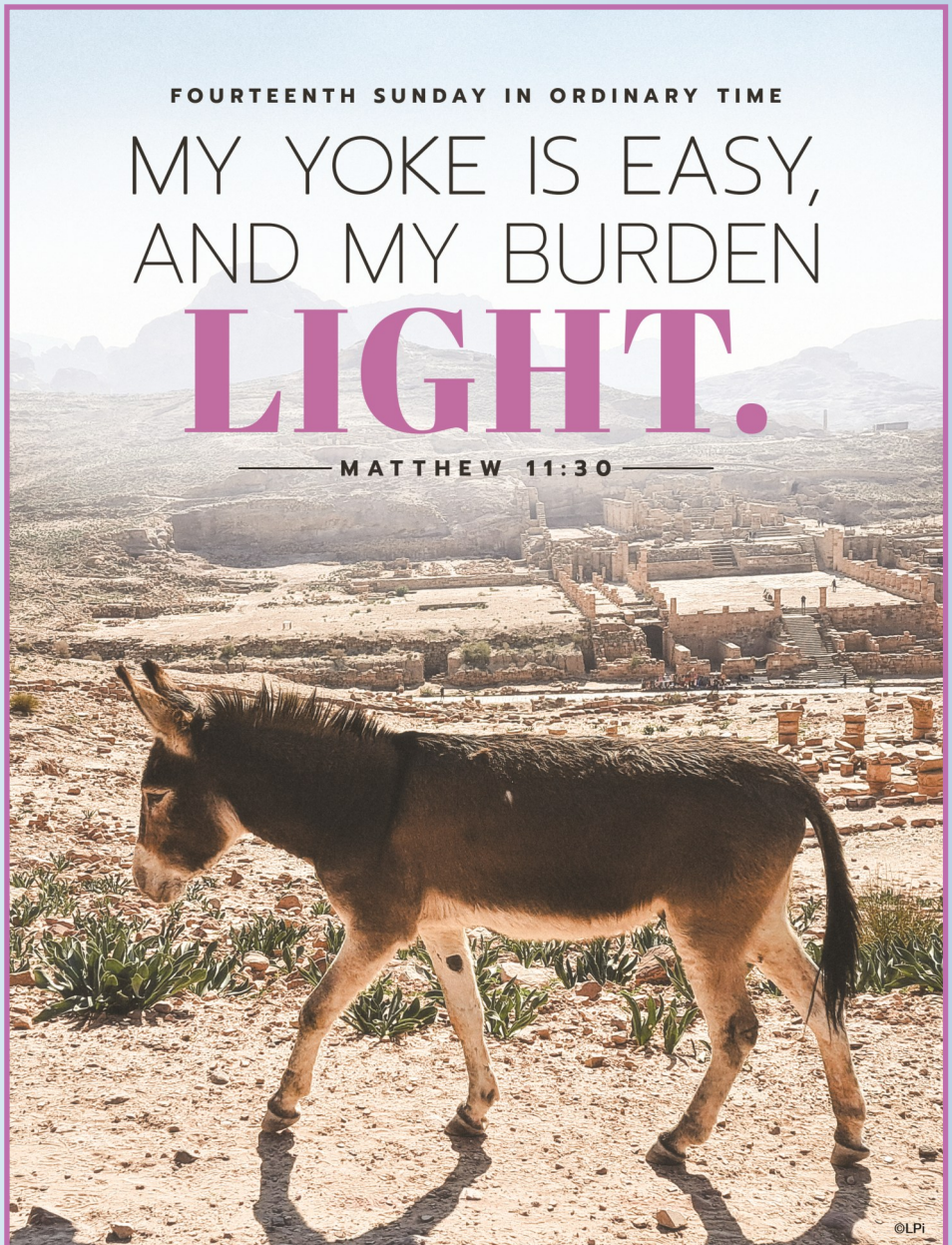
Membership includes active participation in the sacramental life of the Church, involvement in the activities of the faith community and financial support of the parish.

New members are welcome to register by calling the parish office.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MY YOKE IS EASY,
AND MY BURDEN
LIGHT.

— MATTHEW 11:30 —



WHAT'S YOUR CATHOLIC IQ? – Learn About Mary and the Saints

Answers at bottom of next page.

- Monks who followed the rule of St. Benedict were focused on two things; work and _____. a) rest b) food c) prayer d) social justice
- Mary was _____ when she gave birth to Jesus. a) a famous saint b) the mother of three other children c) an old woman d) a teenager
- Who is the patron saint of barbers? a) Isidore of Seville b) Martin de Porres c) Elizabeth of Hungary d) Edward Scissorhands
- Who are you praying to when you pray the Lord's Prayer? (Matthew 6:9-13) a) the Father b) Jesus c) the Holy Spirit d) Mary
- Mary is the mother of _____. a) Jesus but not God b) God but not Jesus c) the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit d) Jesus who is God
- All saints were killed for their faith. True | False
- Mary and Joseph traveled from Nazareth to _____, where Mary gave birth to Jesus. (Luke 2:1-7) a) Corinth b) Jerusalem c) Bethlehem d) Rome
- Only prayers said at Church are heard by God. True | False
- _____ is not how many saints followed Jesus. a) Speaking about God b) Praying c) Helping those in need d) Playing video games
- According to the Bible, prayer comes from the _____. a) mind b) heart c) music d) church
- Our Lady of Guadalupe is also known as the Patroness of the _____. a) Hearts b) Americas c) Europe d) Peace
- To be a missionary, you have to travel to a foreign country. True | False
- The Jewish prayer book that Jesus used was the book of _____. a) rabbis b) Yom Kippur c) psalms d) prayers
- All of Jesus' 12 Apostles became saints except _____. a) Judas b) Peter c) John d) Matthew
- The Blessed Virgin Mary was one of the few people who stood by Jesus all the way to his death on the cross. True | False
- The traditional prayer said by Catholics to express sorrow for sins at the end of confession is called the _____. a) Nicene Creed b) Magnificat c) Memorare d) Act of Contrition
- The _____ is the Catholic spiritual community that includes both the living and the dead disciples of Christ. a) trinity b) communion of saints c) hierarchy d) college of bishops
- Mary's prayer, called the _____, begins: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior." (Luke 1:46-55) a) Magnificat b) Nicene Creed c) Memorare d) Act of Contrition
- "Amen" means _____. a) so be it b) thank you c) praise the Lord d) the end
- St. Robert Bellarmine is the patron saint of _____. a) chefs b) catechists c) television d) cancer

Because "Life is a Gift" **NextSTEP**
Pregnancy Solutions & Services

Who: NEXT STEP Pregnancy Solutions & Services
40 Greenville Ave, Clarion

What: Please support our local LIFE CENTER with prayers and financial support

Where: In our local community; at annual fundraising dinners; as a volunteer or donor

When: In today's challenging world, called by God to love Him and our neighbor

Why: The Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Since the first century the Church has affirmed the oral tradition of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law" — USCCB

Pope John Paul II reminded us: "*Where life is involved, the service of charity must be profoundly consistent.* It cannot tolerate bias and discrimination, for human life is sacred and inviolable at every stage and in every situation; it is an indivisible good" (*The Gospel of Life*, no 87).

NEXT STEP'S MISSION STATEMENT: Next Step advocates for individuals and families in Clarion County and surrounding areas with free Christ-centered consultation service and educational programs related to unplanned pregnancy, health choices and personal wholeness reflecting values and uphold sexual integrity and the sanctity of life.

To our Catholic Community near Clarion: NEXT STEP directly supports women and families in need daily face-to-face. Women and families receive support through pregnancy, delivery, engagement, critical care after birth and an introduction to Christ, as appropriate. NEXT STEP runs the Choices program, going into classrooms in the community, teaching about healthy relationships. Please consider becoming a consistent donor or perhaps attending the annual fall fundraising dinner where you will hear testimony and can contribute to this ministry.

We know you are asked for financial support for the annual Catholic Services Appeal, #iGiveCatholic, parish offerings, flower fund donation among others. Know that your generosity and partnership in this life-changing mission is appreciated and fruitful.

THANK YOU to all who already support NEXT STEP through donations, volunteer work, serving as church ambassadors, the Baby Bottle Program, Walking with Moms, or in other ways. Thanks to each one of you for your consideration.

Gary Wolbert, (814) 229-0219

Next Step Board member & parishioner at IC in Clarion

Hilary Theiss is the director of NEXT STEP. She is happy to provide you information, a facility tour or to assist you in joining/hosting a table at the autumn fundraising dinner, becoming a consistent donor, and/or becoming a volunteer. Please contact Hilary or staff at (814) 226-7007 or director@KnowYourNextStep.com. NextStepPartner.com

2026 PARISH PICNIC

The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH PICNIC is happening on August 2 this year. Make plans to be there for the fun, food, prizes, games, and music. It all starts at noon and continues to 3 pm. Watch for the information postcard in your mail and bring it to the picnic to enter for a chance at a prize. Bring the whole family!



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).

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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - This weekend, our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Unlike most nations, the United States was not founded primarily on a shared ethnicity, language, or culture. Instead, our founders built a political community out of diverse peoples united by a shared vision of liberty. That vision echoes something deep in the Christian mystery revealed in today’s Gospel.

Jesus returns to his hometown. The people see only what is familiar: the carpenter, the son of Mary, one of their own. As Mark tells us, “They took offense at him. Jesus said, ‘A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.’” Their narrow vision blinds them. Jesus has come to inaugurate a new communion that transcends geography, bloodlines, and culture. He has come to unite all people in himself.

At its best, America’s national unity reflects this possibility, which fully subsists only in the Catholic Church. Our unity is not based on ancestry or tribe, but on a shared commitment to higher ideals. For this reason, we can love our country with gratitude while situating patriotism within the broader horizon of faith.

Rooted in Christ, we are less vulnerable to the unholy tribalism that threatens civic life and faith. This weekend, let us thank God for our nation and pray that we also live as citizens of Heaven in Jesus Christ.

— Father John Muir

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ANSWERS TO CATHOLIC IQ
 1 (c) 2 (d) 3 (b) 4 (a) 5 (d) 6 (FALSE) 7 (c)
 8 (FALSE) 9 (d) 10 (b) 11 (b) 12 (FALSE) 13 (c)
 14 (a) 15 (TRUE) 16 (d) 17 (b) 18 (a) 19 (a) 20 (b)

MASS Intentions

Monday, July 6 – Saint Maria Goretti

7:30 a.m. Bill and Betty Gillie
 (John Longstreth, Cathy Seamans and Jim Staab)

Tuesday, July 7

8:30 a.m. Father Tom Hartle (Kim and Clay Kroh)

Wednesday, July 8

7:30 a.m. Frank Pacoe (Gretchen Pacoe)

Thursday, July 9 – Saint Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

8:30 a.m. Dan and Neva Slike Fleming (Susan Slike)

Friday, July 10

—NO MASS—

Saturday, July 11 – Saint Benedict

3:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

4:00 p.m. Steve Myers (Nancy Myers)

Sunday, July 12 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Darl “Butch” Callen (Madeline Callen)

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Deb Andreas
 (Catholic Daughters of the Americas)

11:00 a.m. For the People

Sanctuary Candle:

Regis and Dorothy Kaltenbach and Larry Anthony
 (by Cheryl Anthony)

Readings for the week of July 5, 2026

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 /Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 /Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 /Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 /Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 /Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9



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