



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Inviting ~ Uniting ~ Igniting

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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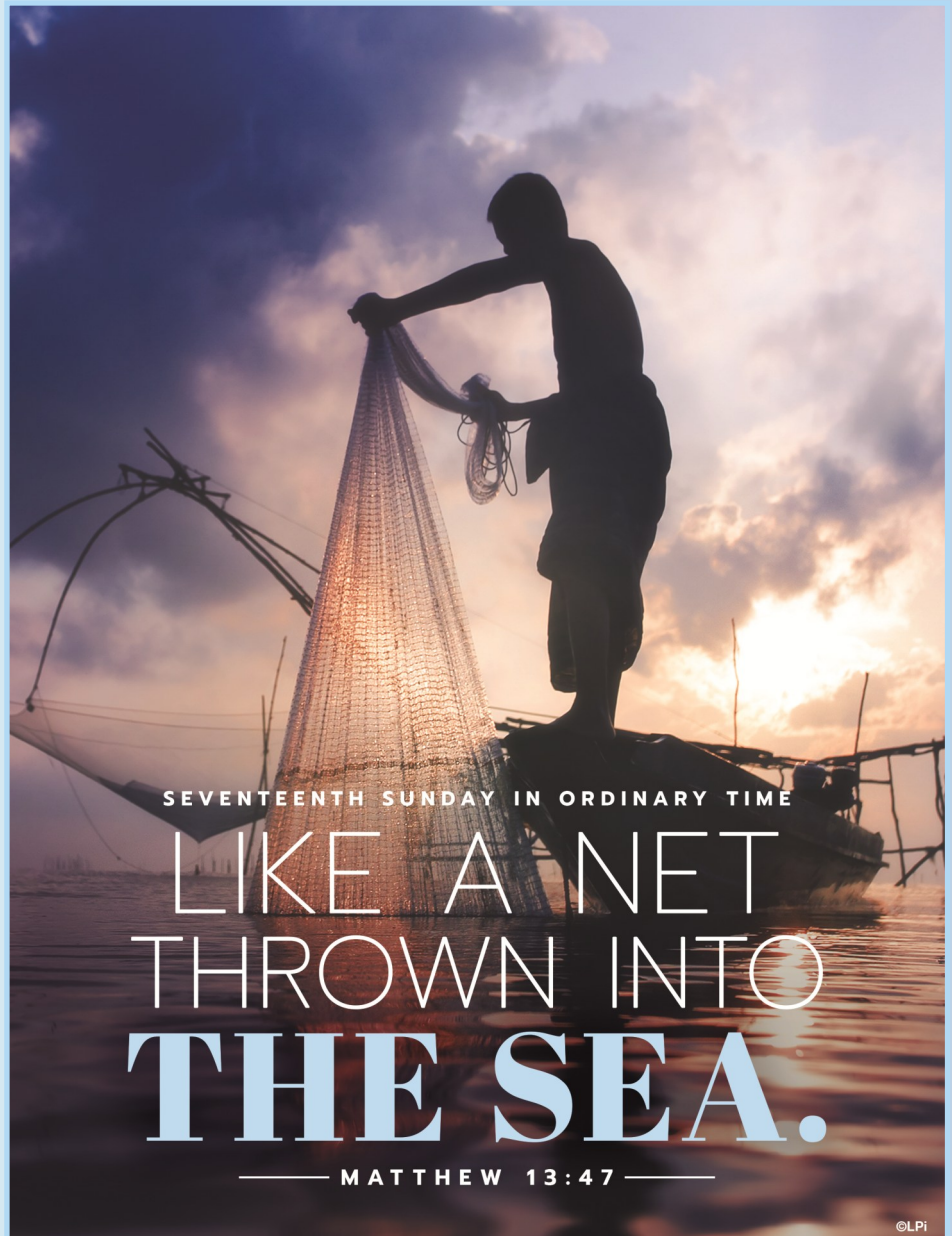
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Parish Membership

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.



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LIKE A NET THROWN INTO THE SEA.

— MATTHEW 13:47 —

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP** – by Tracy Earl Welliver

My wife is a big Dave Ramsey fan. She loves when he tells people that in order to pay down their debt they need to sell so many of their possessions that the kids think that even they can be sold for the right price. He definitely sees earthly possessions as simply tools to be used and not "possessed." This is a tough, countercultural message for sure in the eyes of the average American. Too often, our self-worth is derived from our wealth and the items we own. The size of our house, the brand of our car, and the quantity of our belongings are all gauges of success in our world. For Ramsey, not only can you not truly own anything if you owe money to others, it belongs to God anyway and is only given to us as stewards.

Could you sell all you have right now? Could you walk away from all that you have amassed and be truly free? When Jesus speaks of the merchant who sells all he has to obtain a pearl of great price, he calls us to see the pearl as the kingdom of heaven. Nothing on earth can rival the value of the kingdom. If that is true, why is it so hard to surrender everything to God to obtain it? It can be fear that keeps us from stepping out in faith. It can be selfishness that prevents us from letting go. Whatever it is, we must face the fact that we are "possessed" by it. The good news is that God does not expect us to conquer this obstacle on our own. But with God, all things are possible.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR FAITH SHARING

Commitment: The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. (Matthew 13:44)

Adults: What would you be willing to "sell," or do without, in order to achieve your dreams for yourself or your family?

Kids: What good thing do you want so much that you would give up something else to get it?

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS and ROTARY PIRATE GAME OUTING – Our annual family outing will be held on **Sunday, August 16, 2026.** The Pittsburgh Pirates will be playing the Boston Red Sox in a 1:35 pm game.



All altar servers are invited to attend as our guests at no cost. For all others, tickets are available on a first come basis for \$50, which includes \$5 loaded value redeemable for food or merchandise and a hot dog picnic by our Council. Please bring a covered dish to share at the tailgate party. You may sign up by calling or texting

Rick Tote at 1-814-229-2018 or
Randy Cyphert at 1-814-229-6421
Thanks and Hope to see you there!

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

This week we celebrate a spiritual master! Not only is St. Ignatius Loyola the founder of the Jesuits, but the legacy of his life of prayer -- now called Ignatian spirituality -- inspired believers the world over. Injured as a young soldier, Ignatius spent his time in recovery reading the lives of the saints. They inspired his soul to holy heroism, changing his life forever. Ignatius gathered a group of friends who also desired to be "contemplatives in action," finding God in all circumstances. This became the Jesuits -- a great missionary and teaching order. Ignatius himself was constantly attuned to his own inner promptings. This self-knowledge -- open to the movements of the Holy Spirit -- led him to be an incredibly astute spiritual director. For Ignatius, recognizing God as the first principle of one's life determined everything. How has God changed you?



Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Tim Weir from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church during the week of **August 17.** As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.

Please call Tim to help make your business visible to this parish community.



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The 2026
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
PARISH PICNIC**

AUGUST 2, 2026 / NOON TO 3:00 PM

*Music, Games, Food, Dunk Tank,
Bounce Houses, Cornhole,
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PICNIC DETAILS – Food: Mauth's Country Corner catering will provide chicken, grilled hot dogs, hamburgers and plenty of side dishes for you to enjoy.

Music: Entertainment by Mitch Littler.

Bounce Houses: Two Bounce Houses will be available for the kids. This year one of the bounce houses will have a water slide, so remember to bring towels with you.

Dunk Tank: The dunk tank will be available for older participants - bring a towel.

Cornhole Challenge: There will be someone at the registration table to take the names of the players. Two team members are required to participate. If you can lend us a cornhole set, please bring it to the picnic. We need regulation size cornhole boards that are 48"x24" only.

Candy Wheel, Kettle Corn, and Raffles will be available. Remember to bring your **postcard** to be entered into a drawing to win a Sheetz card.

Volunteers: We need volunteers to help with any of the above events particularly at the bounce houses for the safety of our children. Please consider giving us some of your time during the afternoon. Sign up in the church lobby or at the registration table on the day of the picnic.

See you at the picnic!



**Immaculate Conception Parish's
Faith Formation Registration
for children in grades Kindergarten – grade 9
will open on Monday, August 3.**

**Go to our parish website www.icclarion.org,
select "Faith Formation" from the menu bar,
then select "Youth Faith Formation".**

**Contact Teresa Frederick with questions
tfrederick@icclarion.org**

MASS Intentions

Monday, July 27

7:30 a.m. James and Barbara Fiscus
(Christian and Karen Harsch)

Tuesday, July 28

8:30 a.m. Susan Niles (Anne Badamo)

Wednesday, July 29 – Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

7:30 a.m. Joanne Schmidt (Karen Schmidt)

Thursday, July 30 – Saint Peter Chrysologus

8:30 a.m. Mary Jane Gatesman (Rob and Amy Bish)

Friday, July 31 – Saint Ignatius of Loyola

7:30 a.m. Jim Amato (Susie Amato and Family)

Saturday, August 1 – Saint Alphonsus Liguori

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

4:00 p.m. Ray and Grace Potvin
(David and Margaret Potvin)

Sunday, August 2 – Eighteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time and PICNIC DAY

8:30 a.m. For the People

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Deceased Members of the
Aaron and Godfrey Families
(Dave and Theresa Aaron)

11:00 a.m. Cathy Schrecengost (Yvonne Perry)

Sanctuary Candle:

for Jim Amato

by Susie Amato and Family

Readings for the week of July 26, 2026

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18
/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34
/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18
/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

OPEN ENROLLMENT – Immaculate Conception 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).



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