

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

OCTOBER 25, 2026 | 720 LIBERTY STREET, CLARION, PENNSYLVANIA 16214



MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday | 4:00 pm

Sunday | 8:30 am and 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Consult the bulletin or website

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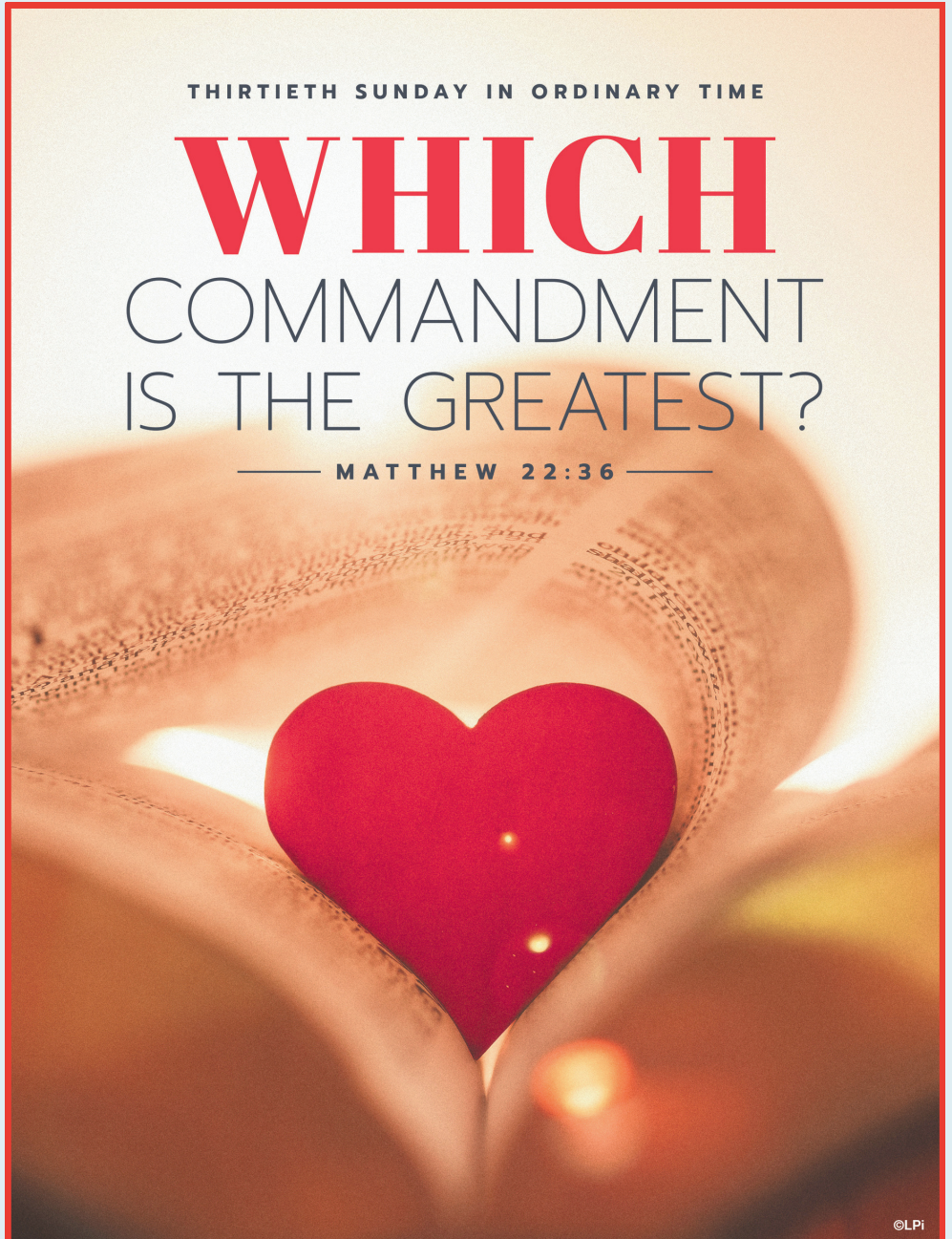
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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHICH COMMANDMENT IS THE GREATEST?

— MATTHEW 22:36 —



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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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 2026

Monday - Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday - Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday - Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Thursday - Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

Friday - Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday - Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday - Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

A NOTE FROM FATHER JASON

It is hard to believe that it is the final week of October. However, there is so much to be grateful for as the Lord invites us through the challenging words of the Gospel to continue to serve him. For when we serve him we receive so much more in return for that is what he reminds us this weekend. We have to remember that serving God and others is not a complicated task; nor is it not what the history of the church, her teaching and tradition are based on. Jesus came to fulfill the Law, and once again, the Pharisees were trying to trip him up. He only gave one additional commandment: Love. Why? Because that is who he is. If we are made in the image of God, that means we too are called and given the same reality by Jesus. We are loved. That should compel us then to share that nature with our fellow brothers and sisters as we see that love in them by service. Continue to strive for that reality for when we do, we begin to understand the beauty of our Faith, the importance of our actions, and the gift of relationship we have with the one who has created us.

It was great to celebrate the weekend before our parishioners marking milestone anniversaries during this calendar year. Thank you for your “yes” to one another and your example to us! It was also a blessing to have the opportunity to offer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick through the Oil of the Infirm. Remember, we can receive this gift as many times as needed in our journey and you do not have to wait until we offer it at Mass. You can also receive it before surgery, while battling an extended illness, or chronic pain that is spiritual, emotional, or physical. Feel free to ask at any time by calling the office or stopping me when you see me to arrange a time that is convenient for you.

Speaking of sickness, please be reminded that I am more than happy to make house calls during the first week of the month to our shut ins. Very soon we will also be able to provide the opportunity for shut ins to receive holy communion on Sundays. Friends, remember that if you are admitted to the hospital to please let us know through the church office (and in an emergency, call the emergency line). Again, I am happy to come at any time to visit you in the hospital, but they do not let us know. There have been times when you are admitted to the hospital and say you are Catholic, but do not specify your parish affiliation, we do not know that you are there. Again, we do not know you are there if you do not tell us.

Please Note:

1. ALL SAINTS DAY: Join us on November 1 for this Solemnity which falls on a Sunday this year. We too can become saints by letting our everyday lives become holy in our relationship with him. Mass and confession are great helps to do so. We will also remember all those we have buried from the church since last November at these Masses in addition to all Souls Day. We will also have a few Saint Relics to venerate as well!

2. ALL SOULS DAY: Please join us on November 2 for the Commemoration of all of the Faithful Departed at 6pm.

Friends, the coming three days can be called “Hallowtide” or “Hallowmas” as they remind us of the greater community we are part of:

October 31: Halloween is a vigil of celebration for the next day. The tradition was to dress up as a saint and go have a party!

November 1: All Saints Day is a day we remember all of the formal canonized saints in the Church. They were normal men and women in their everyday lives that strived for holiness and are examples to us. We also can honor those non-universal saints that have also guided us closer to the faith and we pray in thanksgiving for them and for their soul to be at rest in heaven. This day the Church is draped in white and gold to remind us of the heavenly wedding feast that we will, God-willing, enjoy one day with the Saints.

November 2: All Souls Day is a day we remember all of the faithful departed, especially those who may have no one to pray for them in purgatory. This is a day of remembrance and reflection and penance for our loved ones who have gone before that they may be enjoying eternal peace. This day the church is draped in White, Purple, or Black (depending on local custom) to remind us of the hope of eternal life and to offer works of penance for our brethren who may benefit from our prayers on their way to heaven (Purgatory).

These three days are a time of reflection and celebration to remind us that holiness is attainable, that God can use us if we let him, and there is always hope beyond this world. Finally, November is always set aside as a time to remember the dead. Feel free to list anyone who you would like remembered on our **All Souls Envelopes** and in the **Book of Remembrance** and, new this year: please feel free to bring a **Picture of your deceased loved one(s) to place in the Saint Shrine area** that will be on display. (The photo should not be the only original and does not need to be placed in a frame (but helpful) and will remain in place through the First Sunday of Advent and then you can take them home. Remember the Church is open regularly and is not responsible for lost/stolen goods/photos, etc.) Please feel free to bring them when you come to church next weekend. All three of the above help us to remember our loved ones!

Saturday, November 7 is the **Diocesan Confirmation Retreat** taking place at Pennwest Clarion. However, we can help in a few ways:

- 1. Commit to a half hour of Eucharistic Adoration** for the intention of the retreat. This will take place in OLCC from 9:30a-2:30p. To sign up please contact Emily Cunningham to sign up for a timeslot by calling, texting, or emailing her at: 1-412-605-4705 or eecunningham@comcast.net.
- 2. 4pm Mass** will be celebrated as the conclusion of the Retreat at our Parish! Bishop Persico will be the main celebrant. *(Please note that Mass will not begin until 4:15pm and will welcome 300 high school Freshmen and their chaperones...but there will be plenty of room for you).*

Thank you to all who have responded thus far to the call of becoming a Liturgical Minister. If a ministry is still on your heart, please contact me and see the bulletin for more details on the training sessions!

A hearty congratulations to Rowan Faller who won Miss Teen ALF 2026 and to our school for placing during both parades. Thank you as well to all who supported our Parish and School during this fun week that brings our community together.

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In the meantime, I hope that everyone has a safe and happy Halloween week and please be careful moving about this week in all the holyday excitement!

NEW LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING

Lectors: Monday, Oct. 26 from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

OR Sunday, Nov. 1 from 12:15 pm to 1:00 pm

Altar Servers: Second session

Sunday, Oct. 25 from Noon to 1:00 pm

Greeters & Ushers: TBD

MASS INTENTIONS

Confessions: Saturdays 3:00 pm to 3:40 pm;
other times see bulletin/website; anytime in an emergency
Monday - October 26

7:30 am | † Jim Amato (Joe and Mary Ruth Amore)

8:00 am - Noon | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday - October 27

6:00 pm | † Dick Keenen (Rose Keenen and Family)

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday - October 28 - Saints Simon and Jude

7:30 am | † Chris Heinrich (Mark and Tricia Shingledecker)

Thursday - October 29

8:30 am | † Kate Thompson (Kim and Clay Kroh)

Friday - October 30

7:30 am | † Mary and Dick Lewis and Family (Family)

Saturday - October 31 - All Hallows Eve

4:00 pm | † Frank and Linda Wolbert

(Frank and Nancy Wolbert)

Sunday - November 1 - All Saints

8:30 am | † For the People

8:30 am **RADIO MASS** | † All Deceased Members of
Immaculate Conception Parish

11:00 am | † All Deceased Members of IC Parish

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

In Memory of John Wilshire and Arly Morgan
(Ron and Stephanie Wilshire)

Milestone Anniversaries Celebrated This Year

Brandon & Alyssa Wiles (5)

Norbert & Beverly

Dan & Moira

Baschnagel (50)

Shingledecker (15)

Frank & Ann Liska (51)

Matt & Courtney Hummel (20)

Tom & Deb Lauer (52)

Joe & Rachel Matus (25)

Regis & Pat Walters (55)

Jon & Elizabeth Beal (35)

Brad & Sue Leonard (58)

Michael & Michelle Fazio (40)

Bill & Paulette Ochs (59)

Ken & Valerie Means (40)

Jim & Mary Lou Delaney (60)

Dwight & LuAnn Glenn (50)

Ron & Pat Magness (61)

Michael & Diana Brown (50)

Tom & Elaine Fesenmyer (65)

Gary & Karen Lewis (50)

Tom & Jackie Zacherl (67)

ATTENTION CLARION COUNTY RESIDENTS –
Please plan to join us for a moving Veterans Day Candlelight
Concert on November 11 at 7:30 PM in Hart Chapel.

This free community event honors the brave men and women
who have served our country. The evening will feature a
special performance by Barbi Milliron, whose heartfelt music
will set the tone for a powerful tribute. As the concert begins,
over 500 candles will illuminate the stage, creating a
breathtaking atmosphere of reflection and gratitude.

The event is free and open to everyone. Bring your family,
friends, and neighbors as we come together to honor our
veterans. This event is proudly sponsored by the United
Way of Clarion County, the National Endowment of the Arts
Big Reads Program, and the Clarion University Foundation.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday, November 26

Volunteers to cook turkeys - Please
read instructions on the sign up page!

HERE ARE THE SIGN UP LINKS

- Volunteer Turkey Cookers - go to
<https://signup.com/go/TbsKMEn>
- SetUp & Prep Volunteers
<https://signup.com/go/ONiiTgg>
- Day Of Volunteers - go to
<https://signup.com/go/YXzQdYp>
- For Carry Out Reservations - go to
<https://signup.com/go/nhhWnnv>
- For Dine-In Reservations - go to
<https://signup.com/go/kiTRpkv>

Links are easily accessible on the parish website.

THE IC SCHOOL THANKSGIVING PIE SALE

IC School's annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale runs through
Wed., Oct. 28th. The order form can be found on the parish
website, in the church gathering space, or you may pick one
up from the school office during regular business hours
(Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 3:00 pm). Please
complete the form with the number of desired pies, total the
amount of pies and the balance due. Make checks payable to
Immaculate Conception School. Place the form, with your
payment, in the collection basket at Mass or drop off at the
school office during business hours. Include your email and
phone number on the form. For questions, please contact the
school office at (814) 226-8433, ext. 105 or email
esmerker@clarionichawks.net



TURKEY BINGO

Monday, November 2nd, 9th
and 16th. Doors open at 5:30
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