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720 Liberty Street
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning - 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Days - 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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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.



NOTICE – LENTEN PRACTICES 2024

The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, and concludes when the Paschal Triduum of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord begins at the start of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024.

The following practices and regulations are promulgated and binding for all Latin Rite Catholics in the Diocese of Erie for Lent and the Paschal Triduum, 2024. Eastern Rite Catholics who may be attending Latin Rite parishes have their own proper regulations and should consult their own eparchy or parish.

1. Traditional Lenten practices of **PRAYER, FASTING,** and **ALMSGIVING,** and other forms of self-denial, are recommended most warmly by the Church. Daily Mass is particularly encouraged.
2. **ASH WEDNESDAY, ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT,** and **GOOD FRIDAY** are days of *abstinence* from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older.
3. In 2024, St. Patrick's Day (March 17 – Principal Patronal Feast Day of the Diocese of Erie) falls on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. In recognition of the importance of this day for the faithful, Bishop Persico has directed that St. Patrick be liturgically observed (at daily Mass, Divine Office, etc.) throughout the diocese on Monday, March 18, 2024.
4. **ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY** are also days of *fasting* for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. (*On these days, those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.*)
5. On **HOLY THURSDAY,** no celebration of the Mass is to begin anywhere in the diocese earlier than 4:30 pm without the explicit approval of Bishop Persico.
6. Although it does not include the Liturgy of the Eucharist, by its very nature the **GOOD FRIDAY** service is celebrated by a priest only.
7. All celebrations of the **EASTER VIGIL** are to begin after nightfall (*which is defined as approximately one hour after local sunset.*) Nightfall is about 8:45 pm this year. To balance pastoral need and liturgical prescriptions, Bishop Persico has decreed that the Easter Vigil in the Diocese of Erie is to begin at 8:30 pm or any later time. Any start time earlier than 8:30 pm must receive explicit approval from the Bishop.

By order of the Most Reverend Bishop
January 19, 2024



THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE is scheduled for Saturday, February 17 at 3:00 p.m. (or by appointment).

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MONTY –This Lent, let God open your mind and change your heart — in discipleship, in service and in prayer — to repent and believe in the Gospel and in the healing that flows from the cross and resurrection — the dying and the rising — of Jesus Christ — for you.

Happy Valentine's Day!

“For God so loVed the world

That he gAve

His onLy

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That who so ever

Believeth In Him

Should Not perish,

But have Everlasting life.”

John 3:16

THE LENTEN SPRING IS COMING . . .

- **Genesis: Seven Life-Changing Encounters with the God of New Beginnings,** a Lenten Bible study, meets on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Clarion Center.
- **Ash Wednesday – February 14 -**
Masses at 8:30 a.m., 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- **Little Black Books** – Six-minute daily reflections on the Gospel of Luke, as well as valuable tips and suggestions for enriching your Lenten observance, are provided for every day from February 11 thru Easter Sunday. Suggested donation: \$1.00
- **First Penance Family Retreat** – Our Second Grade students and their families will celebrate this sacrament for the first time on Sunday, February 18.
- **CRS Ricebowl** - Join our faith community in a transformative Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl to meet people in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia who are working hard to overcome the challenges of hunger and the impact of climate change. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on our connectedness as one family in Christ and work together to ensure our sisters and brothers worldwide can thrive. To learn more, visit: crsricebowl.org

**THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR –**

The floral arrangement is given for the Greater Glory of God and in memory of your deceased loved ones. Thank you for your generous support of the 2023 “Christmas Flower Memorial” fund.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK –

The observance of the memorial of Our Lady Of Lourdes — **World Day of the Sick** — is transferred to **Monday, February 12** and the anointing of the sick will be available at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL – Today is Commitment Sunday for the 2024 Catholic Services Appeal *One Faith, One Family*. The CSA is essential to carrying out the Church’s mission to evangelize, educate, serve, proclaim the Word, celebrate the sacraments, and provide hope to people in need, beyond what any parish can provide on its own.

As baptized Catholics, the Lord calls each one of us to share His love and build up His Church. Through our gifts to the CSA, we unite as *One Faith, One Family* in carrying out His life-giving mission. Thank you for your faithful generosity and prayers for the CSA.



Monday, February 12 – Our Lady of Lourdes
8:30 a.m. Anne Love (Frank and Nancy Wolbert)

Tuesday, February 13
— NO MASS —

Wednesday, February 14 – ASH WEDNESDAY
8:30 a.m. Chet McMillen (Sue and Theresa McMillen)
4:00 p.m. Bill and Florence Brochetti (Family)
7:00 p.m. For the People

Thursday, February 15
8:30 a.m. Marcus Wolbert, Jr. (Gary and Sue Wolbert)

Friday, February 16
8:30 a.m. Wanda Levine (Ray and Linda Stiglitz)

Saturday, February 17 – The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
4:00 p.m. Ken Ferringer and Betty Cherico (Debbie Ferringer)


Sunday, February 18 – First Sunday of Lent
8:30 a.m. Leo Ganoë (Nancy J. Ganoë)
8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Allen Frampton (Betty Boroughs)
11:00 a.m. For the People

CHRIST PRESENT IN THE MASS

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024
9:30 A.M.–10:45 A.M.
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FELLOWSHIP,
A PRESENTATION BY FATHER MONTY,
ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS,
AND REFRESHMENTS.
ALL ARE WELCOME.

JOYFUL RECONCILIATION – The following students will make their First Penance in the coming weeks. Please keep them in your prayers.

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| Michael Baker | Karsyn Calton |
| Isabella Lopez | Jacob Smathers |
| Hayden Stanford | Michael Williams |
| Mya Colon | Hunter Grubb |
| Madelyn Marshall | Leona Lesniak |
| Ava Dang | |

Readings for the week of February 11, 2024

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 /Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 /Mk 8:14-21


Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25


Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10) /1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15



Additions to the Prayer List:
David Hartley
Valerie Means



A BAPTISM FORMATION SESSION is scheduled for Sunday, March 10, from 9:30 to noon. The session is for expectant parents and parents of children who are asking for Baptism within the next six months. Please register for the session at iclarion.org under the Sacrament section. For questions, email linda.summerville62@gmail.com

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY TRAINING MEETING – Training for our Hospitality Ministry will be held on Sunday, February 18 following the 8:30 mass. Even if you did not sign up but are being called to serve in this ministry, please feel free to attend. This meeting includes both the current greeters and ushers as well as those entering the ministry.

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