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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 7:00 p.m.

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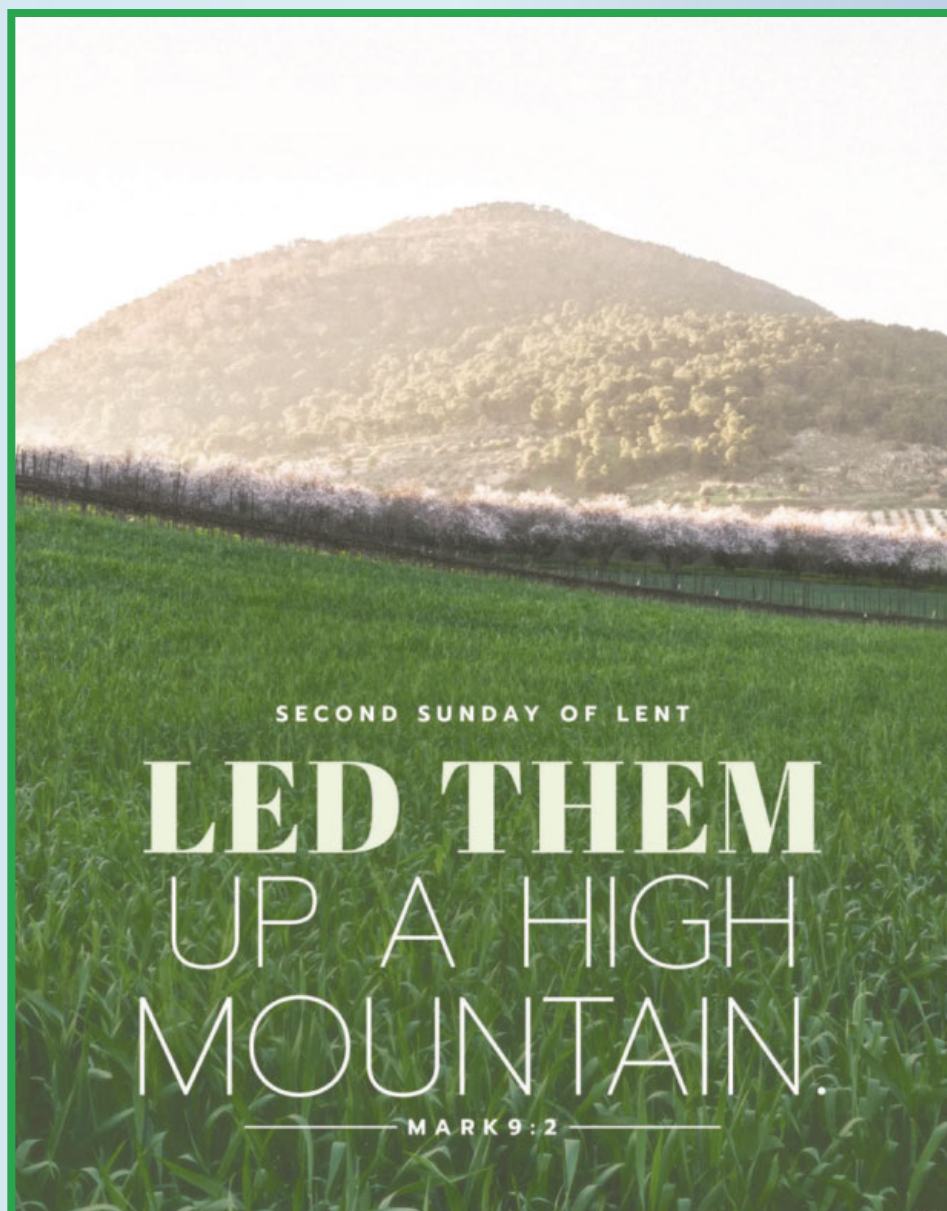
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#### Parish Membership

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.



**MAY THE LENTEN SPRINGTIME . . .**

- **Read the Holy Father's 2024 Lenten Letter** – Google “Pope Francis 2024 Lenten Message” for multiple sites featuring this document.
- **Wednesday Evening Devotions** – “The Way of the Cross According to Mark” began on February 21 at 5:30 p.m.
- **Exposition And Benediction** – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the 8:30 a.m. Mass on March 1, the first Friday of the month. Adoration will continue all morning and conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:10 p.m. The focus of our prayer is the Pope's World Wide Prayer Network Intention for March, 2024: “FOR THE MARTYRS OF OUR DAY, WITNESSES TO CHRIST - Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive”
- **Rice Bowl** - During Lent, we are invited to deepen our relationship and unite our hearts more fully with God and with one another in an intentional way through the Catholic tradition of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This Lent fast in solidarity with those of our neighbors who are hungry and who struggle to meet basic needs. Donate money saved while fasting to CRS Rice Bowl and help support local organizations such as Clarion Community Action, Inc., the North Clarion/Marienville Food Pantry, Redbank Valley Church Association, Saint Elizabeth Center, Saint Patrick Food Pantry, and the Titusville Area Food Bank. Visit: [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope. CRS Rice Bowls are available in the lobby.
- **The Sacrament of Penance** – The annual confession of one's sins is a precept of the Church. As such, every Catholic is obliged to confess their sins, receive absolution and do penance at least one time a year. (Sunday dates denote Lenten communal penance services in the parishes of the Oil City deanery):
  - Sunday, February 25  
3:00 p.m. at St. Charles, New Bethlehem
  - Thursday, February 29  
Following the 11:00 Mass at Immaculate Conception
  - Saturday, March 2  
3:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception
  - Sunday, March 3  
3:00 p.m. at St. Patrick, Franklin
  - Sunday, March 10  
3:00 p.m. at St. Titus, Titusville
  - Saturday, March 16  
3:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception
  - Sunday, March 17  
3:00 p.m. at St. Michael, Fryburg
  - **Sunday, March 24  
3:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception**

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UNENDING JOY**

**A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MONTY –**

The Lectionary for the Sundays of Lent follows a particular pattern. The first two Sundays focus on events in the life of Jesus — the Temptation (Mark 1:12-15) and the Transfiguration (9:2-10). The third through fifth Sundays in Year B emphasize key moments in salvation history highlighting God's Covenant relationship with His people, Israel. The Sunday Gospel readings recount key covenant-related moments in Jesus' ministry from the Gospel of John: the cleansing of the Temple (John 2:13-25); his nighttime meeting with Nicodemus (John 3:14-21); and his “unless a grain of wheat falls/hour of glory” parable (John 12:20-33). Each passage offers us an invitation for deeper communion with Christ in this Lenten season.

With its twin themes of conversion and Covenant faithfulness, the Scriptures of Lent 2024 guide us to reflect on repentance and the renewal of our baptismal promises on Easter.

In his Lenten message for 2024, Pope Francis writes, “To the extent that this Lent becomes a time of conversion, will an anxious humanity notice a burst of creativity, a flash of new hope? Allow me to repeat what I told the young people whom I met in Lisbon last summer: “Keep seeking and be ready to take risks. At this moment in time, we face enormous risks; we hear the painful plea of so many people. Indeed, we are experiencing a third world war fought piecemeal. Yet let us find the courage to see our world, not as being in its death throes but in a process of giving birth, not at the end but at the beginning of a great new chapter of history. We need courage to think like this” (Address to University Students, 3 August 2023, for World Youth Day). Such is the courage of conversion...For faith and charity take hope, this small child, by the hand. They teach her to walk, and at the same time, she leads them forward.”

**EASTER FLOWERS** – Please use the envelope in your March packet to make a contribution to the Easter flower fund. Make your gift in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of a friend or family member who is celebrating a special birthday, anniversary, graduation or sacrament. Just fill in the “In Memory/Honor of” space on the back of the envelope.



**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 [icclarion.org](http://icclarion.org) under the Sacrament section. For questions, email [linda.summerville62@gmail.com](mailto:linda.summerville62@gmail.com)

**PRE-K/KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE** – Immaculate Conception Parish School is hosting an open house on March 2, 2024 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Come explore the kindergarten and preschool classrooms. Build new friendships and bonds. Learn about our generous scholarships. Encounter academic excellence designed with a personal commitment to each child.

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Tickets will be sold after weekend Masses in the lobby.

You may also contact the parish office

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**Monday, February 26**

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**Tuesday, February 27 – Saint Gregory of Narek**

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**Wednesday, February 28**

NO MASS

**Thursday, February 29**

11:00 a.m. Keith Martin (Virginia Martin and Family)

**Friday, March 1**

*Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
begins after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.*

*Adoration will continue all morning and conclude with  
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:10 p.m.*

8:30 a.m. Paul and Mae Slike (Susan Slike)



**Saturday, March 2**

4:00 p.m. Marie and Richard Beichner

(Pat and Ron Magness)

**Sunday, March 3 – Third Sunday of Lent**

8:30 a.m. Robert Selker (Zachary Selker)

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Gerry McMillen

(Virginia Martin)

11:00 a.m. For the People

**Readings for the week of February 25, 2024**

**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23  
/Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16  
/Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19,  
20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12  
/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Next Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9,  
10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

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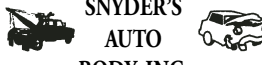
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