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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 5:30 p.m.

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Parish Membership

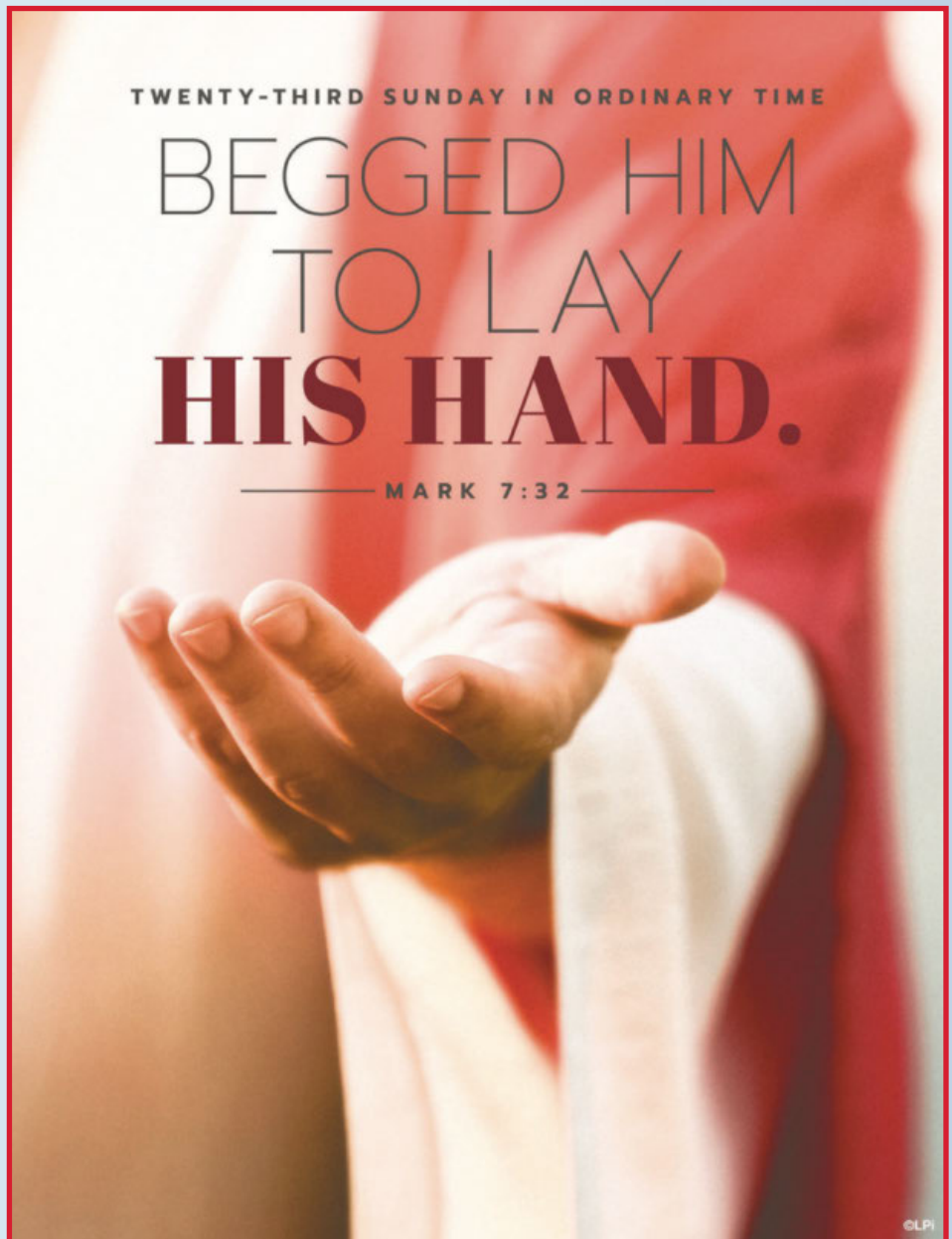
Membership includes active participation in the sacramental life of the Church, involvement in the activities of the faith community and financial support of the parish.

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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEGGED HIM
TO LAY
HIS HAND.

— MARK 7:32 —



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCERY – The Vicar General of the Diocese of Erie, Father Nicholas Rouch, writes this week regarding the 2024 Catholic Education Collection:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I ask for your support of the Catholic Education Collection being taken up the weekend of September 14-15.

This annual second collection supports lifelong education and faith formation opportunities for everyone throughout our diocese. Please generously support this collection. You play an integral part in our success in nurturing growth in the minds, hearts and spirits of the faithful.

Half of the funds raised from this collection remain in your parish to support your local education and faith formation programs. The other half is used across the diocese for ministry and leadership training, technology support, creative projects in faith formation, as well as tuition assistance for families attending Catholic schools. A small portion also supports The Catholic University of America

Thank you for your generosity. Contributions can be made directly at your parish or online at

<https://www.eriecd.org/cec.html>.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Very Reverend Nicholas J. Rouch, STD Vicar General

**THERE IS AN ENVELOPE IN YOUR PACKET
DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 FOR THE
CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION.**

QUESTIONS MOST CATHOLICS CAN'T ANSWER

More from [The Ultimate Catholic Quiz](#) (100 Questions Most Catholics Can't Answer) by Karl Keating.

The patron saint of air travelers is:

- Saint Frances of Rome
- Saint Bertrille, the flying nun
- Saint Joseph of Cupertino
- Saint Bona of Pisa
- None of the above

Answer and more information on the opposite page

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE is scheduled for
Saturday, September 21 at 3:00 p.m.
Other times by appointment –
Phone 814-226-8433 Ext. 102

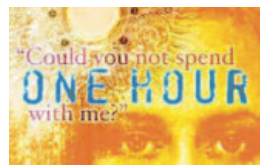
QUESTIONS of the WEEK FOR FAITH SHARING

Rich in Faith

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? (James 2:5)

Adults: When has your faith in Jesus enabled you to speak out on an issue of importance?

Kids: What does your belief in Jesus mean to you?



ONE HOUR – Need an evening of quiet reflection and an opportunity to spend time with Jesus? Starting Thursday September 19, 2024, at 6:00 pm and continuing the Third Thursday evening thereafter, we will have a Holy Hour with Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction. The Holy Hour will conclude with Benediction at 7:00 pm. For more information, contact Deacon Joe by email at jglover@eriecd.org.

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Deanna Aaron Coon by her parents, Bob and Pat Aaron.



LITURGY AND ENVIRONMENT – We are seeking parishioners that feel the calling to use their creative talents to enhance our worship space during the liturgical year.

Two types of team members are needed:

- ❖ **Planning Team:** Develop and plan the church environment for the liturgical seasons. (Would need to attend quarterly meetings.)
- ❖ **Stage Crew:** Volunteers to assist during set-up and tear-down. (Would need to be available during the Christmas and Easter Seasons)

If interested in being a part of either of these teams or have questions, contact Amy Bish at 814-226-8433 Ext. 100 or abish@icclarion.org before September 15.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP – RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Choosing Deafness by Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.

I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strong-willed one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' — she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just fine. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening?
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EDGE KICKOFF!

WHEN: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15,
6:30PM-8:00PM

WHO: 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADERS
WHERE: PARISH EVENT CENTER

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FOOD PANTRY — The food pantry, sponsored by Community Action, provides emergency supplemental food services to eligible Clarion County residents. Please help your neighbors by making a donation of non-perishable food items. Just leave whatever you can in the designated containers in the lobby of the church. It all helps!

ANSWER TO QUESTIONS MOST CATHOLICS CAN'T ANSWER

- In 1925 Pope Pius XI named Frances of Rome the patron saint of automobile drivers. His choice derived from the legend that when Frances walked along roads at night, an angel lighted her way with a lantern so that she would not stumble.
- Sister Bertrille was the name of the main character in the television show *The Flying Nun*, which ran from 1967 to 1970. She “flew” when a breeze caught her large, stiff cornette and lifted her off the ground.
- Joseph of Cupertino (1603-1663) was a Franciscan friar and mystic known to levitate when in deep prayer, an accomplishment sufficiently impressive for him to be named patron of air travelers, aviators, and astronauts.
- Bona of Pisa (1156-1207) almost qualifies. She is the patron saint of travelers in general and specifically of guides, pilgrims, and flight attendants — but not of air travelers as such.
- Answer *c* is correct.

MASS Intentions

Monday, September 9 – Saint Peter Claver

NO MASS

Tuesday, September 10

11:00 a.m. For the People

Wednesday, September 11 – Patriot Day

NO MASS

Thursday, September 12 –

The Most Holy Name of Mary

11:00 a.m. Martha and Jim Kerle (Kim and Clay Kroh)

Friday, September 13 – Saint John Chrysostom

NO MASS

Saturday, September 14 –

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

4:00 p.m. John and Phyllis Slike (Susan Slike)

Sunday, September 15 – Twenty-fourth Sunday

in Ordinary Time & Grandparents Day

8:30 a.m. Ronald J. Klein (Charlotte Klein)

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Allen Frampton (Betty Boroughs)

11:00 a.m. James Hartle (Jim and Mary Lou Delaney)

Readings for the week of September 8, 2024

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b /Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 /Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 /Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 /Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9) /Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO

TODAY? – Immaculate Conception Church in Brookville is having their annual Fall Festival this weekend, Sept. 6, 7 and 8. Hours are 8 am to 7 pm on Saturday and 10 am to 3 pm on Sunday.



The Festival features a \$2500 cash raffle, large Gift Raffle, a huge Flea Market, Sweet Shop, Craft and Christmas Room, Theme Basket Room, Kids games and Gift Raffle, pre-order for Cabbage Rolls, food available daily, Roast Beef dinner on Sunday beginning at 11:15 am. It's not too late to enjoy the festival.



Addition to the Prayer List:
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