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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 5:30 p.m.

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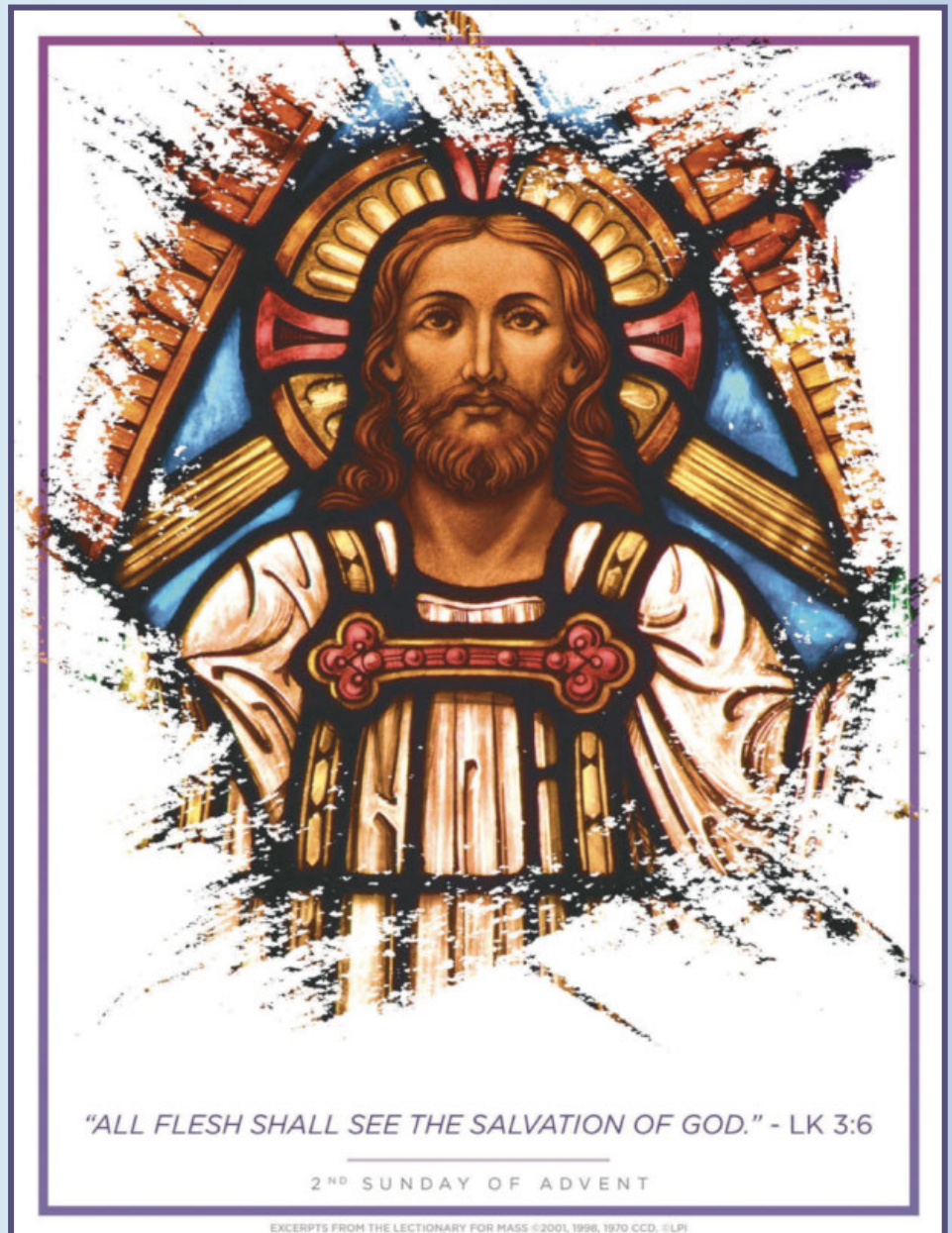
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Parish Membership

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.



CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE

Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

Vigil Mass - 4:00 p.m.

Mass at Night - 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day

Mass at Dawn - 8:30 a.m.

Mass During the Day - 11:00 a.m.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday, December 29

Anticipated Mass - Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE is scheduled for the following dates in December (or by appointment):

- **Advent Communal Penance**
Sunday, December 15 at 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 21 at 3:00 p.m.

GOD'S PERSONAL ASSISTANTS

By Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

If you have ever planned a large-scale event, whether it's a musical performance or a religious conference, you may have dealt with someone's personal assistant. Possibly this person would be a representative of the keynote speaker or the master of ceremonies for the local bishop; perhaps it's even the staffer of a local politician or the lackey of a well-known musical act.

Personal assistants are masters of stewardship — they oversee things in their boss' absence. They prepare the way. This person's job is to get everything ready for the person in charge, so that when he or she shows up — whoever he or she is — it's smooth sailing for them to do whatever it is they need to do: sing, speak, pray, mingle, what-have-you. It's usually a big job full of little things, a gig where attention to detail is key.

God is the guest of honor in our life, the keynote speaker, the main event. And what He wants — what He needs — to do is to change our hearts. Constantly, over, and over, and over again.

We are all His personal assistants in this endeavor. We need to prepare the way of the Lord, to make straight His paths. We need to make everything ready so that when He shows up — however He shows up, whether it's in the form of a neighbor in need or a burning bush right in front of us — everything is ready for Him to do His job. ©LPi



FOOD PANTRY — The Community Action food pantry is seeking donations of “side fixings” to go with the Christmas hams they will distribute this season. They're looking for items such as mashed and scalloped potatoes, canned vegetables, canned fruit, stuffing mix, and anything else that completes a Christmas dinner. Please leave your donations in the designated containers in the lobby of the church. Thanks for helping!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE *Blessed Virgin Mary* OR

A MESSAGE FROM

THE OFFICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP -

The Celebration of the Immaculate Conception, 2024

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on Sunday, December 8, 2024, which coincides with the Second Sunday of Advent. As such, the Solemnity is transferred to Monday, December 9. Previously, when the date was transferred, **the obligation was abrogated: This is no longer the case.**

Recently, the USCCB requested clarification from the Holy See about the obligation to attend Mass when a holy day of obligation in Advent, Lent, or Easter falls on a Sunday and is transferred to Monday. In a memo to U.S. Bishops dated October 10, 2024, Bishop Paprocki communicated the decision of the Dicastery for Legislative Texts: **“The feast must be observed as a day of obligation on the day to which it is transferred.”**

With this new directive, the following needs to be accounted for in the Diocese of Erie:

- Vigil Masses may be scheduled for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception after 4 pm on Sunday, December 8.
- Any Sunday evening Masses must celebrate the Solemnity rather than the Second Sunday of Advent. This should be communicated to the faithful in advance as their Sunday Obligation must still be fulfilled.
- Additional Masses for the Immaculate Conception need to be scheduled for Monday, December 9.

The faithful should be reminded that their Sunday obligation and obligation for the Solemnity are two separate obligations and must be observed by attending Mass twice. The obligation for the Second Sunday of Advent may be fulfilled from the evening of Saturday, December 7 through Sunday, December 8.

- One may attend the Saturday afternoon/evening Mass or any Mass on Sunday, even if the text of the prayers is for the Immaculate Conception.

The obligation for the Immaculate Conception may be fulfilled from the evening of Sunday December 8 through anytime on Monday, December 9.

- One may attend afternoon/evening Mass on December 8 or the morning/afternoon/evening Masses on December 9.

Masses at Immaculate Conception
in observance of this holy day of obligation,
our parish's patronal feast day,
will be

Monday, December 9
at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

STOCKINGS FOR SENIORS – As part of our parish’s ongoing effort to reach out to our neighbors in need, we will work with the Clarion Area Agency on Aging to help those elderly who may feel more isolated during the upcoming Christmas season. Please help us put together care packages this Advent Season. Consider donating the following new items.

- Crossword puzzle / coloring books
- Socks with non-skid bottoms
- Gloves, mittens, scarfs, hats
- Fruit / gelatin cups
- Crackers
- Individually wrapped candies / chocolates



Please return all items to the church or school by **Saturday, December 14th**.

Volunteers are needed to help assemble gift packages on **Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 9:30 am** in Our Lady of Clarion Center. Thank you for your help and participation to share the light of Christ this Advent.

SHOP NOW FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON



LOTTERY CALENDARS are excellent Christmas gifts for the hard-to-buy-for person on your list. Tickets are currently available from school families or in the school office. They will

also be available to purchase after Mass through Dec. 8. Calendars are \$20 giving you 366 chances to win in 2025! Simply buy the ticket. We take care of watching the daily lotto numbers. You just watch your mailbox for a check with your winnings!

SCRIP BLITZ is going on through Dec. 8. Scrip is our gift card program that earns money for the IC Parish School. You buy gift cards at face value to give as gifts or to use for your own shopping and the school receives a percentage back. Scrip gift cards are available all year round through the school office.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and support for our school. Let ICPS help you simplify your shopping.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2025

Requests for Masses for 2025 are now being accepted. Requests may be made by mail, email and mass request envelopes found in the lobby of the church. Requests are limited to **two (2)** per person you are requesting masses for. For the year following the death of a loved one, we can schedule three additional masses: a birthday or wedding anniversary and the first anniversary of the death. **For all other requests only one Saturday/Sunday mass may be scheduled.** Masses for the following occasions are not available: “Birthday Memorials”, Christmas Eve and Day, Easter Sunday, Mother’s Day and Father’s Day. Keep in mind that you can remember your loved ones with a mass broadcast on Radio Station AM 1300 and FM 94.1. The suggested donation for a mass is \$10.00. The cost of a radio broadcast is \$45.00.



Monday, December 9 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:30 a.m. For the People
- 5:30 p.m. Rosemary Nachtwey (Stephanie and Ron Wilshire)

Tuesday, December 10 – Our Lady of Loreto

- 11:00 a.m. James Hartle (Orla Sweet)

Wednesday, December 11 – Saint Pope Damasus I

— NO MASS —

Thursday, December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 11:00 a.m. Joseph White (Phyllis White)

Friday, December 13 – Saint Lucy

- 8:30 a.m. Shirley Bracken (Adelaide Lipperts Children)

Saturday, December 14 – Saint John of the Cross

- 4:00 p.m. Maureen Hasson Sayers (Father Monty)

Sunday, December 15 – Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 a.m. For the People
- 8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Germaine Schill (Linda Smith and Judy Poad Families)
- 11:00 a.m. Penny McCleary (Calvin McCleary)

Readings for the week of December 8, 2024

- Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 /Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 /Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 /Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab /Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 /Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Next Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6) /Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Money Counters Monday, December 9 Team 3

Offertory	Nov. 23 - 24
Envelopes	\$ 6,567.00
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