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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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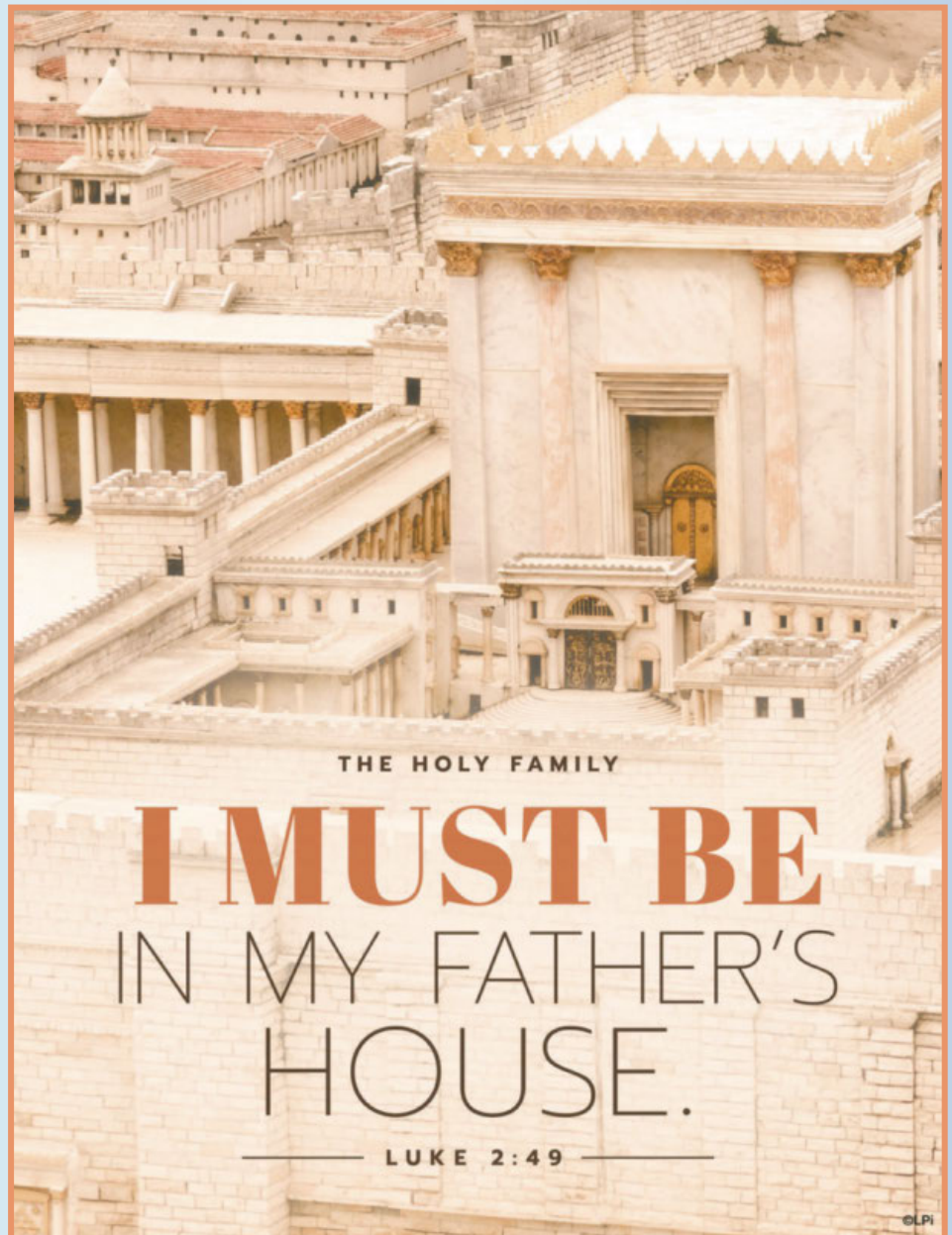
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Parish Membership

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.





**DURING THIS HOLY SEASON
PLEASE PRAY FOR...**



...those who, in 2024, were given new birth by water and the holy spirit in the sacrament of baptism:

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| <i>Charlottte Mae Selker</i> | <i>Joseph Delaney Liberto</i> |
| <i>Kyle Allen Knight</i> | <i>Nathan Hoang Ta</i> |
| <i>Benedict Antai Esang</i> | <i>Lindy Lee Miles</i> |

...those who, in 2024 passed through the gates of death to dwell with the blessed in divine light:

Jean Elizabeth Amato (Ditz)
Rose Marie "Rosie" Clark
Barbara A. Wigton
Stephen George Santus
James A. Hartle
Kenneth R. Mechling
Germaine Emma Schill
Robert Mark Weaver
George Parkinson
Madeline Ruth Sowers
Patricia A. "Patty" Rapp
Salvatore "Sal" Mazzocchi
Shirley Bracken
Rose M. (Schill) Selker
Donna Marie Shelatree
Jack G. Romito (2023)
Johanna Marjorie Squiller Grottenthaler (2023)
Anna M. Love (2023)



...those who, in 2024, were made one in Christ as husband and wife in the sacrament of Matrimony:

Margaret Patton & Bryon "Butch" Burford

...those who, in 2024, were led by the Holy Spirit to join our parish family. We welcomed:

Lauren and Justin Grubb and children
Amy and Joseph Lutz
Krista & Dalton Schultz
Patricia & Thomas Schulte
Erin and Kaleb Thompson
Leah and Andrew Preston and children
Michael and Jodie Heffner
Michelle and Michael Fazio
Fran and Michael Jack
Matthew and Tammy Mitchell
Kelly and Evan McDivitt and children
Shelley and Greg Smith and son
Roderick Showers
Thomas and Taylor McConnell and children



...those who, in 2024, made their First Holy Communion:

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| <i>Gunnar French</i> | <i>Mya Colon</i> |
| <i>Trajan Sloan</i> | <i>Brynn Hunsberger</i> |
| <i>Brian Dang</i> | <i>Emma Martin</i> |
| <i>Derrick Griebel</i> | <i>Alaina Reed</i> |
| <i>Calista Miles</i> | <i>Leona Renninger</i> |
| <i>Hannah Rattigan</i> | <i>Ruthie Shingledecker</i> |
| <i>Scarlett Siegel</i> | <i>Brock McClain</i> |
| <i>Connor Chesterfield</i> | |



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MONTY – Nothing will transform you quite like a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. When you seek to encounter him, he “uncovers what matters”, changing you a little bit at a time, revealing his presence in powerful and unexpected ways. The book you received as a gift this Christmas, *rebuilt FAITH: A Handbook for Skeptical Catholics* will guide your encounter. The authors, Rev. Michael White and Tom Corcoran, state their goals clearly in the Introduction (pages 1-5). Then, they offer forty short daily spiritual exercises to learn more about your faith—Scripture and tradition—and deepen your relationship with God.

If you start the exercises this week, it will take you up to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on Sunday, February 2, 2025. Then in March-April 2025 we plan to offer an opportunity repeat these exercises over the forty days of Lent. Discussion groups are planned and Deacon Joe and I will be preaching about *rebuilt Faith in our Lenten homilies*.

I hope you will make a New Year’s resolution for the holy year Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope - to take “40 Days to Uncover What Matters”.

I commend you and those you love to the care and protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patroness of our parish, school and Nation in her Immaculate Conception, and Saint Joseph, patron of the Universal Church.

Have a blessed Christmas season!



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD – The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God—a holy day of obligation—will be observed with Masses on Wednesday, January 1, 2025 at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses during the Christmas season will be at 11:00 a.m. Why not extend the joy of Jesus’ birth by worshipping with your family at Mass on one of those days?

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will immediately follow the 11:00 a.m. Mass on January 3, the first Friday of the New Year. A brief period of Adoration will follow concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:10 p.m.

The focus of our prayer is the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network intention for January 2025: **FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION** “Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected”.

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

- Thursday, January 2 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass
- Saturday, January 4 at 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, January 18 at 3:00 p.m.

**FAITH FORMATION
JANUARY**

Sunday, Jan. 5
~PURPOSE — 9:30 - 10:55 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 12
~PURPOSE — 9:30 - 10:55 a.m.
~EDGE — 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 18
~PFLAUM Pickup — 9:00 - 10:00 am

Sunday, Jan. 19
~PURPOSE — “DONUT” Miss Mass
~FIRST EUCHARIST Parent/Student Meeting — 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 26
~EDGE — 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

MASS Intentions

Monday, December 30

11:00 a.m. Jack Romito (JoAnne Grine)

Tuesday, December 31 – Saint Pope Sylvester I

New Year’s Eve

11:00 a.m. Bernard and Delila Ochs (Carmelita Blair)

Wednesday, January 1 – Mary, the Holy Mother of God

New Year’s Day World Day of Peace

8:30 a.m. For the People

11:00 a.m. Mrs. Pearl Frampton (Betty Boroughs)

Thursday, January 2 – Saints Basil the Great and

Gregory Nazianzen

11:00 a.m. Patty Rapp (Virginia Martin)

Friday, January 3 – The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 11:00 mass, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:10 p.m.

11:00 a.m. Madeline Sowers (Joe Sowers)

Saturday, January 4 – Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

4:00 p.m. Jesse Copenhaver (Madge Copenhaver)

Sunday, January 5 – The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 a.m. For the People

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Mark Weaver (Virginia Martin)

11:00 a.m. Steve Santus (Kim and Clay Kroh)

Readings for the week of December 29, 2024

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7 /Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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