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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.

Weekdays - Consult the bulletin or phone the parish office

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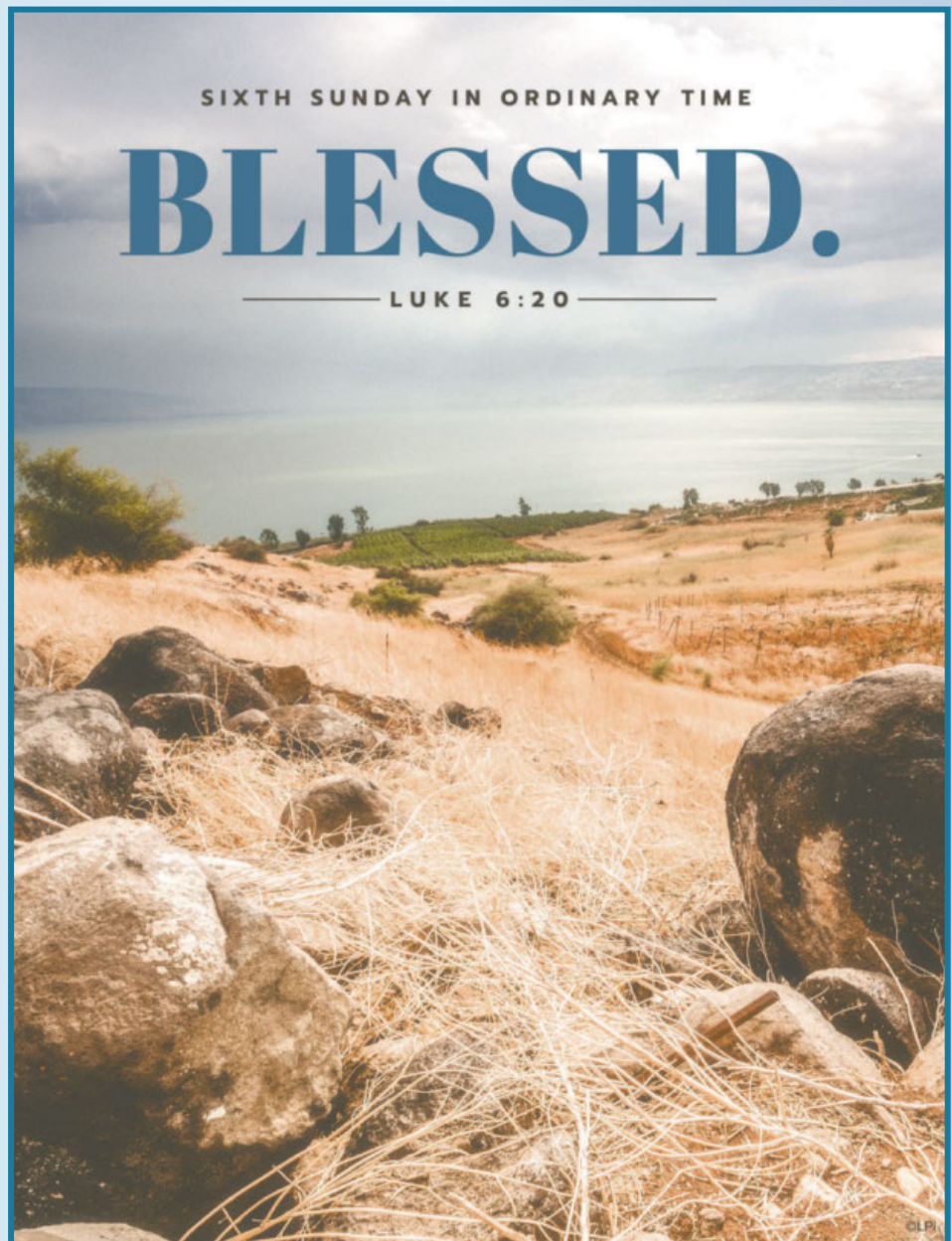
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Parish Membership

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.





rebuilt FAITH
40 Days to Uncover What Matters

**SPIRITUAL CAMPAIGN
THIS IS KICKOFF WEEKEND**

Join a group
Explore your faith!
Uncover what matters!

Faith Sharing group sign-up opportunities are available after Masses this weekend. 99 Evangelization Team members and group leaders will be there to help you find a group that fits your schedule and answer your questions.

For more about small faith sharing groups, check out the video available on the parish website.
For more information, contact Linda Summerville
lsummerville@icclarion.org

ARE YOU READY FOR LENT?

Ash Wednesday – March 5 Masses at
8:30 a.m., 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.

“**Little Black Books**” for Lent are available on the lobby bookrack. Pick one up today. Suggested donation is \$1.00

Wednesday Evening Devotions - begin Wednesday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m.

First Penance Family Retreat – Our Second Grade students and their families will celebrate this sacrament for the first time on Sunday, March 16. Retreat: 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MONTY – The three Sundays before Ash Wednesday were once referred to as the Gesisma Sundays, or Gesimatide. Also known as Pre-Lent, this short, three-Sunday season prepared the Church for the Lenten journey to the Cross and for the renewal of our Baptismal promises at Easter. The three Sundays were called by the Latin words Septuagesima or 70 days to Easter (today), Sexagesima (60 days to Easter), and Quinquagesima (50 days to Easter).

These three Sundays in winter ordinary time mark a divide between the joy of Christmas and Epiphany and the introspection of Lent. These weeks offer you ample time to sign-up for a **rebuilt FAITH** campaign small group. Pick up a **Little Black Book** to plan your Lenten observance. Spend time with the Lord and ask, “How do you want me to get ready for Lent.



THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are given to the Greater Glory of God and in loving memory of the deceased Mothers and Fathers of the parish. Your generous support of the 2024 Christmas Flower collection will provide flowers for the pre-Lenten Sundays. Thank You!

HEALTH SCREENING — The Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society, Mu Xi Chapter, and the PennWest-Clarion Nursing students invite you to a free health screening on Sunday, March 2nd in the Children’s Chapel following the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. masses.



They will provide any or all of the following screenings:

- BP screening
 - Medication Review (please bring a list of your medications)
 - Fall Risk / Prevention screening
- No reservation needed. “We look forward to serving you.”



One Faith, One Family
2025 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL PROMOTION SUNDAY is the weekend of Mar 1-2 in our parish. Please be on the lookout for your personal invitation in the mail. The CSA is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the diocese to unite in carrying

out the work of the Gospel. The CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic family and that the work of the diocese is the work of the Church. The Church serves each of us and our support is essential in continuing God’s work in our area. Every CSA donation also brings us closer to being able to complete our parish projects. No gift is too small when given with gratitude and generosity.

**2025
CENTURY CLUB TICKETS
ON SALE NOW**

Each ticket is \$100 and will be sold after the weekend Masses in the lobby of the church. You may also contact Amy at the parish office by calling 814-226-8433 Ext. 100 or emailing her at abish@icclarion.org.

There is one Early Bird Drawing on March 31st for \$200.

Other drawings are as follows:

- April 30th: (1) \$300 / (1) \$200 / (2) \$100 / (5) \$50
- May 30th: (1) \$300 / (2) \$200 / (2) \$100 / (5) \$50
- June 30th: (1) \$500 / (1) \$400 / (3) \$200 / (3) \$100 / (10) \$50

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The 6th aspect or characteristic of Jubilee 2025 is the **PROFESSION OF FAITH**. Let's take a closer look at what that means.

The **PROFESSION OF FAITH** – also known as the ‘Symbol’ - is a sign of the identity of the baptized person. The profession of faith expresses the central content of the faith: it succinctly captures the main truths that a believer accepts and witnesses to on the day of his or her baptism and shares with the entire Christian community for the rest of his or her life.

There are various professions of faith which show the richness of the experience of encountering Jesus Christ. Traditionally, however, there are two that have gained special recognition in the Church: the baptismal creed of the church of Rome and the Nicene-Constantinopolitan creed, originally formulated in 325 at the Council of Nicaea, in present-day Turkey, and then refined at the Council of Constantinople in 381.

“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved,” (Romans 10:9-10). This passage from St. Paul emphasizes how proclaiming the mystery of faith requires a deep conversion not only in one's words, but above all in one's understanding of God, of oneself and of the world. “To say the Creed with faith is to enter into communion with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and also with the whole Church which transmits the faith to us and in whose midst, we believe” (CCC 197).

MASS Intentions

Monday, February 17 – The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order and Presidents Day

— NO MASS —

Tuesday, February 18

11:00 a.m. Leo C. Ganoë (Nancy J. Ganoë)

Wednesday, February 19

— NO MASS —

Thursday, February 20

11:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Chris and Sharon Guth Family

Friday, February 21 – Saint Peter Damian

— NO MASS —

Saturday, February 22 – The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

4:00 p.m. Victor Cherico (Jean and John Blachier)

Sunday, February 23 – Seventh Sunday

in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Craig Beary (Jim and Mary Lou Delaney)

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Patty Rapp (Virginia Martin)

11:00 a.m. For the People

Readings for the week of February 16, 2025

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 /Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 /Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 /Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15 /Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 /1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38



FOOD PANTRY — Please help support the food pantry sponsored by Community Action. In February, the parish and school are collecting donations of **Box Food (such as Pasta), Sauces, and Soup**. Other non-perishable food items are always appreciated. Please place your donated items in the designated containers in the lobby of the church. Thank you very much!



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Tuesday,
February 18
Team 1

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