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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.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** PARISH

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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

#### SPIRITUAL CAMPAIGN ENGAGE IN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Please pray along with the Spiritual Campaign small groups using this prayer for the week of March 23.



God, Our Heavenly Father,

Thank you for bringing people of faith into my life.

Jesus, please take my faith — help me grow so I can make a positive impact on the lives of others.

Lord, please help our parish realize faith is personal, but it is not private.

Priests are precious and we are blessed to have a parish with a priest and a deacon.

It is up to me to promote my faith — so others will follow the faith — to hand off the faith to the next generation.

As I run this race of faith, I know to seek the saints who came before us as role models. I thank you Lord for the Rebuilt Faith Series to outline our way. Deepen our faith. Grow in the Church. Evangelize our belief in you, Lord. I am not alone.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### THE WAY OF THE CROSS ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE

continues on March 26, April 2 and April 9 at 5:30 p.m.



The Immaculate Conception Knights of Columbus Council #7549 invites to you give the gift of life by donating blood at the Clarion Mall (empty storefront) on Monday, March 31, 2025 between Noon and 5:30pm. The Knights are sponsoring this event with food and registration assistance. If you would like to sign up to donate blood, use the link below, enter zip code 16214, then select the March 31st event and choose a donor time. After selecting a time, please sign in if you have an account, or create a new account to confirm an appointment. Contact Gary Wolbert at (814) 229-0219 or gmwolbert@gmail.com if you have questions. Thank you!

https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time

## QUESTIONS of the WEEK FOR FAITH SHARING

## Tempered With Humility

The reign of God is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.

#### (Luke 13:19b)

Adults: What important work could bear fruit in your life right now if you have more confidence in God's loving care?

**Kids:** What great work would you like to do as you grow older? What can you do to begin now?

#### THE PATIENT GARDNER

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

I have garden beds on the side of my house that I don't deserve.

When we bought the property, this was one of the features that was highlighted in the listing. "Professional landscaping! Tri-level garden beds that bask in the southern exposure!"

But I'm so terrible at weeding these garden beds — they become overgrown quickly, and I shudder to imagine what the previous owners would think of me if they drove by. I'm afraid they would write me off as lazy or disinterested, when really I'm just exhausted and busy. Every time I try to garden, one of my little assistant gardeners runs near the road and I must abandon the project to save them.

So, my husband, bless his heart, is the savior of these garden beds. He goes out there in the cool of the evening to pluck up the weeds that threaten to overtake this beautiful little garden. Patiently and tenderly, he restores it to a presentable state. Without him, they would be lost.

Perhaps I love these garden beds so much because I identify with them. If I were a garden, I would also be a mess, and people who have no time for messes would write me off as hopeless. We all need a savior to stick up for us, to come and quietly prune the unsightly growths that have taken root in our souls and turn the soil that has sat undisturbed for too long.

What I love most about our Savior is that he didn't — doesn't — give up on us. "Give me more time," he says to the Master. "I can still fix this one."  $\tilde{CLPi}$ 

#### CENTURY CLUB TICKETS —



2025 Century Club tickets are 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:

May 30th:

June 30th:

(1) \$300 / (1) \$200 / (2) \$100 / (5) \$50 (1) \$300 / (2) \$200 / (2) \$100 / (5) \$50 (1) \$500 / (1) \$400 / (3) \$200 / (3) \$100 / (10) \$50

### 🎤 2025 MOTHER-DAUGHTER TEA —



Girls who are 10 years of age or older, along with their mothers are cordially invited to the Diocese of Erie Mother-Daughter Tea. A

special time to connect, talk about becoming a woman, and prepare for puberty. There are two

dates available:

April 5, 2025 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at St. Mary's Church, 315 Church St., St. Marys, PA 15857 (RSVP by 3/28/25) and May 3, 2025 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at Saint Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie, PA 16504 (RSVP by 4/25/25). For more information and to sign up, go to https://www.eriercd.org/chastity/tea.html

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



**FOOD PANTRY** — During the month of March, please support the Community Action Food Pantry with donations of canned **Chicken**, **Tuna**, **and Spam**. As always, other non-perishable food items are certainly welcome.

From COOL2BKIDS

Please place items in the designated containers in the lobby. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity!

Resurrection



Holy Saturday

	MASSIntentions		
Monday, March 24			
8:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of the		
	Stiglitz Family (Lisa Fitschen and Family)		
Tuesday, Ma	arch 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord		
11:00 a.m.	Edward "Pete" Hartle (Rhonda Ritts)		
Wednesday,	March 26		
NO	MASS —		
5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross		
Thursday, March 27			
11:00 a.m.	Regis and Dorothy Kaltenbach and		
	Larry Anthony (Cheryl Anthony)		
Friday, Mar			
8:30 a.m.	Rose Carbone (Estate)		
Saturday, M	larch 29		
4:00 p.m.	Clyde Seigworth (Kim and Clay Kroh)		
Sunday, March 30 – Fourth Sunday of Lent			
8:30 a.m.	For the People		
	RADIO MASS – Don Kahle		
11:00 a.m.	David Love (Frank and Nancy Wolbert)		

#### Readings for the week of March 23, 2025

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 /Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 /Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a) /2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



Additions to the Prayer List: Kaleb Pheiff



# WORSHIPPING GOD THROUGH GIVING

Offertory	March 8 - 9	March 15 - 16
Envelopes	\$ 7,118.00	\$ 7,057.00
Loose	449.00	570.90
Monthly	2,915.00	1,420.00
Online	816.44	203.23
Ash Wednesday	3,467.00	
Votive	110.00	89.20
TOTAL	\$ 14,875.44	\$ 9,340.33

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