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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.

Weekdays - Consult the bulletin or phone the parish office

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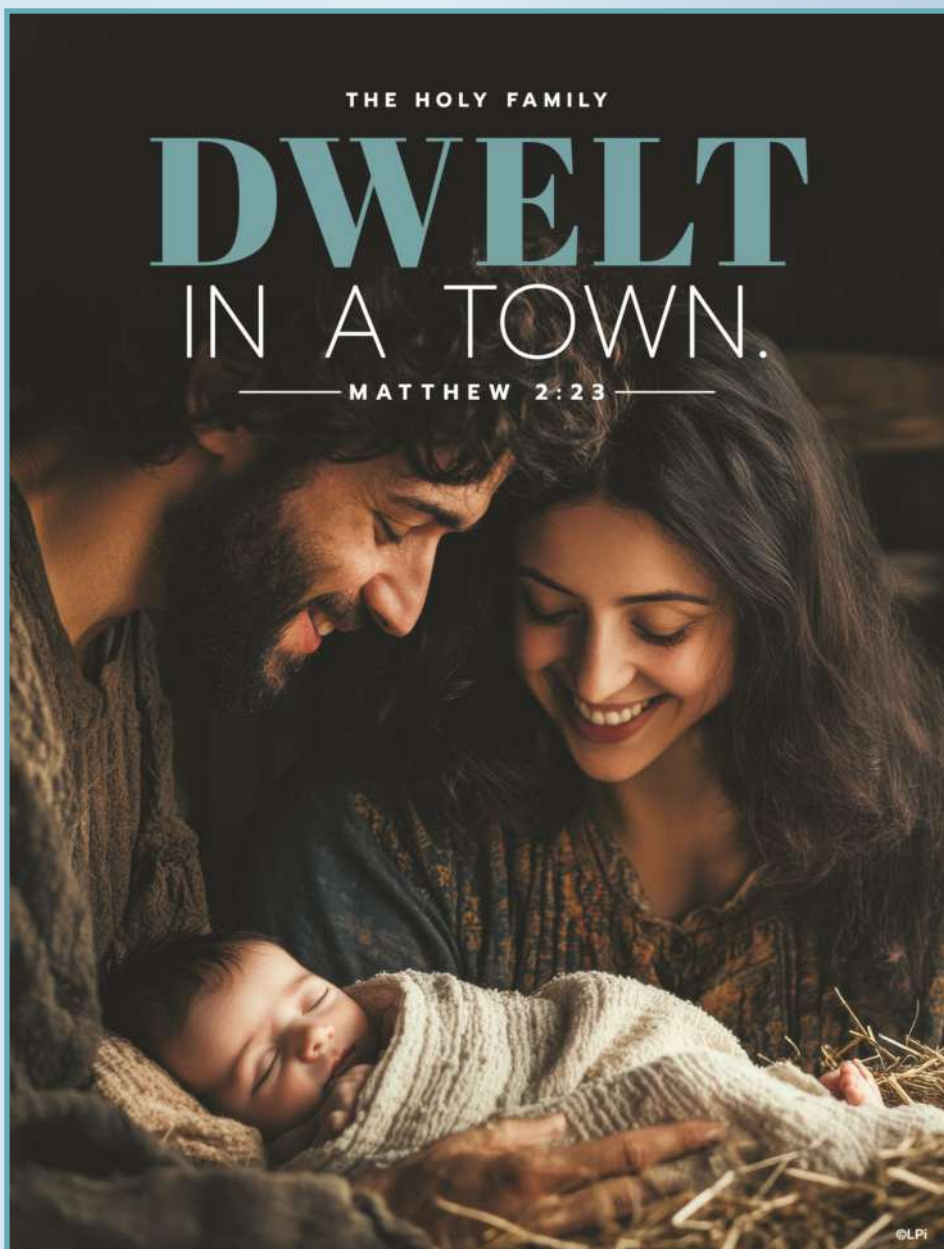
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Membership includes active participation in the sacramental life of the Church, involvement in the activities of the faith community and financial support of the parish.

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



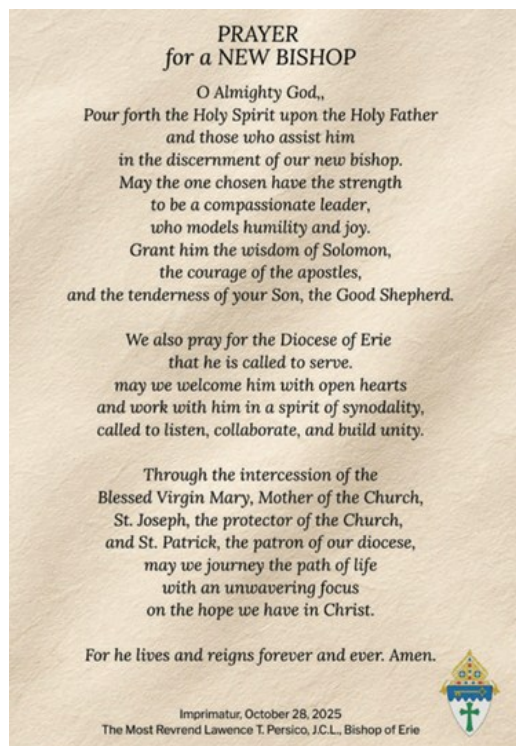
A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JASON – Continued Christmas Blessings to you! We are called to celebrate this holy season with joy! Remember, Christmas is more than a day but a time to be renewed in hope of the greatest miracle next to Jesus rising from the dead. The season continues until January 11. Continue to proclaim to the world that Jesus is born, take time to enjoy your decorations (AND KEEP THEM UP THROUGH JANUARY 11), feast, start a new tradition to celebrate, but most importantly, keep the good prayer routines that you began during advent!

Speaking of the season, it continues this weekend with the Solemnity of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (Feast of the Holy Family), as the Lord reminds us that we are not only part of his family but are called to be in community and communion with those around us biologically and otherwise. Further, this feast is a time to thank God for our families, but also to challenge us to be a “family” to those who may not be as lucky. This weekend’s gospel of finding Jesus in the Temple also reminds and challenges us to give the most important gift and that is the gift of faith by being the domestic church to all we meet.

Our celebration continues this week with the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. Masses for this **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** will be celebrated at 8:30 am and 11 am on January 1. There will also be a vigil Mass offered on December 31 at 5pm at St. Eusebius as well. Start the new year with the Lord! Please join us for First Friday adoration on January 2 as well.

Thank you to all who helped us decorate and to all who were able to help with Stockings for Seniors!

These are great opportunities to enter in as a family as well. See the bulletin, website, schedule emailed/mailed home to you as well as social media. Please begin offering the following prayer at the request of our Bishop in preparation for his successor as we will also be praying this at Mass:



BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Other Plans

I don’t know exactly what kind of life Mary and Joseph envisioned when they were first betrothed — back in those simple times when they were just like any other couple who had hopes, dreams and no angels telling them what to do.

Whatever their plans were, I think it’s safe to say that the future God had in store for Mary and Joseph was not one either of them expected. I would imagine they both anticipated something a little quieter. A little more stable (no pun intended). A little less tumultuous.

It exhausts me simply to read through the chaos of their movements in today’s Gospel. Flee to Egypt, return to Israel (but not Judea! Herod’s son is there! Divert to Galilee! Divert!). Settle in Nazareth (let me remind you, this is all happening with a baby in tow, and without the aid of a minivan). Take a deep breath, but don’t get too comfortable — now it’s almost time to lose your kid in Jerusalem. Then you’ll have about 20 years off before he starts raising people from the dead, and that’s when things start to get really crazy.

The story of the Holy Family is the ultimate example of the phrase “God had other plans.” If any four-word sentence encapsulates what we can expect from the Christian life, it is this.

I thought I was meant for that job, but God had other plans. I thought I would live in this place, but God had other plans. I thought I was supposed to become this person, but God had other plans.

We can do all the right things. We can make all the right choices. We can say, over and over again until our voice wears out, “Thy will be done.” But all we can know for sure is that God has other plans. ©LPi



STOCKINGS FOR SENIORS – Thank you to all of our parishioners who made donations to our annual Stockings for Seniors project. Through your generosity, we filled over 200 stockings for those who are receiving meals through the Clarion County Area Agency on Aging. We also filled stockings for our parish shut-ins. Special thanks to those who helped to fill the stockings:

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS – Please contact the church office with any Mass Intentions that you would like to have offered. They can be in memory of someone, in honor of someone or for a just need. Keep in mind that they are published.

Also, beginning immediately, you are welcome to offer the Sanctuary Lamp to be lit for a week at a time for the same above intention. A donation of \$10.00 per offering is appreciated.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR FAITH SHARING

The Holy Family

Respect for Elders

Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. (Luke 2:51a)

Adults: What does your family do to honor and respect its older members?

Kids: Why did Joseph leave Israel? How can he be an example for you?



THE FOOD PANTRY – Please think of the food pantry sponsored by Community Action while doing your regular grocery shopping. During January, the focus is on **Soap, Shampoo, Sponges, Tooth Paste,**

and Tooth Brushes. As always, other donations are welcome. Cereal, pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, peanut butter, soup, canned meats and canned vegetables need to be replenished regularly. Your donations may be placed in the designated containers in the lobby of the church. Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

DID YOU KNOW...The first Native American language approved for translation for most parts of the Mass was Navajo.

Readings for the week of December 28, 2025

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

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

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

Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7
/Lk 2:16-21

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

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

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

MASS Intentions

Monday, December 29 – Saint Thomas Becket

7:30 a.m. Dorothy Love (Alice Kerr)

Tuesday, December 30

8:30 a.m. Ellzie and Patty Martz (Family)

Wednesday, December 31 – Saint Sylvester I, Pope

New Year's Eve

———— NO MASS ————

Thursday, January 1 – Mary, The Holy Mother of God

New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

Sacrament of Reconciliation following Masses

8:30 a.m. Jane Russell (Janice Grunenwald)

11:00 a.m. Father Monty Sayers
(Chuck and Karla Beichner)

Friday, January 2 – Saint Basil the Great and

Gregory Nazianzen

*Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
after the 7:30 a.m. Mass.*

*Adoration will continue all morning and conclude with
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:10 p.m.*

7:30 a.m. Grace Distler (Kim and Clay Kroh)

Saturday, January 3 – The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Sacrament of Reconciliation from 3:00 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.

4:00 p.m. Homer "Jack", Florabell and Kevin Best
(Kathy Glosser)

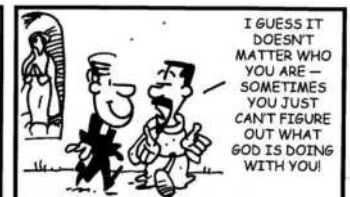
Sunday, January 4 – The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 a.m. Joan Wieszczyk
(Sharon Borovick and Darlene Hartle)

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** –
Sister Bernadine Gehringer, OSJ
(Virginia Martin)

11:00 a.m. For the People

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



Addition to the Prayer List:
Patricia McCauley



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