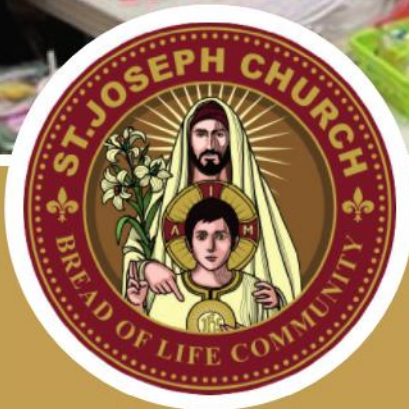


LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE

March 3, 2024 —Third Sunday of Lent

Confirmation Service Project (see page 6)



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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday–Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

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The deepest need in everyone's heart is to be loved. That's it. Only Jesus Christ can fill this need in your heart, and we want to help fill your heart here at our parish! We are not a perfect parish but we want you to know that you are welcome to come home to Your Father's House. Everyone is welcome in our Father's House - come home!

Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday
7:00 am in Church

Weekends in Church

4:15 pm Saturday Traditional
10:00 am Sunday Contemporary

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm Saturday
Confessions

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Our Adoration Chapel is ALWAYS open! You need a code to get in at night and weekends. Please call the parish during office hours to register for the code.



PASTOR'S CORNER

Fr. Larry Richards

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This weekend we begin the Third week of Lent, how is your Lent going so far? If you have fallen on some of your resolutions, don't give up! Begin again. Stay focused on Jesus and not yourself. Lent is a process, a relationship of love that we do not walk alone, Jesus walks with us, so do not get discouraged.

March is finally here – that means spring is just around the corner – even though this has not been a very bad winter, well part of it anyway: it is great to know that soon everything will be blooming! This of course is a great symbol for Lent and Easter, though we are in the midst of penance and self-denial, God reminds us that Easter is coming. We should never get stuck in any one season, but know that everything is not just either/or but both/and. We can be people who like Lent AND Easter and enjoy everything that we are in but know that life constantly changes and that this change is a sign of growth.

Thank you for everyone who participated in our 20th Anniversary celebration of Perpetual Adoration last week! I am so, so grateful to Geoff and Amber Dietz for all that they do to coordinate all the people and the hours! It is a never-ending job! Thank you!

As we begin March, we look forward to this years St. Joseph Triduum March 17, 18, and 19th. This year, our Vicar General and my classmate will be the speaker every night. Each night will begin at 7:00 PM, so please plan on joining us!

As I write this bulletin article, I am in Orlando preaching a parish Mission at Holy Family Church. I was here in 2012 and we have had a packed house every night! Many graces and conversions! This is why I leave you and give Missions, like the shepherd who leaves the ninety-nine for the lost one.

Next week I will be in Freemont, Ohio at Sacred Heart Church preaching a mission and will come back next Thursday morning and will be there, God willing, to lead everyone in our monthly praise and Worship on Thursday and immediately after drive down to Pittsburgh to fly out Friday morning to LAX to preach a Men's Conference in Pasadena, CA. Then on Sunday morning I will fly to Denver, Co rent a car to drive two hours to preach a mission at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Cheyenne, WY.

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PERPETUAL ADORATION

We are always in need of Committed Adorers in our Adoration Chapel – please sign up for an hour with Jesus! Call or text Geoff and Amber Dietz at (814) 403-3921 to sign up or ask questions.

The following 71 hours are also in need of another committed adorer:

- Sunday:** 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 6 AM, 8 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM, 3 PM, 5 PM, 9 PM
- Monday:** 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 8 AM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM, 9 PM, 11 PM
- Tuesday:** 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 3 PM, 5 PM, 11 PM
- Wednesday:** 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 8 AM, 5 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM
- Thursday:** 1 AM, 2 AM, 4 AM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 11 PM
- Friday:** 2 AM, 4 AM, 5 AM, 8 AM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM, 7 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM
- Saturday:** 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 12 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM

Please commit to 1 hour



Jeanette Chimenti
1925—2/17/2024

Mother to parishioner
Debbie Cannavino

*In Loving
Memory
of*



Joan Konzal
10/2/1932—2/22/2024

Mother to parishioner
Deacon Doug Konzal

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following requests in your conversations with God:

- Mark—Housing
- Cassandra—Healing/Peace
- Jan, Michael, Wolfgang, Ginny, Gordon—Healing
- Robin, Dean, Rick—Peace/Strength
- Joan, Cindy, Jeanette—Eternal Rest
- Moira, Charlene, Doug, Cheryl—Comfort

SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIALS



The Church Sanctuary Lamp will be burning in memory of Rose Delasandro
March 3rd-March 16th, 2024
Audrey and John Reese

The Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will be burning in honor of Georgia and Cary Chludzinski
March 3rd-March 16th, 2024
St. Joseph Parishioners



THIS WEEKEND:

- Saturday** 4:15 pm 03/02/24—Lenten Weekday
+ Sandy Verbish (Diane Kiehlmier)
- Sunday** 10 am 03/03/24—Third Sunday of Lent
+ Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- Monday** 7 am 03/04/24—Saint Casimir
+ Walter Peskorski (Dan & Dawn Schaaf)
- Tuesday** 7 am 03/05/24—Lenten Weekday
+ Adelmo Testa (Giuseppe & Lois Carvelli)
- Wednesday** 7 am 03/06/24—Lenten Weekday
+ Tom Doyle (Carol Doyle)
- Thursday** 7 am 03/07/24—Saints Perpetua & Felicity
+ Pete Yurkewicz (Frank & Patty Weiser)
- Friday** 7 am 03/08/24—Saint John of God
+ Brandie Bernatowicz (Tim & Mary Milloy)

UPCOMING WEEK:

- Saturday** 4:15 pm 03/09/24—Lenten Weekday
+ Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- Sunday** 10 am 03/10/24—Fourth Sunday of Lent
+ Jerry Kiehlmeier (Pam Kiehlmeier)

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On Friday I will fly to Pittsburgh and drive back to Erie to be home for our children's first confessions on the 16th and the Masses that weekend, God willing. So I will not be here next weekend for the Masses but you have some excellent priests that will be here. They will give you a different outlook and are so much more gentle than me. I will miss you all, but after this I am done with preaching missions for a while. Please be patient with me and pray for me as I try to do everything these next couple of weeks.

As always I ask you to pray for me and the people that I will be speaking to, and know that I will be praying for you as always! Remember that I love you –

God Bless+++
In His Love,
Fr. Larry

**Put Your Head on His Chest...
A Reflection Inspired During Adoration**

Soon after Perpetual Adoration began this winter, parishioner Cindy Moyak, asked the Lord in prayer during her holy hour to help resolve a sense of "creative dryness" that she had been feeling at that time. In her prayer, she expressed her **deep desire to give Him glory** above all things, and at 10pm that evening, the words began to flow faster than she could write them down. Cindy says "I didn't write this..." but we all know who might have given her a bit of heavenly help...

A King's Kid

*When you're torn down emotionally
and spiritually spent
There's a reason for your hope
every Easter during Lent
Let Jesus hold you close
and always be aware of Him
Remember you're a "Kings Kid,"
When the world seems so dim
His Spirit is like a million dollars
His word is a living treasure
Not a soul He wants to loose
His love cannot be measured.*

*On His throne He's working it out
The plans He's made for you
Never would He harm us
Our Lord's promised are true!*

*With tears, sweat and blood
From His cruel, barbaric death
Gives us eternal life
after our last Earthly breath.*

*The road to the cross is over
but the nail remarks still remain
Give glory to the Lamb that was slaughtered
Jesus is His name!
While there is still time left
and the gates to heaven open wide
Don't you want to hear these words
from Him?*

*I love you my Precious Child!
By Cindy Moyak (Inspired by Our King)*

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Luke 1:38 Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

**St Mark's
Card Party**



St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary will be having their annual Card Party on April 18th. On the weekend of March 9th & 10th we will be selling tickets for the Grand Raffle, all proceeds benefit the Seminarians in our Diocese. The tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and they will be available after both Masses on the 9th & 10th. Thank you for your support! Card Party admission tickets will be available by calling Kathy at 814-440-3406.



We need a volunteer to make a spreadsheet from all the car tickets sold last year. Call the parish office if you are interested.

EASTER FLOWERS



If you would like to make a donation for Easter flowers in honor of a living loved one or in memory of a deceased loved one, please pick up an envelope from the table in the vestibule of the church. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

*St Joseph Triduum
and Table*

Our St. Joseph Triduum is a special celebration in honor of our patron saint. It will occur on March 17th, 18th, and 19th, starting at 7:00 PM in the church on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings. Father Nick Rouch, our Vicar General will be our guest speaker for all three evenings. We kindly request you to mark your calendars now so that you can plan to attend this important event.



The Feast of St. Joseph which always falls in the middle of Lent is Tuesday, March 19th. This Feast Day is especially celebrated in Italy where St. Joseph has been long regarded as the island's Patron saint. It is there that the tradition of the St. Joseph Table (Altar) began. March 19th is, in Italy, also Father's Day. Very fitting as St. Joseph was, of course, the foster father of Jesus. This is a shared celebration with the entire community where the riches of foods are given as alms to the poor. Traditional etiquette is that **no one** can be turned away from the table.

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a St. Joseph Table dinner on Tuesday, March 19th in the Community Center. The dinner will start at 5:30 pm and will be in honor of our Patron Saint. We will be serving soup, salad, and bread, along with a traditional St. Joseph Table. We are looking for volunteers to help us bake for this event. There will be sign-up sheets available in the vestibule of the church starting this weekend. We have traditional dessert recipes for this celebration, and we also encourage you to bring desserts that are made for Oktoberfest. We need kitchen help, clean-up assistance, and baking volunteers to make this celebration a success. Please help us make this a special event in honor of our amazing Saint.

Altar Servers- March 9th-10th

4:15: Glenn Holland
10:00: Harper Travis, Landry, Lennox, and Landon Long

Lectors-March 9th-10th

4:15: Jeff McGovern
10:00 Peter Trabold

Extraordinary Ministers-March 9th-10th

4:15: Katy McGovern, Debbie Henderson
10:00: Joe Kohler, Al DeLuca

Ushers- March 9th-10th

4:15: Tom Nichols, Tom May, Mike Wolfe, Ed Peszel
10:00 Chuck Swantek, Dave Gustafson, Ed Root, Paul Miller

Greeters- March 9th-10th

4:15: Mary K and Jim Jagodzinski
10:00: Donna Snippet, Patty Jarrett, Leslie Jennings, Amy Beaver

Sacristans-March 9th-10th

4:15: Glenn Holland
10:00: Al/Renee DeLuca

Fellowship-March 10th

Ed Root

**WE SERVE THE LORD WITH
OUR GIVING!**

*“God loves a
Cheerful giver.”*

**Thank
You!**

**WEEKLY GIVING
REPORT**

Number of Households – 377

Offertory	\$ 3,657.00
CSA in Envelope	\$ 3,061.21
On-Line Offertory	\$ 1,992.00
On-Line CSA	\$ 1,090.00
Total Income	\$9,800.21

Weekly Expense: \$11,522.00

Attendance (For Both Masses) 357

Please remember us in your will! You can help us even after the Lord has called you home! Simply ask your attorney to have the following statement included in your will: I leave St. Joseph Church, Bread of Life Community, Erie, PA, the sum of _____ or _____% of the residue of my estate for its religious, education and charitable works.

Religious Ed—Julie Lampard
www.julielampard@stjoesbol.org

Save the date: March 9th: 9am-12pm
First Holy Communion Retreat



We had a very successful service project last Sunday with our Confirmation Class. The project is meant to bring us together as a family of faith, share Jesus with our community & serve others. We built blessing bags for the homeless, each student left with 2 or more bags to hand out to someone in need. The bags consisted of everyday essential items, prayer cards and a handwritten note with encouraging scriptures. We also spent a great deal of time cleaning and organizing our classrooms for Religious Ed. This required a lot of work, but the teens were up to the task. It was great to see everyone come together and help improve our educational area.



BLESSING BAGS

What's going on at St Joe's?

- Weekday Masses are at- 7 am in the church also live streamed.
- Father Larry's podcasts are Thursdays at 3pm. Go to YouTube...Anchored in Hope Father Larry Richards.
- Confessions are Saturdays from 3-4 pm and Sundays 9:30-9:55 am.
- Praise & Worship March 7th at 7 pm in the church.
- St Joseph Triduum March 17-19
- St Joseph Table March 19th in the Community Center.
- Passion Talk March 27th at 7 pm in the church.
- Tenebrae Friday March 29th at 8 pm.
- Women's 1:38 Conference is April 20th at 8am. At St Jude's Church.

If anyone would like to give online in place of envelopes, go to the website listed below to sign up.

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