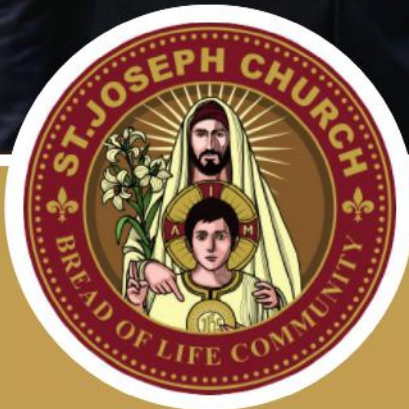


LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE

March 17, 2024 —Fifth Sunday of Lent

Bryce & Izzie RCIA Candidates (see page 5)



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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday–Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU!

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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Praised Be Jesus Christ!

March has been here – that means spring is just around the corner – even though it 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.

I also want to invite you to come to our annual St. Joseph Triduum. It begins tonight (Sunday) March 17th through Tuesday March 19th, the Feast of St. Joseph and it will be preached as I said by my classmate, the Vicar General of the diocese, Fr. Nick Rouch. Fr. Nick is a great speaker and I know that you will grow in your love of God and St. Joseph through his talks. Each night will begin at 7:00 PM and will not go more than one hour, so please come and honor our glorious patron St. Joseph! Please – let us fill our Church each night!

This weekend, I also heard our kids' first confessions! What an incredible blessing! Remember when you made your first confession? I remember that I was petrified and could not wait until it was over! This is a good time for us to reflect on what a wonderful sacrament confession is. It is there that we meet Jesus and He embraces us and covers us with His great mercy. NEVER be afraid to come and meet Jesus in this sacrament. We have confessions every Saturday from 3:00 – 4:00 PM and Sunday mornings from 9:30 am until 9:55 am. Remember we also have our Penance service here on the Wednesday of Holy Week, March 27th beginning with the Passion Talk at 7:00 PM. If you have already heard the Passion talk you can show up at around 8:45 PM and just go right to confession, just make sure you get to confession before Easter!

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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 68 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, 2 PM, 3 PM, 5 PM, 9 PM
- Monday:** 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 5 AM, 8 AM, 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, 11 PM
- Friday:** 2 AM, 5 AM, 6 AM, 8 AM, 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, 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM

Please commit to 1 hour

God Hears Prayer



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following requests in your conversations with God:

Martha, Georgia, Kim, Brenda, Mary, Ann, Phyllis, Mary, Joe, Roger, Joyce—Healing

Almi—Safe Travels

Kelly—Peace/Healing

Ruby, Edna, Joan—Eternal Rest

Sarah—Freedom from anxiety



SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIAL

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will be burning in memory of
Betty Jean Sparks
March 17th-March 30th
The Sparks Family



THIS WEEKEND:

- Saturday** 4:15 pm **03/16/24**—Lenten Weekday
+ Redentor Gose (Darleen & David Wilkinson)
- Sunday** 10 am **03/17/24**—Fifth Sunday of Lent
+ Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- Monday** 7 am **03/18/24**—Saint Cyril
+ Marsha & Jack Sobish (Maria & Eric Sobish)
- Tuesday** 7 AM **03/19/24**—Saint Joseph, Spouse Of The Blessed Virgin Mary
+ John Adler (Diane Kiehlmier)
- Wednesday** 7 am **03/20/24**—Lenten Weekday
- Intentions of Reason For Our Hope
- Thursday** 7 am **03/21/24**—Lenten Weekday
+ Bea Urban (Ted & Sandy Urban)
- Friday** 7 am **03/22/24**—Lenten Weekday
+ Lynn Huston (Domenica Huston & Family)

UPCOMING WEEK:

- Saturday** 4:15 pm **03/23/24**—Lenten Weekday
+ Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- Sunday** 10 am **03/24/24**—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
+ Michael Montefiori (Patty Montrfiori)

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Lastly, I am finally done with my Lenten Parish Mission schedule! I just have one more overnight talk in Ft. Myers, FL on Thursday, I will leave Thursday morning and come back Friday afternoon. I am exhausted and I am so glad that I can now just focus on the parish! Thank you for your patience and your prayers while I was ministering to so many people. Though this has been a very fruitful time, and many people have come home to Jesus and His Church it has still been very hard to be on the road so long. I look forward to being here for a while and us celebrating the holiest week of the year together! Remember that I love you –

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

A Family Perspective

Relationships come with a price tag. We must be willing to entrust ourselves to another, to let go of our autonomy and die to our independence. It is in this type of dying that we find a newer, richer life with others.

HOLY HOUR

for the National Eucharistic Revival

At St. Mark Church - 695 Smithson Ave.

Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 3:15 pm

- *EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT*
- * SCRIPTURE READINGS*
- *REFLECTION*
- *TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER*
- *BENEDICTION*



St. Patrick's Day, March 17



St Patrick Prayer!

As I arise today, may the strength of God pilot me,
the power of God uphold me, the wisdom of God guide me.
May the eye of God look before me, the ear of God hear me,
the word of God speak for me.
May the hand of God protect me, the way of God lie before me,
the shield of God defend me, the host of God save me.
May Christ shield me today.
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit, Christ when I stand, Christ in the heart of
everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone
who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.
Amen

Saint Patrick pray for us!



Monday March 25th 5:30 pm
upstairs in the multi purpose room

Guest Speaker : Deb Laher, R.N

She will speak on "Born to Eternal Life and how we experience the new relationship with our loved one."

Easter Flower Donations



Easter flower donations have been given this past week in honor and memory of deceased loved ones:

In memory of Reilly and Snidarich family members (Frank and Sara Snidarich), Lynn Huston (Domenica Huston), Ronald C. Reichert (Rosemarie Reichert).

Thank you for your generosity.

Saint James Church Scratch off Lottery Basket Raffle

Drawing, May 5th after
11:30 Mass. Tickets are \$5
each or 5
tickets for \$20. Tickets are
available on our parish
website under the Lottery
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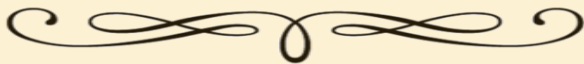


- 1st Place - \$500.00 worth of scratch off lottery tickets
- 2nd Place - \$300.00 worth of scratch off lottery tickets
- 3rd Place - \$100.00 worth of scratch off lottery tickets
- 4th Place - \$50.00 worth of scratch off lottery tickets
- 5th Place - \$50.00 worth of scratch off lottery tickets



Meet Izzie and Bryce, this year's RCIA candidates. We are grateful to have two inspiring young people and look forward to welcoming you into our faith at the Easter Vigil.

Bryce: I joined RCIA out of a desire to learn more about the Catholic faith. Being raised Protestant there were a lot of misnomers about what Catholicism is and it always seemed to be shrouded in mystery to me. When my girlfriend, Isadora, introduced me to the idea of Catholicism I realized how ignorant I truly was on the subject and decided it was time to learn more about it. After joining RCIA I have been blessed in discovering how beautiful the religion truly is and how rich in history and tradition it is as well. I am very thankful to my sponsor, Simon Rees, for being an incredible mentor, to Deacon Doug for spending time teaching us, to Father Larry for mentoring us, to all the St. Joseph's parishioners for being so kind and welcoming and most of all to God for guiding me into and along this incredible journey I will be on for a lifetime.



Izzie: Joining RCIA has been one of the greatest decisions I've made, and I could not be more grateful for the opportunity to become a member of the Catholic church. When I was younger, I attended church services and mass with my mother but was never baptized or confirmed. I attended a Catholic high school where I learned more about the Catholic faith alongside my academic studies, and a few of my friends in undergrad (including my sponsor, Simon Rees) invited me to go to mass with them and meet Catholic missionaries. Moving to Erie for school this past summer and being new to the city gave me a lot of time for solitude and self-reflection. One of my classmates (now boyfriend), Bryce, encouraged me to explore my faith, and with support from my mother, I decided to join RCIA. I'm blessed to be surrounded by a community of amazing people who continue to support me in my journey, and especially thankful for Deacon Doug who has dedicated his time to the program, and Father Larry who has also been overseeing our progress. I am ecstatic to continue growing in my faith in the St. Joseph/Bread of Life community and look forward to getting to know everyone.

Altar Servers- March 23rd-24th

4:15: Glenn Holland
10:00: Gavin, Olivia, and James Grutkowski

Lectors-March 23rd-24th

4:15: Cheryl Konzal-Lector, Bill Smith-Voice
10:00 Mike Giannamore-Lector, Dylan McCullough-Narrator, Michelle Neamand-Voice

Extraordinary Ministers-March 23rd-24th

4:15: Deacon Doug, Bill McClellan
10:00: Ed Root, Diane Kiehlmier

Ushers- March 23rd-24th

4:15: Tom Nichols, Tom May, Mike Wolfe, Dale Desser
10:00 Chuck Swantek, Dave Gustafson, Tom Parr, Paul Miller

Greeters- March 23rd-24th

4:15: Mary K and Jim Jagodzinski
10:00: Donna Snippert, Patty Jarrett, Darlene Arndt, Suzana Laus

Sacristans-March 23rd-24th

4:15: Glenn Holland
10:00: Diane Kiehlmier

Fellowship-March 24th

Gretchen Scavella
John Fitzgerald

WE SERVE THE LORD WITH OUR GIVING!

"God loves a Cheerful giver."

Thank You!

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Number of Households – 377

Offertory	\$ 2,134.00
CSA in Envelope	\$ 919.00
On-Line Offertory	\$ 2,800.00
On-Line CSA	\$ 990.00
Total Income	\$ 6,843.00

Weekly Expense: \$11,522.00

Attendance (For Both Masses) 263

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.

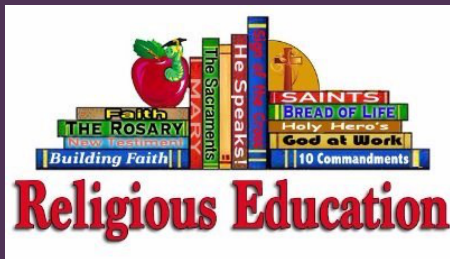
Religious Ed—Julie Lampard
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All are Welcome!

Please join us on April 13th at 4pm for Confirmation at the St. Peters Cathedral.



Are you feeling called to a new ministry in our parish?



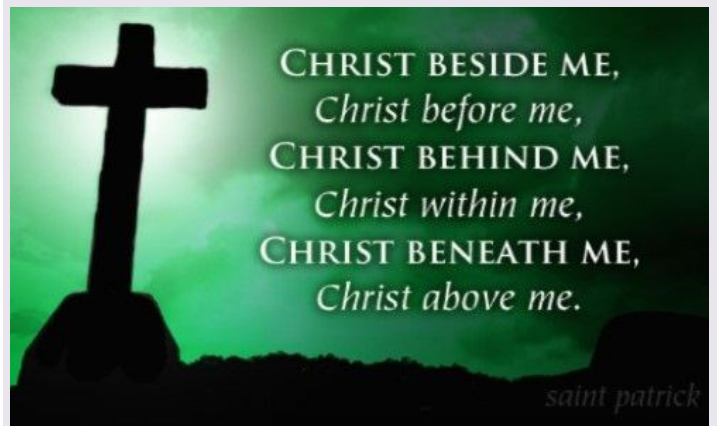
Please contact Julie Lampard if you have any interest in helping with our Religious Ed Program.

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 Thursday's 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.
- St Joseph Triduum March 17-19, 7pm-8pm
- St Joseph Table- Tuesday March 19th in the Community Center. 5:30pm- 7pm.
- Passion Talk- March 27th at 7 pm in the church. Confessions will follow.
- Holy Thursday- March 28th at 6:30pm Celebration of the Lords Supper
- Good Friday, March 29th-1:30pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- Tenebrae Service Friday March 29th- at 8 pm.
- Women's 1:38 Conference is April 20th at 8am. At St Jude's Church.

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