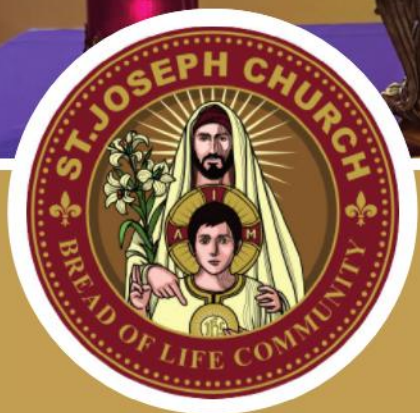


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February 25, 2024 —Second Sunday of Lent

20th Anniversary of Our Adoration Chapel



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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday–Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

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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 week-ends. Please call the parish during office hours to register for the code.



PASTOR'S CORNER

Fr. Larry Richards

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Praise Be Jesus Christ!

20 years! I cannot believe that it is 20 years this Sunday since we started Perpetual Adoration here at our parish! I remember so well February 25, 2004, Ash Wednesday when we began, and the fruit has been unbelievable.

The biggest blessing was the closing of the abortion center. Bishop Trautman used to say "Larry, you really don't think that the abortion clinic closed because of Adoration, and I always responded of course I do – you cannot kill babies so close to where we worship Jesus Christ the King of Kings and Lord of Lords! Jesus is bigger, stronger, and more loving, than the killing of our children! If you remember I stated there were two reasons we were starting adoration. One, for the holiness of our people and two, to close the abortion clinic. Both goals have happened even though we all need to continue to grow in holiness! God is so faithful! Now we need to continue to be faithful to Him!

Friday morning has become a trouble spot for committed adorers. Since the beginning I have always had 3 am Friday morning, and the people around my hour has changed again and again. The 2:00 am and 3 am are difficult because when I am out of town the adorers in these two spaces add a half hour to cover my hour, but now we are in a crisis. The 1:00 am time slot was given up and the 4:00 am time slot will be given up after Lent. Shawn Tubbs has the 2:00 am slot and has been covering the 1:00am slot and when I am out of time my 3:00 am slot – we cannot let this continue! So please, we need men to immediately cover the 1:00 am and the 4:00 am time slots. Again, if these are not covered soon, we will have to suspend Perpetual Adoration until these two slots are permanently filled. So please, let us not dishonor Jesus on the 20th anniversary of Perpetual adoration by suspending it. God forbid!

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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 75 hours are also in need of another committed adoror:

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, 10 AM, 5 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM

Thursday: 1 AM, 2 AM, 4 AM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 11 PM

Friday: 1 AM(X2), 2 AM, 4 AM(X2), 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

Prayer for the Sick



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following requests in your conversations with God:

Flo, Brittany—Peace

Paul, Janet—Eternal Rest

Tina, Peggy, Ray, Vickie—Strength/Peace

Margorie—Emotional Strength

Lori, Penny—Health/Peace

Terry, Margaret, Mary, Phyllis, Jean, Sally, Cindy, Gian, Franco, Johnathan, Sara, Dawn, Larry—Healing

SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIAL

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will be burning

in memory of John Adler

February 18th-March 2nd

Joyce Adler



THIS WEEKEND:

Saturday
4:15 pm

02/24/24—Lenten Weekday
+ Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Sunday
10 am

02/25/24—Second Sunday of Lent
+ John Adler (Diane Kiehlmier)

Monday
7 am

02/26/24—Lenten Weekday
+ Bishop Donald Trautman (Dan & Dawn Schaaf)

Tuesday
7 am

02/27/24—Saint Gregory of Narek
+ James Schaaf (Dan & Dawn Schaaf)

Wednesday
7 am

02/28/24—Lenten Weekday
+ Clara Hoffman (Friend)

Thursday
7 am

02/29/24—The chair of Saint Peter the
+ Howard Hain (Jaci Phillips)

Friday
7 am

03/01/24—Lenten Weekday
+ Jean Cook (Dan & Dawn Schaaf)

UPCOMING WEEK:

Saturday
4:15 pm

03/02/24—Lenten Weekday
+ Sandy Verbish (Diane Kiehlmier)

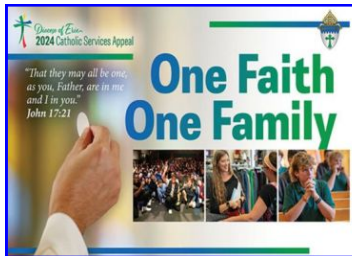
Sunday
10 am

03/03/24—Third Sunday of Lent
+ Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

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I will be in Orlando, Florida this week preaching a Parish Mission at Holy Family Parish. I will be back this Friday, God willing, in time for the 22:32 Men's speakers dinner that will be Friday evening. I again want to encourage all of the men of our parish to be there next Saturday. We ALL need to grow in holiness, and this is a fantastic way to do it. Please pray for me and the people I will be speaking to as I continue to bring the Gospel to as many people as the Lord calls me to! Know that I love you and that I am praying for you!

In His love,
Fr. Larry



A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. United as One Faith, One Family, your faithful commitment allows us to live out the mission of the Church. As your pastor, I am inspired and grateful for your support.

If you have not yet made a commitment, it is not too late. Just drop your pledge card or envelope marked 'CSA' in the collection basket or turn it in at the parish office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. As a reminder, anything over our goal will be ours tax free.

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Eleventh Annual

22:32 Men's Conference 2024

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- pre-8:30 am** Registration at St. Jude the Apostle church and whatever satellite parishes may have planned for their men locally
- 8:30 am** Welcome, acknowledgement of our conference sponsors, and mentioning of housekeeping rules by MC, [John Liberatore](#)
- 8:45 am** MC introduces: [Father Larry Richards](#), Master of Ceremonies
Father Larry introduces: [The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico](#), Bishop of Erie, for his opening prayer & remarks
- 9:00 am** Introduction of first speaker: [Father Patrick Schultz](#)
- 9:50 am** Speaker finishes; 10-minute bathroom break
- 10:00 am** Introduction of second speaker: [Damon Owens](#)
- 10:50 am** Speaker concludes; Fr. Larry, Fr. Patrick & Damon Owens' panel discussion to answer questions submitted by attendees via text to dedicated phone number
- 11:10 am** Panel discussion ends; Fr. Larry delivers remarks encouraging small group involvement, thanks sponsors again & preps men for confession
- 11:20 am** Confessions & bathroom break
- 12 noon** Mass with Bishop Lawrence Persico will be live streamed; satellite parishes are free to have their own Mass or liturgy that works best for them

2024 Mother-Daughter Teas announced

Mark your calendars for one of the two annual Mother-Daughter Teas hosted by the Virtue & Integrity Education Office. The first tea is set for April 21 at St. Mary's Church, 315 Church St, St Marys; the second is April 28 at Saint Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. Both will run from 1 to 4 pm. These special events are designed for girls ages 10 and above and their moms. Topics to be discussed include the emotional and physical changes of puberty and strengthening the parent-child bond through adolescence. For more information and to register, visit: <https://www.eriecd.org/chastity/tea.html>. See attachment for a graphic suitable for publication in parish bulletins.



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



20 Years of Blessings



We are thrilled to extend an invitation to all for a joyous occasion-the celebration of the 20th anniversary of our beloved Perpetual Adoration Chapel! Join us as we come together in fellowship to commemorate two decades of continuous prayer and devotion. This milestone is not just a testament to all the adorer's dedication but also to the grace and blessings that have sustained us through these years. Please join us this Sunday, February 25th, after the 10 am Mass at fellowship in the Community Center to share stories answered prayers, memories, countless blessings, and gratitude for this spiritual journey over the last 20 years. Let us honor this special milestone and renew our commitment to Perpetual Adoration. We look forward to seeing you at this celebration of faith and the love of the Blessed Sacrament.



Would you like to burn a Sanctuary Lamp in memory or honor of your loved one?

DATES ARE OPEN BEGINNING MARCH 31ST FOR THE CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP THERE ARE IMMEDIATE DATES FOR THE CHAPEL LAMP.

PLEASE CALL OR STOP IN THE PARISH OFFICE TO SCHEDULE.

Altar Servers- March 2nd-3rd

4:15: Liam, Joe, and Xavier Dietz

10:00: Evie Yurkewicz, Liam Reitzell, Amelia Normand

Lectors-March 2nd-3rd

4:15: Steve Dzuricky

10:00: Deanna Baker

Extraordinary Ministers-March 2nd-3rd

4:15: Deacon Doug, Steve Henderson

10:00: Trish McDaid, Moe Trabold

Ushers- March 2nd-3rd

4:15: Tom Nichols, Tom May, Mike Wolfe, Rob Preedit

10:00: Chuck Swantek, Dave Gustafson, Ed Root, Tom Parr

Greeters- March 2nd-3rd

4:15: Bill and Nancy Smith

10:00: Donna Snippert, Patty Jarrett, Eve, and Cullen Hanlon

Sacristans-March 2nd-3rd

4:15: Steve Henderson

10:00: Diane Kiehlmier

Fellowship-March 3rd

Nancy Murray

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Thank You!

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Number of Households – 377

Offertory	\$ 3,381.44
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On-Line Offertory	\$ 2,447.00
On-Line CSA	\$ 1,395.00
Total Income	\$10,359.44

Weekly Expense: \$11,522.00

Attendance (For Both Masses) 311

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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This past Saturday we held the First Reconciliation Retreat. The event was sponsored by UKnighted in Faith from Gannon University. The students from Gannon did an excellent job captivating our 2nd & 3rd graders. It's so encouraging to see young people of all ages seeking to know Jesus. I feel very blessed to be part of such a special time for our kids receiving their sacraments.

A big thank you to T.A. for your endless love and devotion to our program and thank you to Statia Brown for connecting us with the Ministry at Gannon.



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.
- **Men's 22:32 Conference** March 2nd at 8 am at St Jude's Church.
- **Praise & Worship** March 7th at 7 pm in the church.
- **St Joseph Triduum** March 17-19
- **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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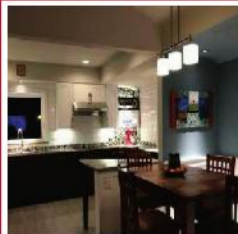
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