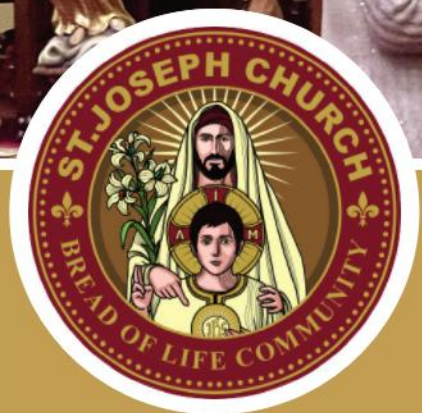


# LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE

January 7, 2024 —The Epiphany of the Lord

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**SERVE**

**GROW**

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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!

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany. The word "Epiphany" is another word for revelation. What God reveals about Himself today is that He is the God for ALL people, not just for the Jewish people. This is why our Church is called "catholic". Catholic means universal and it means that it is for everyone. Is my will the same as God's will in this regard? Do we believe that God wants everyone to be saved and do we want everyone to be saved? If so what are we doing about it?

As the Kings gave gifts to Jesus, so I also want to thank everyone for all the many personal gifts to me for Christmas! As pastor I really appreciate that people take the time to write me a note or get me a thoughtful gift or money that I can use. This year especially, it meant the world to me! It makes me feel appreciated and even more humbled that people would think of me at this joyous occasion. I pray that the Lord will bless all of you abundantly for your kindness shown to me!

As I do every year, I need to remind everyone that we need to make sure everyone is aware that the hospitals and nursing homes are becoming more and more strict about releasing the names of people who are in the hospital. We used to be able call the hospitals and give them a code and get the names of all our parishioners that were in the hospital or nursing home. This is getting more and more difficult since some hospitals have even stopped asking what religion you are, or what parish you belong to! This is because of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) privacy laws. So, you MUST call the office and let us know if you or a member of the parish is going to be in the hospital and how long they are going to stay and what room they are in. Also, if you are going to have serious surgery or you have been diagnosed with a serious illness call and ask to be anointed and I will anoint you!

Let us keep our eyes on Jesus this year, like the eyes of a servant on his master, let our one desire be to please Him in all things! Let us always pray for each other and remember that I love you! God Bless+++

In His love,  
 Fr. Larry

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# PRAY

## 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 76 hours are also in need of another committed adorers:

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

*Please commit to 1 hour*



### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following requests in your conversations with God:

- Audrey—Healing
- Chayce—Come back to Jesus
- Audrey—Peace/Healing
- Tommy—Vindication
- Bob—Eternal Rest

Peace in our world

Care for our common home: Earth



## SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIAL

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will be burning in memory of Howard Hain  
January 7th-January 20th, 2024

Mary and David Geiger



## THIS WEEKEND:

- Saturday 4:15 pm** 01/06/24—Saint Andre'  
+ Matson, Elliott, & Sherrer Family (Don & Barb Matson)
- Sunday 10 am** 01/07/24—The Epiphany Of The Lord  
+ Living & Deceased Members Of The Parish
- Monday 10 am** 01/08/24—The Baptism of the Lord  
+ Brian Jurkewicz (Steve & Susan Yurkewicz)
- Tuesday 7 am** 01/09/24—Weekday  
+ Chuck Wachter (Steve & Susan Yurkewicz)
- Wednesday 7 am** 01/10/24—Weekday  
+ Pete Yurkewicz (Frank & Patty Wieser)
- Thursday 7 am** 01/11/24—Weekday  
+Clarence Kennerknecht (Jim Kennerknecht)
- Friday 7 am** 01/12/24—Weekday  
+ George Mancuso (Friend)

## UPCOMING WEEK:

- Saturday 4:15 pm** 01/13/24—Saint Hillary  
+ Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- Sunday 10 am** 01/14/24—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
+ Howard Hain (Darleen & David Wilkinson)

Church Envelopes are still available in church in the vestibule. Be sure to take yours. If you give online, they were not out on the table but are available until February 1st in the parish office.



Please be aware of any changes to your number, we had to reduce some of them to lower values in order to minimize the quantity of envelopes we need to purchase. If your number has been modified you will find the updated value under your name.

You may give online [www.easytithe.com](http://www.easytithe.com)



The church has received some Christmas Gifts this year:

10,000 —From Reason for Our Hope Foundation.

20,000 —From 2 Families.

We are very grateful for those gifts to maintain God's Beautiful House.



Inner Church Ministries would like to say thank you for supporting our coats for kids campaign.

We received 400 coats which were distributed through the United Way, Bethany Outreach, Erie Mission Men's Shelter, and the Islamic Community Center.

The donations have already made an impact.

Sincerely,  
Carol Davis



## Holy Trinity BINGO--All CASH prizes!!!

\* Instants \* 50/50 Game

→ **Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

- Polish Falcons Club, 431 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St.
- 1:00pm, Doors Open at Noon
- \$25 Admission (1pk), \$5 each add'l pk.
- Kitchen Food Available
- Call 814-456-5300 to reserve your seat!
- Walk Ins Welcome

### FUTURE GAMES:

<b>February 4th</b>	<b>August 4th</b>
<b>March 3rd</b>	<b>September 8th</b>
<b>April 7th</b>	<b>October 6th</b>
<b>May 5th</b>	<b>December 1st</b>



## MERCYHURST Preparatory School

First Honors  
from Saint Joseph

Lillian Gallagher 9  
Mary Gallagher 11  
Audrey Zimmerman 11  
Claudia Eagley 12

*Congratulations!!*

Keep up the good work!!

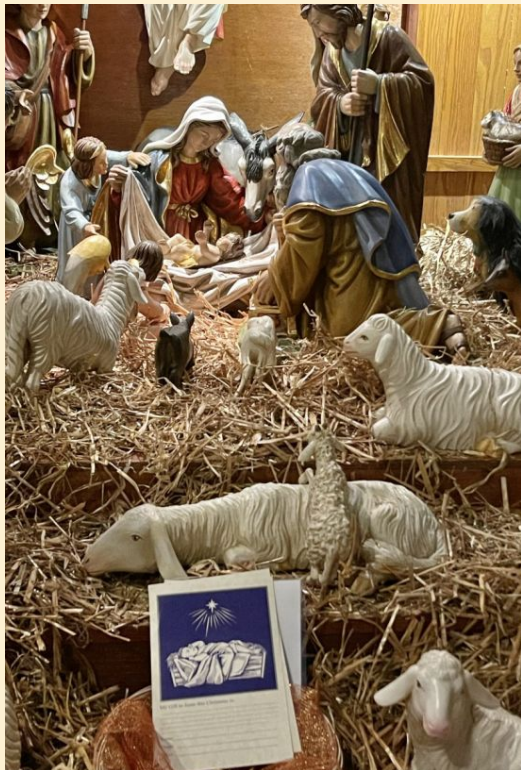
## GIFTS TO JESUS

With gratitude, we extend our sincerest thanks to everyone who brought their gifts (personal and service) to the Nativity of Jesus. With these gifts we have hope that our parish will be marked with spiritual growth, unity, and a commitment to serve our community. Through prayer and the power of God's love we will embrace these new opportunities and trust that St. Joseph Church Bread of Life Community will be vibrant and on fire to do God's Holy will.

For those of you who have not yet discerned your gift or gifts, we encourage you to continue your prayer and place your sheets in the basket by the Nativity or in the collection basket. Let us all continue to pray for one another so we can all discover the gifts given from our Lord.

Within a couple of weeks all the sheets will be reviewed and discussed with the current ministry leaders. Thank you for the new ideas, we are excited to uncover them and bring fresh life to our parish.

Blessings to all of you!!!!



### Altar Servers- January 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

4:15: Xavier, Joe, and Liam Dietz  
10:00: Olivia, James, and Gavin Grutkowski

### Lectors-January 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

4:15: Jeff McGovern  
10:00: Nancy Murray

### Extraordinary Ministers-January January 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

4:15: Deacon Doug, Steve Henderson  
10:00: Trish McDaid, Emmy Ahrens

### Ushers- January 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

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

### Greeters- January 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

4:15: Mary K and Jim Jagodzinski  
10:00: Donna Snippet, Patty Jarrett, Trish Johnson

### Sacristans-January 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

4:15: Steve Henderson  
10:00: Tim/Mary Milloy

### Fellowship-January 14<sup>th</sup>

Ed Root

## WE SERVE THE LORD WITH OUR GIVING!

*“God loves a Cheerful giver.”*

Thank You!

## WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Number of Households – 384

Offertory	\$ 2,804.52
CSA in Envelope	\$ 2,779.00
On-Line Offertory	\$ 3,735.00
On-Line CSA	\$ 705.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 10,023.52</b>
Weekly Expenses	\$11,522.00

### Attendance (For Both Masses) 350

*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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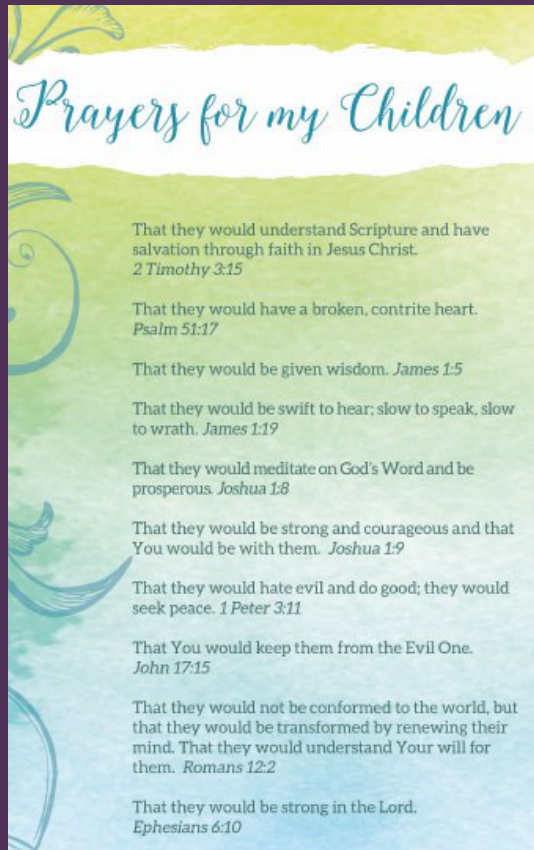
**UKnighted in Faith from Gannon University**

**First Reconciliation Retreat**

February 17th 9 am – 12 pm in the St Joe’s Community Center

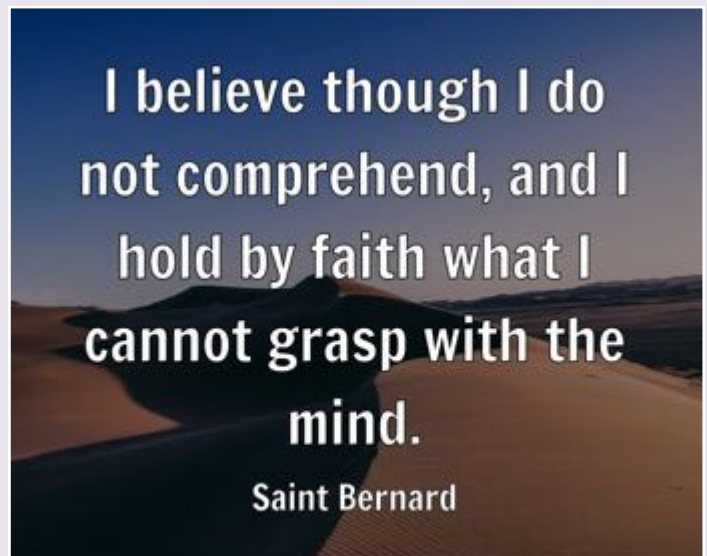
**First Holy Communion Retreat**

March 9th 9 am—12 pm inn the St Joe’s Community Center



*What's going on at St Joe's?*

- Weekday Masses are at- 7 am in the church.
- Parishioners who pay online, your envelopes will be available in the office until February 1st if you still want them.
- Did you know you can preplan your funeral Mass? Preplanning your funeral Mass allows you to decide the details, readings, music, and who you would like to participate at your funeral Mass. You may include your family in the process to help them feel connected in both life and death, knowing that your planning reflects your desires. If you are interested, please call Diane in the parish office.
- We will be taking the large trees and creche down after the 10 am Mass on January 14th. We will need strong able men to help with this task.





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