

LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE

March 31, 2024 —Easter Sunday

Happy Easter—The Greatest Story Ever Told!



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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!

Happy Eater to all of you and a special welcome to all those who are visiting our Church – we are so glad that you are here! Know you are ALWAYS welcome to our parish family!

Again - Happy Easter! Finally, it is Easter! I love Easter! As I tell you every year on Easter morning, I watch the movie “The Greatest Story Ever Told” and I forward it to the part of the movie on Easter Morning after Jesus has risen from the dead. It is a great scene. It is early in the morning and the apostles wake up to the gentle Halleluiah Chorus. It then it builds, and they run to find the empty tomb, and everyone is excited, happy, and filled with great hope!

So, I remind you again that we make the Easter Proclamation: “Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed!” This was the greeting of the early Christian community when they met one another – they knew that the core of our faith is we are the people of the resurrection. In the 400’s St. Augustine would proclaim: “We are Easter people and alleluia is our song!” We ARE an Easter people! We need to focus on Jesus and His resurrection and not just on us and the crucifixion! I would encourage you to make this very practical just like you do for Lent. What I mean by this is just like you deny yourself something for the 40 days of Lent you then need to do something every day during the 50 days of Easter to show that you are an Easter person. That is, bring hope to the hopeless, bring peace to those who need it, and bring life to those who are struggling! Also, do something each day to enjoy the gift of life that God has blessed you with. Now yes, we all know that this world is not our home, heaven is, but you can enjoy the journey home!

I want to welcome Izzie who has received the Spirit for the first time in Baptism, and Bryce who received Him in a fuller way through the Sacrament of confirmation at the Easter Vigil. WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY!!!! We are so happy and blessed that you are part of us! The Lord Jesus has given you
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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:

- Mike, Connor, Julie, Rosalie—Healing
- Jim—Healing/Peace
- Jean—Peaceful passing
- Linda—Eternal Rest
- People in Haiti—Safety in their land



SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIAL

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will be burning in memory of

Dan York

March 31st-April 6th

Uncle Ed Czulewicz



THIS WEEKEND:

- Saturday 8:30 pm** 03/30/24—Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil
+ Theodore Urban Sr. (Ted & Sandy Urban)
- Sunday 10 am** 03/31/24—Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord
+ Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- Monday 7 am** 04/01/24—Monday within the Octave of Easter
+ David Majewski (Ann O’Leary)
- Tuesday 7 am** 04/02/24—Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
+ Mark Lyons (Dan & Dawn Schaaf)
- Wednesday 7 am** 04/03/24—Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
+ Viola Metz (Paul Morabito)
- Thursday 7 am** 04/04/24—Thursday within the Octave of Easter
+ Janet Rumball (Gerry Ryan)
- Friday 7 am** 04/05/24—Friday within the Octave of Easter
- Tim Greer (Tim & Eileen Nowakowski)

UPCOMING WEEK:

- Saturday 4:15 pm** 04/06/24— Saturday within the Octave of Easter
+ Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- Sunday 10 am** 04/07/24—Second Sunday of Easter1
+ Donald Dacus (Darleen & David Wilkinson)

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a new life in Him! Make Jesus happy and become His saints! Know that we are here to help you continue your journey with Jesus and His Church.

I pray that this Easter is not just another celebration where we go through the motions, but an experience that Jesus is alive, and lives through us!

Finally, I want to thank everyone who took the time to reach out to me and wish me a Happy Birthday! I cannot believe that I am 64! How does that happen so fast?? Anyway, it means the world to me that you sent me a card, email, gift, and everything that you did. Now that most of my family is gone it means more and more to me that you go out of your way for me. THANK YOU! You are all my family, and I love you very much so please know of my best wishes and prayers for you and your family, and may God Bless you all+++

In His Love,
Fr. Larry

Easter Flower Donations



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

David Falvo (Susan and Sofia Falvo), Family Members (Char Polinek), John A. DiSanti, Jr., and Jim Rutkowski (Rick and Dorothy Rutkowski), In honor of Fred and Jean Beckwith.

Thank you for your generosity.

A Family Perspective

That first Easter morning was confusing. Jesus was missing and Mary Magdalene, Peter and John "did not know" what to do. In family life there are confusing moments when "we don't know" what to do. Like the apostles we are Easter people when we believe and trust in each other even when all seems lost.

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You may sign tickets out to sell as well.

Only 3000 will be sold this year.

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And She Said Yes!

To the Ninth Annual
1:38 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024



LISA COTTER
Lisa is a Catholic speaker and author known for her practical insights on relationships, femininity, and living life with excellence.



MORE INFO
Visit the website or call 814-455-7364.

PLACE: ST. JUDE PARISH, 2801 West 6th Street, Erie
TIME: 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM
REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS: 8:00 - 8:45 AM in the Church
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ATTENDANCE: Live in-person, Live-streamed to a satellite parish or your home

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All faiths welcome!

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

Lost & Found

These were found in the church parking lot. If they belong to you, you can pick them up in the parish office.





Welcome to St. Joseph Church Bread of Life Community, where our hearts are open and lifted for this celebration of Easter Mass. As we gather, we want to extend greetings and gratitude for joining us on this sacred occasion. Easter holds great significance in our faith by recognizing the glorious resurrection of our Lord. It is so significant that the season of Easter is a 50-day celebration of renewal, hope, and joy. This time reminds us of the never-ending love and grace that Jesus bestows upon us every day.

Here at St. Joseph Church, we hope this season guides us to a deeper understanding and relationship with Jesus and reaffirms our commitment to love one another as Christ loves us. We can do this by extending kindness, empathy, and compassion to everyone we meet. May this Easter give you inspiration and renewal to continue this beautiful journey of faith and friendship here at St. Joe's and to our visitors please know you are always welcome here!



- Altar Servers- April 6th-7th**
4:15: Liam, Joe, and Xavier Dietz
10:00: Harper Travis, Liam Reitzell, Amelia Normand, Evie Yurkewicz
- Lectors-April 6th-7th**
4:15: Steve Dzuricky
10:00: Eve Hanlon
- Extraordinary Ministers-April 6th-7th**
4:15: Deacon Doug, Jeff McGovern
10:00: Nancy Murray, Carol Doyle
- Ushers- April 6th-7th**
4:15: Tom Nichols, Tom May, Ed Peszel, Rob Preedit
10:00 Chuck Swantek, Dave Gustafson, Ed Root, Cullen/Kevin Hanlon
- Greeters- April 6th-7th**
4:15: Bill and Nancy Smith
10:00: Donna Snippert, Patty Jarrett, Mark Zink, Leslie Jennings
- Sacristans-April 6th-7th**
4:15: Steve Henderson
10:00: Al/Renee DeLuca
- Fellowship-April 7th**
Nancy Murray
- Need Volunteer**

WE SERVE THE LORD WITH OUR GIVING!

“God loves a Cheerful giver.”



WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Number of Households – 380

Offertory	\$ 2,816.40
CSA in Envelope	\$ 1,529.00
On-Line Offertory	\$ 1,925.00
On-Line CSA	\$ 1,385.00
Total Income	\$ 7,655.40

Weekly Expense: \$11,522.00

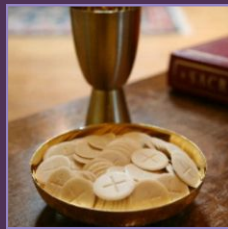
Attendance (For Both Masses) 346

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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Last Saturday a group of students from Gannon Uknighted in Faith put on a retreat for our First Communion Class. Sharing personal experiences with their upbringing in the church and how it has shaped their lives.

Please keep our students in your prayers as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion on May 5th.



Communion Prayer

My Lord Jesus Christ, I firmly believe that I am about to receive, in Holy Communion, Your Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. I believe it because you have said it, and I am ready to give my life to maintain this truth.



What's going on at St Joe's?

- Weekday Masses are at 7 am in the church and also live streamed.
- Father Larry's podcasts are Thursday's at 3pm. Go to YouTube and search Anchored in Hope Father Larry Richards.
- Confessions are Saturdays from 3-4 pm and Sundays 9:30-9:55 am.
- April 7th—Celebration of the Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be in the church at 3pm.
- Women's 1:38 Conference is April 20th at 8am. At St Jude's Church
- 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.

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

www.easytithes.com



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—Pope Saint John Paul II





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