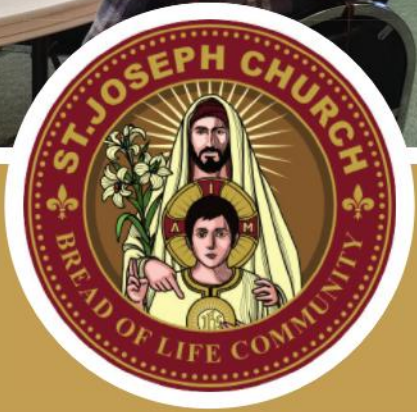


LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE

March 19, 2023 — Fourth Sunday Of Lent

Deacon Jim's Study —No Greater Love

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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 week-ends. 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 (Saturday) March 18th through Monday March 20th; the Feast of St. Joseph. It will be preached by myself and our two deacons. Deacon Jim will preach the first night, Deacon Doug the second, and I will preach on the Feast of St. Joseph. 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 at 9:30 am until 9:55 am. We will also be hearing confessions on Wednesday, March 29th, with all the other Erie parishes from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Remember we will also have our Penance service here on the Wednesday of Holy Week, April 5th, 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 67 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, 6 PM
- Monday: 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 1 PM, 6 PM, 9 PM, 11 PM
- Tuesday: 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 5 AM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 9 PM, 11 PM
- Wednesday: 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 6 AM, 12 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM
- Thursday: 12 AM (X2), 1 AM, 2 AM, 4 AM, 8 AM, 1 PM
- Friday: 1 AM, 2 AM, 4 AM, 8 AM, 12 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM
- Saturday: 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 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:

Mark—Healing
Judy—Healing
Diane—Conversion/Healing
Nicole—Wise Decisions
All Families & Friends—Holy Journeys Of Faith

“God made us for joy. God is joy, and the joy of living reflects the original joy that God felt in creating us.”

POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II

Mass Intentions

THIS WEEKEND:

- Saturday 4:15 pm **3/18/2023—Lenten Weekday**
+ Shirley Billingsley (John & Audrey Reese)
- Sunday 10:00 am **3/19/2023— Fourth Sunday Of Lent**
+ Living & Deceased Members Of The Parish
- Monday 7:00 am **3/20/2023— Saint Joseph, Spouse Of The Blessed Virgin Mary**
+ Sandy Verbish (Paul & Betty Miller)
- Tuesday 7:00 am **3/21/2023—Lenten Weekday**
+ Jane Lyons (Dan & Dawn Schaaf)
- Wednesday 7:00 am **3/22/2023—Lenten Weekday**
+ John Adler (Kathy Davis)
- Thursday 7:00 am **3/23/2023—Saint Turibius**
+ Tim Nagle (Darleen & David Wilkinson)
- Friday 7:00 am **3/24/2023—Lenten Weekday**
+ Dennis Macaluso (Carol & Kevin)

UPCOMING WEEK:

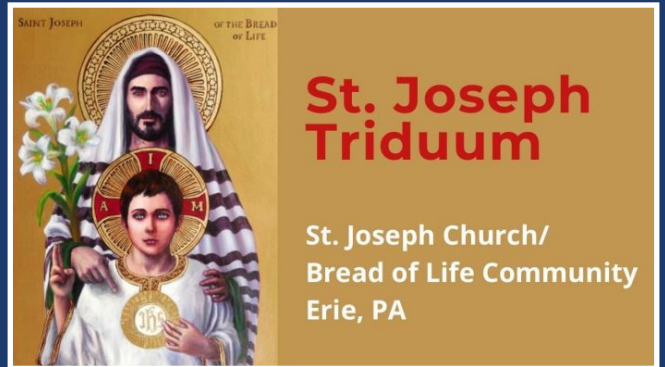
- Saturday 4:15 pm **3/25/2023— The Annunciation Of The Lord**
+ Living & Deceased Members Of The Parish
- Sunday 10:00 am **3/26/2023—Fifth Sunday Of Lent**
+ Sandy Verbish (LJ & Jasmine Kiehlmier)

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Lastly, I am finally done with my Lenten Parish Mission schedule! I just have one more overnight talk in Welland, Ontario on Thursday, but I leave Thursday morning and come back Friday afternoon in time for the women's conference speaker dinner Friday night and then MC the 1:38 Women's conference on Saturday. I am exhausted and so glad that I can now just focus on the parish! 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 celebrating together the holiest week of the year!

Remember that I love you – God Bless+++
In His Love,
Fr. Larry

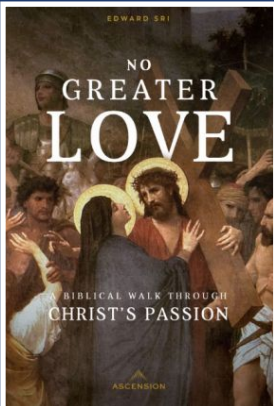
Please Attend



March 18th at 7 pm

March 19th at 7 pm

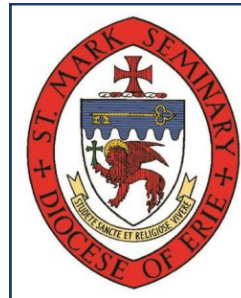
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Thank you for all who attended and thank you to
Deacon Jim for having the study for us.



Saint Mark's Seminary Card Party



The annual St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary Card Party will take place on April 20 at 6 p.m. in the St. Mark Catholic Center gym, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. A light meal will be served and there will be many prizes. The event generally sells out, so call Betsy before April 10 for reservations at 814.504.2720.

The Card Party is the only fundraiser each year to support the seminarians.

We will have raffle tickets to sell after Masses on
March 18 & 19 and March 25 & 26.





Flower Donations

Soon an abundant amount of Easter lilies and flowers will adorn our altar, chapel, and vestibule. It is a time celebrate Jesus' resurrection more than 2,000 years ago. Why do we fill our church with fresh flowers on Easter Sunday?

White Easter Lilies symbolize the purity of Christ to Christians. Their growth from dormant bulbs in the ground to flowers symbolize the rebirth and hope of Christ's resurrection. The lily has always been highly regarded in churches.

Jesus referenced the flower, saying, "Consider the lilies how they grow: they neither toil or spin; and yet I tell you, that Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these." (Luke 12:27).

Easter Sunday is a time that we honor, remember, or give thanks for someone or a blessing in our lives by donating flowers to adorn our church as we celebrate our risen Lord.

For your Easter flower donation envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church. Thank you in advance.

Donations this week were given in honor of The Tarasovitch Family (Kathy Tarasovitch), Barbara Wolfe (Michael Wolfe).

Thank you!

Deacon- March 25th

4:15 PM Deacon Jim

Altar Servers-March 25th-26th

4:15 PM Glenn Holland

10:00 AM Landon Long, Liam Woodworth, Christopher Morphy

Lectors-March 25th-26th

4:15 PM Steve Dzuricky

10:00 AM Nancy Murray

Extraordinary Ministers-March 25th-26th

4:15 PM Bill Smith, Deacon Jim

10:00 AM Mary Kubacki, Joe Kohler

Ushers-March 25th-26th

4:15 PM Mike Wolfe, Tom Nichols, Tom May

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

Greeters-March 25th-26th

4:15 PM Mary K and Jim Jagodzinski

10:00 AM Patty Jarrett, Amy Beaver, Missy Long

Sacristans-March 25th-26th

4:15 PM Steve Henderson

10:00 AM Diane Kiehlmier

Fellowship-March 26th

Gretchen Scavella

John Fitzgerald

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LORD WITH OUR
GIVING!**

*"God loves a
Cheerful giver."*

**Thank
You!**

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Number of Households – 415

Offertory	\$ 10,177.02
CSA in Envelope	\$ 6,762.00
On-Line Offertory	\$ 2,795.00
On-Line CSA	\$ 1,485.00
Total Income	\$ 22,995.02
Weekly Expenses	\$11,522.00

Attendance (For Both Masses) 316

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 EDUCATION—DEACON JIM DiSIMONI



The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Elementary RE at 8:30 am today. Middle Schoolers will meet tonight from 6 – 7:45 pm.

1st Communion Retreat, Saturday, March 25th – 9am – noon.

Please keep all out students in your prayers!

No Greater Love continues on Wednesday 6-7 pm & Thursday 11 am-noon. Topic: Death of the Messiah



Administrative assistant for the International Missions Office/Chancery

The Office of International Missions and the Chancery at the Diocese of Erie are seeking a full-time administrative assistant. The candidate will possess at least a high school diploma with additional training in computers and business skills and with three to five years of experience as an administrative assistant. For position details and how to apply, visit <https://www.eriercd.org/employment.html>.



Praise & Worship

Praise and Worship has started up again on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7 pm. Please come and join us.

Thank you Father Jason Feigh for celebrating with us.



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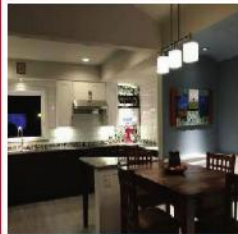
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