

LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE

March 24, 2024 —Palm Sunday

Tenebrae Service March 29th at 8pm



PRAY

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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!

And so, we begin the holiest of weeks! As we enter into this time, we must remember just how much Jesus loves us that He would do all of this for us. I hope this is personal and that each of us takes time to reflect on just one thing all week "for me." Jesus did everything he did for me and for you, let it be personal. St. Paul knew this very much when he cried out "He loved me and gave Himself for me!" (Galatians 2:20)

As we enter this week, we have a lot happening. This Wednesday is my passion talk followed by confessions. This is a great way to enter into this holy week because we get to reflect on how much Jesus did for us, and how he suffered. We then get the chance to repent of our sins and be forgiven in His blood so as to rise with Him this Easter. Please come this night and bring others, you can be the instrument of salvation to someone, just by bringing them with you!

On Thursday we will celebrate the Lord's Supper at 6:30 PM and it will be done in a way that will allow all of us to enter into the Triduum in a holy way. I would encourage you to be there, and also to stop and pay a visit with Jesus after. We will have the chapel open until Midnight for private prayer and reflection. "Could you not spend one hour with Me?" Jesus asks. Show Jesus He is worth your time this night!

Friday we will have the traditional Liturgy of the Passion at 1:30 PM. That evening we have the Tenebrae Service at 8:00 PM, which is a very beautiful service which is basically the Stations of the Cross in darkness. Here we get to really reflect on His passion and enter into it. After each station is read, one of the 14 candles are extinguished – powerful symbolism, yet great simplicity.

On Saturday morning, we will finally come together to clean the Church, we will begin at 9:00 am with morning prayer, so please plan on coming we really need people to get the Church prepared for our celebration of Easter! We will also

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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:

Ralph, Teresa, John, Marleen, Maureen, Jim, Rick, Butch, Ron—Healing

Theresa, Marnie, Andre—Safe Travels

Meaning Triduum for all

Anyone who has ever been on our prayer line—Continued blessings from God



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 **03/23/24**—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 Montefiori)
- Monday** 7 am **03/25/24**—Monday of Holy Week
+ Margaret Radziszewski (Rick & Dorothy Rutkowski)
- Tuesday** 7 am **03/26/24**—Tuesday of Holy Week
- Sinisa Lang (Suzana Laus)
- Wednesday** 7 am **03/27/24**—Wednesday of Holy week
+ Josephine Pogorzelski (Rick & Dorothy Rutkowski)
- Thursday** 6:30 pm **03/28/24**—Holy Thursday
+ Beulah Kiehlmeier (Pam Kiehlmeier)
- Friday** 7 am **03/29/24**—Good Friday Passion of the Lord
1:30 pm + No Mass
+ Celebration of the Lords Passion

UPCOMING WEEK:

- Saturday** 8:30 pm **03/30/24**—Holy Saturday
+ Theodore Urban Sr. (Ted & Sandy Urban)
- Sunday** 10 am **03/31/24**—Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord
+ Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

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have the traditional blessing of the Easter baskets at 11:00 am.

Saturday evening is the holiest and the Highest Mass of the year – the Easter Vigil! There is no more important Mass all year – this is it! This is where we proclaim that Jesus is not dead – He is ALIVE! This year the Mass is at 8:30PM. As you read last week in the bulletin, we are blessed to welcome two new members into our Catholic Family: Bryce and Izzie! Please welcome them!

Sunday we will have our regular Mass schedule at 10:00am. Let us enter this week with great joy and love that everything Jesus did - He did for us! Remember I love you!

God Bless you+++
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:

Deceased loved ones (Mike and Karen Giannamore), Paul J. Kapsar (Irma Kapsar), James Schaaf, Jeannie Mleczo (Thomas Scott Parr), Ed and Ima Cropp, Paul and Catherine Gumbita (Richard and Claudia Cropp), Fr. Dan Dymski, Dennis Weber, Betty and Merle Russ, Dembinski, Pluto, and Lick Families (Rose Lick), Hank and Joanne Compennolle (Nancy Murray), Len and



Carolyn McLaughlin, Tim and MaryJane Holland
(Len and Kim McLaughlin)

A Family Perspective

The Passion of Jesus makes it clear, no one escapes suffering. Suffering is inevitable but no one should suffer alone. That is one of the primary roles of families, to stand with and support each other in suffering.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule Holy Week 2024

MASS/ TIME	DEACON/ ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	USHERS	GREETERS	SACRISTAN
Holy Thursday	Liam Dietz			Chuck Swantek	Suzana Laus	Diane Kiehlmier
Celebration of the Lords Supper	Joe Dietz	Ruthann DiSanza	Deacon Doug	Ed Root	Bill Smith	
Thursday	Xavier Dietz	1st-2nd Readings/Oils	TA Walkiewicz	Al DeLuca	Nancy Smith	
March 28th				Mike Wolfe	Tom Parr	
630 pm						
Father Larry	Deacon Doug					
		Mike Brown				
		Rededication				
Celebration of		1st Reading			X	
The Lord's Supper	Liam Dietz	Psalm	Deacon Doug	Chuck Swantek	X	
Friday	Joe Dietz	2nd Reading	Jack Beaver	Ed Root	X	
March 29th	Xavier Dietz	Nancy Murray		Tom Parr	X	
130 pm				Paul Miller	X	
Father Larry	Deacon Doug					
Easter Vigil						
Saturday	Michael Brown	Deanna Baker	Deacon Doug	Mike Wolfe	Patty Jarrett	
March 30th	Evie Yurkewicz	Genesis 1:1-2:2	Dan Schaaf	Ed Root	Bill Smith	Diane Kiehlmier
830 pm	Oscar Golden	Cheryl Konzel		Al DeLuca	Nancy Smith	Dan Schaaf
	Liam Reitzell	Exodus 14:15-15:1			Dawn Schaaf	
Father Larry	Deacon Doug	Peter Trabold				
		Isaiah 55:1-11				
		Chris Trabold				
		Epistle:				
		Romans 6:3-11				
Easter	Olivia Grutkowski					
Sunday	Gavin Grutkowski	Ruthann DiSanza	Nancy Murray	Chuck Swantek	Donna Snippet	Nancy Murray
March 31st	James Grutkowski		Margaret Palmer	Dave Gustafson	Sam Laus	
1000 am	Harper Travis			Tom Parr	Jess Laus	
					Mark Zink	

St. Joseph Table

It was a very pleasant celebration of St. Joseph's feast day, filled with warmth, fellowship, and delicious food. Together, we enjoyed a comforting array of soups, salad, and the centerpiece of the table: St. Joseph bread, symbolizing tradition, and community. The pleasant-tasting delights didn't stop there; thanks to the efforts of Deb Laher, Lenore Constantino, and the dedicated team of bakers and volunteers, we were treated to an assortment of wonderful desserts that added to our gathering. Their generosity and hard work truly made the occasion enjoyable, reminding us of the importance of coming together to celebrate and appreciate each other's contributions and most of all honor our great Patron Saint.



Thank you, Father Nick

We want to extend our gratitude to Father Nick Rouch for his presence and for delivering such inspiring words about St. Joseph during our celebration of the Triduum. His insights enriched our spiritual journey, reminding us of the significance of St. Joseph's role in our faith. We are thankful for his wisdom and guidance.



WE SERVE THE LORD WITH OUR GIVING!

“God loves a Cheerful giver.”

Thank You!

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Number of Households – 377

Offertory	\$ 2,914.00
CSA in Envelope	\$ 1,539.00
On-Line Offertory	\$ 2,742.00
On-Line CSA	\$ 1,610.00
Total Income	\$ 8,805.00

Weekly Expense: \$11,522.00

Attendance (For Both Masses) 325

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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Meet
 Lilly



St. Cecilia

I chose St. Cecilia because of her love for music. While she was dying, she prayed and sang to God. She vowed to be a virgin at a young age. She was forced to marry and told her husband about the Angel. Her husband respected her but also wanted to meet the angel. St. Cecilia ended up bringing her husband and his brother into the church. She shared her love of God with her family, and they all became martyrs. I find what St. Cecilia did very touching. I also think using her talents to grow in her relationship with God is very powerful. I also appreciate music and hope I can use my voice like she did.

Holy Spirit, Confirm in Me

Holy Spirit, you are the giver of many gifts which God wants to give me very personally. Open my heart and my mind as I prepare for Confirmation. Help me to know that you are confirming all the goodness that I am and all the goodness that I will become. Increase my desire to know and follow Jesus as his disciple with a grateful and courageous heart.

Amen.

What's going on at St Joe's?

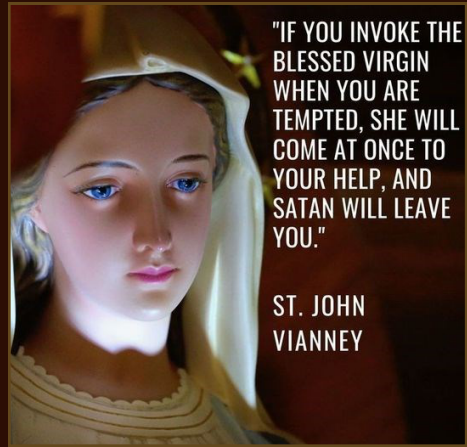
- Weekday Masses are at 7 am in the church and also live streamed.
- Father Larry's podcasts are Thursday's at 3pm. Go to YouTube and search Anchored in Hope Father Larry Richards.
- Confessions are Saturdays from 3-4 pm and Sundays 9:30-9:55 am.

➡ **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:** ⬅

- 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.
- Morning prayer March 30th at 9am followed with Church cleaning.
- 11am is Blessing of the Easter Baskets.
- Easter Vigil 8:30pm Saturday March 30th
- Easter Mass Sunday March 31st at 10am.

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