

LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE

April 14, 2024 —Third Sunday of Easter

The Grandson of August Schmidt who carved our Beautiful Back Altar



PRAY

LOVE

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!

I want to thank everyone who participated in our annual Diviner Mercy Holy Hour last Sunday! I am so glad that our parish has great devotion to Jesus' Divine Mercy. We truly need to grow and become more and more His instruments of mercy to the world!

I also want to congratulate all our students who received their Confirmation this weekend at the Cathedral! You have worked hard, and I am proud of you! I did their confirmation retreat again this year and I am just so impressed with these youth! God has great plans for them, let us pray that they fully surrender to the Holy Spirit that He can use them and make them strong, loving and wise all the days of their lives!

I also want to thank Julie Lampard and her team for all their dedication and hard work in preparing these young men and woman for the gift of the Holy Spirit! They are fantastic and we are so blessed to have all of them leading our youth into a deeper relationship with the Trinity!

As you can see from the front of the bulletin cover, Bill Smith got to meet with the grandson of August Schmidt who carved our beautiful back altar. What a great gift! Our altar is truly a one-of-a-kind masterpiece. Our Church is really so beautiful, and it is a great place to honor our God and worship Him at Mass! Thank God for His gift to us~

Finally, tickets are now available for you to pick up and sell or buy for our Oktoberfest raffle of 2024 BMW z4 sDrive 30i or \$50,000!

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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 adorers:

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(X2), 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(X2), 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



SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIAL

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will be burning in memory of
Frank and Catherine Kloecker
 April 7th-April 20th
Bill and Nancy Smith



THIS WEEKEND:

Saturday 4:15 pm **04/13/24**—Saint Martin
 + Chet Walkiewicz (TA Walkiewicz)

Sunday 10 am **04/14/24**—Third Sunday of Easter
 + Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Monday 7 am **04/15/24**—Easter Weekday
 + Susan Bretthorst (Bud & Mary Penquite)

Tuesday 7 am **04/16/24**—Easter Weekday
 + Tom Doyle (Carol Doyle)

Wednesday 7 am **04/17/24**—Easter Weekday
 - Intentions of The Reason for Our Hope

Thursday 7 am **04/18/24**—Easter Weekday
 + Pete Yurkewicz (Frank & Patty Weiser)

Friday 7 am **04/19/24**—Easter Weekday
 + Lawrence Kleklak (Sisters)

UPCOMING WEEK:

Saturday 4:15 pm **04/20/24**—Easter Weekday
 + Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Sunday 10 am **04/21/24**—Fourth Sunday of Easter
 + Mary Rugh (Larimer Family)

God Hears Prayer



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following requests in your conversations with God:

Healing—Maryland, George, Beverly, Mary, Allison, Don

Good Test Results—Kim

Eternal Rest—Jean, Johnathan, Janet

Safe Travels—Bonnie, Larry

Housing/Safe Travel—Barb

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This year, we only are going to sell 2,000 tickets and this will help us so much more! These are much better odds at winning. Again, I know that \$100 is a lot, but if 5 people put the normal \$20 each, they can take the cash and win \$10,000 each! If we sell all the tickets, our profits will be over \$150,000, and that will help us get done all that needs to get done from ministry to long overdue Church maintenance! Together, we can do this!

Please pray for me every day and know that I pray for you!

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

Good Shepherd Collection

For Retired Diocesan Priests
April 20 & 21, 2024

This weekend all priests and missions in the Diocese of Erie are taking a special collection to support the needs of our retired Diocesan priests. This special collection will assist those dedicated priests who are elderly, seriously ill or incapacitated, and in the need of supplementary assistance for expenses such as non-insured medical costs, nursing home and long-term care assistance. As the number of retired priests increase in the upcoming years, the Priest Retirement Plan will need to be adequately funded to meet their future needs. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of the priests who have served faithfully and serve now as a “thank you” for their many years of faithful service. Help provide them the same love and generosity they provided for us for generations.



St. Joseph Church
Bread of Life
Comfort Through
Grief Ministry



Meeting on the 4th Monday of every month

St. Joseph Church Bread of Life Community Center 147 W. 24th Street Erie Pa. 16502
Meeting will be upstairs in the Multi Purpose Room

Doors open for Registration - 5:30 pm
Program 6:15 - 8:00 pm

The program will feature a speaker who will highlight the elements that our Catholic faith provides to assist us in our journey through Grief.

Monday, April 22nd the guest speaker will be Deacon Doug Konzel. He will speak on “Grieving in Personal and Familial Relationships”

For more information contact Barb at 814-323-2806 or dulcibarb@aol.com

Blessed are they who mourn for they will be comforted
Matthew 5:4

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments



Child Abuse Prevention Month: Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us, especially children. Mandated Reporters in the Diocese of Erie are people who hold positions of trust in our schools, parishes, agencies, and institutions and are mandated by Pennsylvania law and the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children to report child abuse. All clergy, employees and volunteers working/serving for the Diocese of Erie, in our parishes, schools or agencies are mandated both legally and morally to report any reasonably suspected or known child abuse to ChildLine, the local police, or other appropriate agency. Visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/ to learn the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese.

SERVE

This past Monday, April 8th, Stephan Klene visited St. Joseph Church. He came to see the high altar and side altars that were carved by his grandfather, August Schmidt, in Cologne, Germany in 1909. Stephan, accompanied by his wife, son, daughter-in-law, and their two children, visited various churches near Pittsburgh, Toledo, and Erie where his grandfather's works have inspired generations of worshippers.

His grandfather August A. Schmidt was born on July 14th, 1886, in Germany and was a 6th generation sculptor. He took charge of the family studio at age 18 and devoted his life's work to religious art. In his early years, his works went to many churches and monasteries in cities and towns of Germany. After World War II Mr. Schmidt and his family emigrated to the United States in the early 1950s, settling near Baltimore, Maryland. St. Joseph altars were Mr. Schmidt's first major commission shortly after he took over his family's woodshop in Cologne, Germany. Since our altars were the first of many other pieces that came to American churches from his shop, he always hoped that he would be able to come to Erie to see his work once again. Unfortunately, he passed away in November 1987 at the age of 101 and was not able to make his trip to Erie a reality.



Stephan was not the only family visitor, in July 2018, Mr. Schmidt's daughter Hildegard Klene, along with her daughter Cecelia, were returning to their home in Virginia after visiting the Rose Cathedral in Toledo, Ohio to see the pulpit, altar, and Stations of the Cross that her father had carved in 1930. Mrs. Klene knew that Saint Joseph Church was home to our three altars and aware of her father's unfulfilled wish, asked if she and her daughter would be able to stop and visit the church. Even though Mrs. Klene was 92 years young at the time and just having undergone hip replacement surgery three months earlier, this didn't stop her from climbing up on a chair to see where her father's name and occupation, the city where his woodshop was located, and the date of completion, all of which are carved into the back of the old High Altar. What cherished moments of relatives visiting to admire the altars lovingly crafted by their father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather and bridging generations through the beauty of tradition and familial connection.

As always, a big thank you to Bill Smith, for sharing your knowledge and giving your time to visitors.
You are awesome!



Altar Servers- April 20th-21st

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

Lectors-April 20th-21st

4:15: Nick Constantino
10:00: Dylan McCullough

Extraordinary Ministers-April 20th-21st

4:15: Deacon Doug, Cheryl Konzel
10:00: TA Walkiewicz, Nancy Schupp

Ushers- April 20th-21st

4:15: Tom Nichols, Tom May, Rob Preedit
10:00 Chuck Swantek, Dave Gustafson, Tom Parr, Ed Root

Greeters- April 20th-21st

4:15: Bill and Nancy Smith
10:00: Donna Snippert, Patty Jarrett, Jess and Sam Laus

Sacristans-April 20th-21st

4:15: Steve Henderson
10:00: Dan Schupp

Fellowship-April 21st

Suzana Laus
Jack and Amy Beaver

WE SERVE THE LORD WITH OUR GIVING!

"God loves a Cheerful giver."

Thank You!

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Number of Households – 380

Offertory	\$ 4,219.06
CSA in Envelope	\$ 1,490.00
On-Line Offertory	\$ 2,618.00
On-Line CSA	\$ 995.00
Total Income	\$ 9,322.00

Weekly Expense: \$11,522.00

Attendance (For Both Masses) 418

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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Save the date:

May 5th at 10am

The Crowning of Mary &
 First Holy Communion



Meet Rachell & Roman.



They joined St Joes this past year. Roman is 9 years old and in 3rd grade. He will be receiving his first Holy Communion in May. Roman has a huge heart for Jesus and has expressed that to me through the last few months of getting to know him. He enjoys spending time with his family and loves football.



Rachell just received her Confirmation and will be volunteering at her first DME at the end of the month. She will also be getting married to parishioner Shea Sullivan this June.



Confirmation Prayer



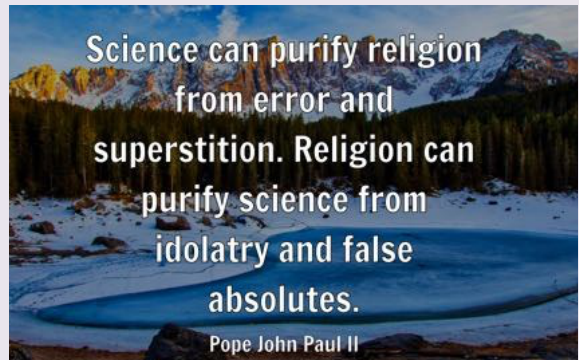
Confirm, O God, what you have brought about in us, and preserve in the hearts of your faithful the gifts of the Holy Spirit: may they never be ashamed to confess Christ crucified before the world and by devoted charity may they ever fulfill his commands.

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.
- 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.

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