

LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE

April 7, 2024 —Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy

Congratulations Bryce & Izzie!! Welcome To The Church (see page 2)



PRAY

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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!

What a terrific Triduum Celebration! Thank you to all of you who came to the services either live or streaming – it was so great to have a mostly full Church! I want to thank everyone who made it just a great time from all the people who set up, decorated, the music ministers and other ministers – you were all so great! I again want to welcome our newest members of our Church: Izzy Sorpal who was baptized, received her first communion, and confirmation and Bryce Patterson who was brought into the Church and received his first communion and confirmation! Welcome to the Church! We are so glad that you are now part of our family. God is so good and I am so grateful for two young people!

Today, we celebrate the Feast of Mercy. What a great feast! I want to encourage everyone to come to the celebration during the hour of mercy today at 3:00 in our Church! This is NOT a Mass but a Holy Hour. Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a special day when “**all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened**”. (Diary 699) Jesus said “**The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.** (699) I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy.” (Diary 1109)

About the Feast day, Jesus said “...tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon the souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy.

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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 **69** 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(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, 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:

Peace—Dalia, Bob, Marsha, Katie

Healing—Christopher, Margaret, Sarah, Dottie, Julianne, Rich

Eternal Rest—Ralph
 Successful Surgery—Mary
 Clean Direction—Hank, Niken

Justice—Billy
 Housing—Meredith
 Safe Travels—Mark
 Safe Journey—Mary Ann

SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIAL

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will be burning in memory of

Frank and Catherine Kloecker

April 7th-April 13th

Bill and Nancy Smith



THIS WEEKEND:

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 Easter

+ Donald Dacus (Darleen & David Wilkinson)

Monday
7 am

04/08/24—The Annunciation of the Lord

+ Steve “Pete” Yurkewicz (Al & Renee DeLuca)

Tuesday
7 am

04/09/24—Easter Weekday

+ Dan York (Amendola Family)

Wednesday
7 am

04/10/24—Easter Weekday

+ Ted Urban (Bob & Ann Hayes)

Thursday
7 am

04/11/24—Saint Stanislaus

+ Joseph “Joe” Giles (Sam Laus)

Friday
7 am

04/12/24—Easter Weekday

+ Jennifer Bluey (Dan & Dawn Schaaf)

UPCOMING WEEK:

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

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On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy". (Diary 699)

You are most welcome to be with us and celebrate this Great Feast! Let us continue to beg God's mercy on us and on the whole world. Remember I love you –

God Bless+++
Fr. Larry



Easter Flower Donations



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

Tim Nagle, John and Florence Perkowski, Joseph, and Marian Nagle (Barb Nagle), Cap and Marge Griffey (Scott and Karol Taylor), Richard Neamand (Dorothy Neamand), James and Elizabeth Blair (Lore Blair).

Thank you for your generosity.

A Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus teaches, "Blessed are those who have not seen and believe." Accepting someone as they are, without demanding they prove themselves or meet our expectations, creates a rich relationship. Real mercy begins here.

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Chuck & Ginny's
SPAGHETTI DINNER

DINE IN & TAKE OUT

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\$10 KIDS

Sunday, April 21 - NOON TO 5PM

St. Andrew Spaghetti Dinner

-What: On Sunday, April 21st from 12-4, Saint Andrew Knights of Columbus and St. Andrew Ladies Guild is having a Chuck and GINNY's original recipe Spaghetti Dinner.

-Cost: \$15.00 for adult, \$10.00 for under 12.

-Where: Saint Andrew Gymnasium (Monsignor James J. Gannon Auditorium)
1116 West 7th Street.

-Theme basket raffles and a Main Raffle Prize of a 36" Outdoor propane fired BBQ Griddle. Tickets are now available for the BBQ griddle 1 for \$2.00, 3 for \$5.00.



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, Over the course of my lifetime, I have met many priests who have given their lives to the service of our Lord and His people. By their ministry, they have made a positive impression on me and inspired me in my vocation as a priest and now as your Bishop. I imagine that, like me, many of you have feelings of gratitude for the ministry of the priests who have served you so well over the years in the Diocese of Erie. On the weekend of April 20 – 21, the annual Good Shepherd Collection for retired diocesan priests will be taken in our parishes. This is your opportunity to express your gratitude with your financial gift to help these priests who spent their lives in service to the Church. We look to you, the members of our Diocese, to help us with the care of our priests who are retired now and those who will retire in future years. I know first-hand how generous our people are in responding to the needs of the Church in the Diocese of Erie. I thank you in advance for your generosity also to the Good Shepherd Collection to support our retired diocesan priests. Finally, I ask you to remember all our priests in your prayers. Pray for those who are currently serving you and those who have retired and those who have died. Pray for vocations to the priesthood, that others may follow in the footsteps of those who have given their lives as good shepherds leading you, the People of God, through their ministry. I wish you and your families a blessed Easter Season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL Bishop of Erie

House of Healing Ladies Ministry

The House of Healing Ladies Ministry organized a great event this month. The ladies colored Easter eggs and then participated in a blindfolded egg hunt, which they thoroughly enjoyed. This ministry has successfully brought together women from both the House of Healing and St. Joseph's. The next event is scheduled for April 18th at 6:30 PM. Lenore Constantino, an artist, will be teaching the ladies some painting skills, and they will be painting glass picture frames. One of the things the ladies enjoy the most is being able to pick a small gift from the prize basket for doing something positive, winning a game, or whatever they choose it to be. If you would like to donate small items such as gel pens, nail polish, coloring books, inspirational knick-knacks, lotion, or trinket jewelry, you can bring them to the parish office. These items will be used to fill the prize basket. If you are interested in joining the ladies, please get in touch with Karol Taylor at 814-969-0345.



Altar Servers- April 13th-14th

4:15: Glenn Holland
10:00: Landry, Lennox, and Landon Long, Oscar Golden

Lectors-April 13th-14th

4:15: Bill Smith
10:00: TA Walkiewicz

Extraordinary Ministers-April 13th-14th

4:15: Deacon Doug, Steve Henderson
10:00: Karol Taylor, Emmy Ahrens

Ushers- April 13th-14th

4:15: Tom Nichols, Tom May, Dale Desser
10:00 Chuck Swantek, Dave Gustafson, Paul Miller, Ed Root

Greeters- April 13th-14th

4:15: Mary K and Jim Jagodzinski
10:00: Donna Snippet, Patty Jarrett, Gretchen Scavella, Dawn Schaaf

Sacristans-April 13th-14th

4:15: Glenn Holland
10:00: Tim/Mary Milloy

Fellowship-April 14th

Ed Root

Need Volunteer

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Thank You!

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Number of Households – 380

Offertory	\$ 3,868.00
CSA in Envelope	\$ 1,869.00
On-Line Offertory	\$ 1,990.00
On-Line CSA	\$ 1,045.00
Total Income	\$ 8,772.00

Weekly Expense: \$11,522.00

Attendance (For Both Masses) 513

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 dates:

April 13th at 4pm

Join us for Confirmation at St. Peters Cathedral

May 5th at 10am

The Crowning of Mary &
 First Holy Communion



As our religious education program is coming to an end for the year, I can't help but want to share the joy teaching our middle schoolers and Confirmation has brought into my life. I never thought I would be the type of person called to teach Religious Ed, but I kept feeling that nudge from God that I should be more involved, and this was a great opportunity as newer members in the parish to do so. Welcomed with open arms by the church, families, and teachers in the program, I felt right at home. This brought a whole new meaning to learning my faith and strengthening my personal relationship with Jesus. The kids in our program have so much personality and are a joy to be around, I look forward to seeing them every *Sunday*. *It is also inspiring to see God working through their lives. Praise God for all his goodness!*

With all of that said I would like to put a call out for anyone who is feeling that nudge to help with our program next year. We have a new discipleship program for young teens beginning in the fall and are in need of volunteers. Please feel free to call, text or email me for inquiries.

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



When you pray keep to the right order of requests: in the first place ask for your spiritual good, pardon for your sins, enlightenment to know the will of God, the strength to persevere in his grace; then ask for your physical health, blessings for your family, freedom from misfortune and from danger at work.

ST. JOHN BOSCO





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