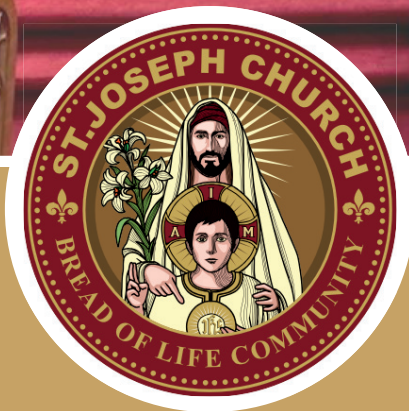
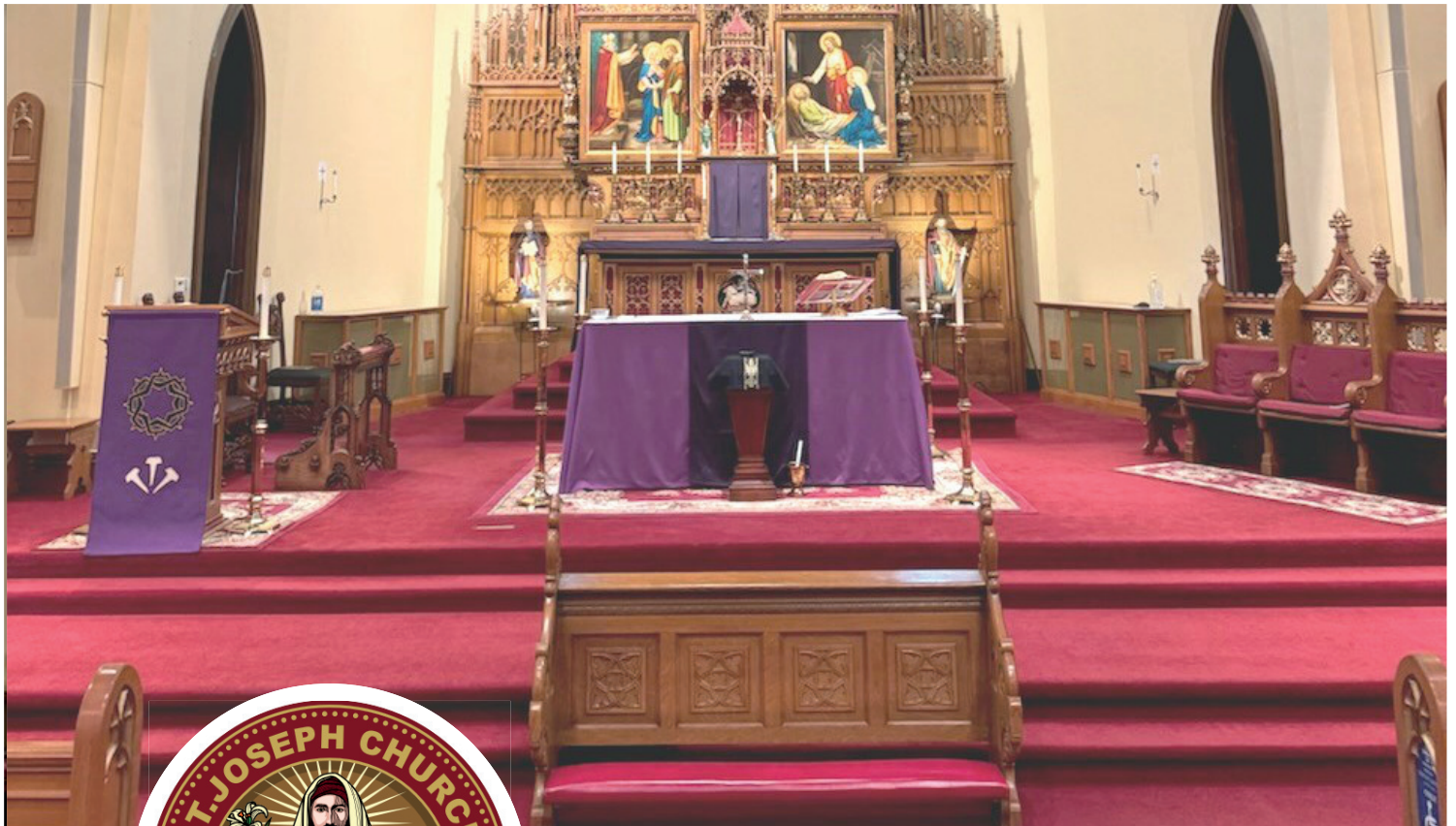


LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE

February 18, 2024 —First Sunday of Lent

What Will You Do For Lent?

(see page 2)



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Monday–Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

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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 Lent! As we have begun our Lenten Journey with Jesus this needs to be an encounter with Jesus and a transformation into Him! This transformation must involve our being crucified with Jesus so that we may rise with Him when we celebrate Easter.

We heard this past Ash Wednesday in the opening reading: "Even now, says the LORD, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God" Joel 2:12 God calls us into a deeper relationship with Him and this relationship calls us to grow in holiness. Notice that I said "grow" in holiness! If I asked you, "Are you a good person?" you would probably say, "Oh yes, Father," and that is great. However, the real question is: "Are you a holy person?" and the answer must also be "Yes, Father," because God has set you apart for Him. That is what Holiness is - to be set apart for God! YOU have been chosen by God, set apart for God as a beloved son or daughter of the Father; but you need to grow in this, and Lent helps us to do just that.

We also hear in today's Gospel: "The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and He remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan." Mark 1:12 Jesus entered into His "lent" filled with The Holy Spirit and led by the Holy Spirit. Do we really think that our acts of self-denial and the extra things that we may do can have any effect in our lives unless it is guided by the Holy Spirit? If Jesus, who is the God of the Universe, needed in His Humanity the Holy Spirit to deal with temptation how much more do we need Him? I would encourage you that if you do not have a daily prayer of surrender to the Holy Spirit that you start one this very day! Let His Spirit lead you this Lent and you will grow in Holiness and grow in love of Him and others!

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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 75 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, 9 PM
- Monday:** 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 8 AM, 1 PM, 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, 10 AM, 5 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM
- Thursday:** 1 AM, 2 AM, 4 AM, 9 AM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 11 PM
- Friday:** 1 AM (X2), 2 AM, 4 AM, 5 AM, 8 AM, 1 PM, 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, 12 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM

Please commit to 1 hour

Prayer for the Sick



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following requests in your conversations with God:

Eric—Eternal Rest
 Ron, Julio, Michael, Frank, Kelly—Healing
 Shirley, Gracie, Val, Dorrie—Healing
 Renee, Karol—Recovery/Healing
 Jack & Audrey—Strength/Peace/Healing
 Susan, Sarah—Peace/Strength
 Patty, Lee, Cindy—Peaceful

Continued prayers for everyone that has ever been on the prayer line.

SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIAL

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will be burning

in memory of John Adler

February 18th-March 2nd

Joyce Adler



Mass Intentions

THIS WEEKEND:

- Saturday** 4:15 pm 02/17/24—Saturday after Ash Wednesday
 + Deceased Friends of Darleen Wilkinson (Darleen Wilkinson)
- Sunday** 10 am 02/18/24—First Sunday of Lent
 + Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- Monday** 7 am 02/19/24—Lenten Weekday
 + John Verbish (Mary Therese Craig)
- Tuesday** 7 am 02/20/24—Lenten Weekday
 + Duane Lemenager (Jeff Senffner)
- Wednesday** 7 am 02/21/24—Saint Peter Damian
 - Intentions of Reason For Our Hope
- Thursday** 7 am 02/22/24—The chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
 + Pete Yurkewicz (Frank & Patty Wieser)
- Friday** 7 am 02/23/24—Saint Polycarp
 + Jeff Maynard (Dan & Dawn Schaaf)

UPCOMING WEEK:

- Saturday** 4:15 pm 02/24/24—Lenten Weekday
 + Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- Sunday** 10 am 02/25/24—Second Sunday of Lent
 + John Adler (Diane Kiehlmier)

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We have given you many resources this Lent to help you to grow. Again, this year the "Getting to Know Jesus" sheets are available in the Church and on-line on our website. You will read two chapters of the Gospel everyday and by the end of Lent you will have read all four Gospels. The purpose of this is not to just read the Gospels but to get to know Jesus and His character so you can become like Him! There are also Lenten Magnificat daily prayer books, and a very limited number of Rebuilt Faith books. All of these resources are to help you grow this Lent – use them.



So, let us continue to pray for each other as we make this Lenten Journey with Jesus.

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



Parenting Series

RAISING CHILDREN IN TODAY'S SOCIETY





Part 1: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024
2PM ST. LUKE CHURCH
Focus: Infant to age 5

THE GIFT OF FAMILY TO THE CHURCH & WORLD/PARENT AS FIRST CATECHISTS - Fr. John Malthaner
ADOPTION: GIVING THE GIFT OF FAMILY - Mrs. Dawn Joy, Catholic Charity Counseling & Adoption Services
CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT - Erie Family Center
PARENTS AS TEACHERS - Erie Family Center
HELPS AND SUPPORTS IN THE ERIE COMMUNITY - Lisa Scully, WIC
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Part 2: SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024
2PM ST. LUKE CHURCH
Focus: Grade School Years

FAMILY AS THE DOMESTIC CHURCH - Fr. John Malthaner
FAITH DEVELOPMENT IN THE GRADE SCHOOL YEARS - Diocesan Faith Formation Office
DEVELOPING RESPONSIBILITY IN CHILDREN- Mrs. Marietta Stalsky, Retired Principal, St. Luke School
BULLYING/DEPRESSION/FEELING ISOLATED SINCE COVID-19 -LECOM Behavior Health
RAISING COMPASSIONATE AND MORAL YOUTH - Rebecca Wiest, Faith Formation, Our Lady Mt. Carmel
REPRESENTING YOURSELF IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL - Mrs. Haley Kolash, Principal, St. Luke School
QUESTION AND ANSWERS



Part 3: SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024
2PM ST. LUKE CHURCH
FOCUS: THE HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

LIVING THE CATHOLIC FAITH IN DAILY FAMILY LIFE - Fr. John Malthaner
FAITH DEVELOPMENT IN THE TEEN/HIGH SCHOOL YEARS - Diocesan Faith Formation Office
BALANCING THE SCHEDULE - Mercyhurst Guidance Office
COMMUNICATION WITH YOUR TEEN - Cathedral Prep Guidance Office
MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS -LECOM Behavior Health
CYBERBULLYING - Rebecca Wiest, Faith Formation, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
QUESTION AND ANSWERS

Erie City Mission Volunteers Needed

We need your help in preparing and cooking food for our brothers and sisters in need.

Dates are Saturday's:
Feb. 17, Mar. 16, Apr. 20

Time: 9:00AM to 1:00PM

Where: 11th & French St.


What: Prepare/Serve the Lunch Meal

Time: Any parishioner 15 yrs or older

Contact: Scott Barnes, 881-8889



Qualifies for service hours!



If you need a statement for taxes of your donations, please call the parish office or stop in and ask for Trish.

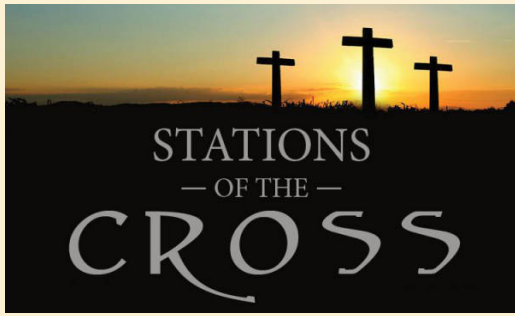


St. Martin Center
February 25, 2024
11:00am - 2:00pm
Ambassador Hotel - 7794 Peach St.

Celebrity Judge Fr. Rich invites you to join him in supporting St. Martin Center

Help Fr. Rich raise the most for St. Martin Center . . . click the QR code and donate today, then join Fr. Rich for "Erie's Best Coffee." Try coffee from local shops and vote for YOUR favorite. There will be live music, kids activities and a photo booth. Visit smartincenter.org/eriesbestcoffee.html to buy your tickets, just \$15.





"Changes to Stations of the Cross Schedule at St. Joe's this Lent"

Stations of the Cross will not be held at St. Joe's this Lent due to Deacon Doug's family obligations. We apologize for any inconvenience caused. However, we have compiled a list of nearby parishes that offer Stations on Friday evenings at approximately the same time as our usual schedule. Please refer to the list of alternative options.

Saint Andrew Catholic Church
1116 W 7th St, Erie, PA 16502
Every Friday during Lent at 7 pm

St. Peters Cathedral
230 W 10th St, Erie, PA 16501
Stations will follow the 5:15 pm Mass.
They will also be livestreamed.

Blessed Sacrament Church
1626 W 26th St, Erie, PA 16508
Every Friday during Lent at 7 pm



Would you like to burn a Sanctuary Lamp in memory or honor of your loved one?

DATES ARE OPEN BEGINNING MARCH 31ST FOR THE CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP THERE ARE IMMEDIATE DATES FOR THE CHAPEL LAMP.

PLEASE CALL OR STOP IN THE PARISH OFFICE TO SCHEDULE.

Altar Servers- February 24th-25th

4:15: Glenn Holland
10:00: Gavin, Olivia, and James Grutkowski

Lectors-February 24th-25th

4:15: Jeff McGovern
10:00: Mike Giannamore

Extraordinary Ministers-February 24th-25th

4:15: Deacon Doug, Katy McGovern
10:00: Amanda and Jack Beaver

Ushers- February 24th-25th

4:15: Tom Nichols, Tom May, Mike Wolfe, Dale Desser
10:00 Chuck Swantek, Dave Gustafson, Ed Root, Cullen and Kevin Hanlon

Greeters- February 24th-25th

4:15: Mary K. and Jim Jagodzinski
10:00: Donna Snippert, Patty Jarrett, Trish Johnson, Suzana Laus

Sacristans-February 24th-25th

4:15: Glenn Holland

Fellowship-February 25th

10:00: Dan Schaaf
Gretchen Scavella
John Fitzgerald

WE SERVE THE LORD WITH OUR GIVING!

"God loves a Cheerful giver."

Thank You!

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Number of Households – 377

Offertory	\$ 3,526.56
CSA in Envelope	\$ 3,841.00
On-Line Offertory	\$ 2,225.00
On-Line CSA	\$ 1,150.00
Total Income	\$10,742 .56

Attendance (For Both Masses) 323

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
www.julielampard@stjoesbol.org

St. Sebastian

One student said:

“The reason I chose St. Sebastian is because he is the patron saint of athletes, and sports are a very big part of my life. I also chose him because he was martyred for converting Roman soldiers to worship God, which shows how I should share God with my friends and other people.”



What's going on at St Joe's?

- Weekday Masses are at- 7 am in the church.
- Confessions are Saturdays from 3-4 pm and Sundays 9:30-9:55 am.
- 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.

Congratulations to Liam Dietz



Troop 96 is proud to announce that Liam Dietz have earned the Ad Altare Dei religious award.

The "Ad Altare Dei" is a program developed by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting for Boy Scouts of the Catholic faith. Its purpose is to foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person by encouraging him to actively live out his Catholic Christian faith. This gives the Scout the opportunity to develop his spiritual side according to the beliefs of his own religion, to be "morally straight". Congratulations to Liam.

Peter Schessler – Committee Chairman Troop 96

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

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