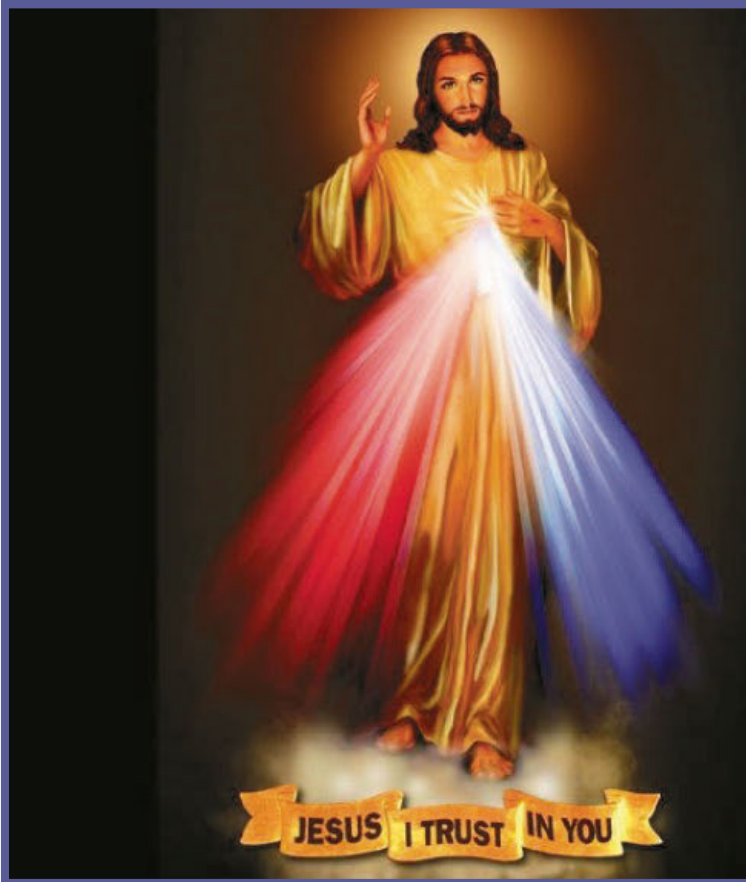


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April 27, 2025
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*Divine Mercy
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at St. Joseph Bread of Life

Monday & Tuesday at 7:00 am

Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Thursday & Friday at 7:00 am

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays

1 pm – 2:00 pm @ Sacred Heart

3:15 pm – 3:45 pm @ St. Paul and

Wednesdays, 4:45 – 5:45 pm @ St. Joseph

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April 27, 2025
Divine Mercy Sunday

To my Family of Sacred Heart (St. Paul) and St. Joseph BOL Parishes,

GOD'S GIFT OF MERCY: A blessed and joyful Divine Mercy Sunday to each of you! Undoubtedly, everything that we are and everything that we have is pure gift from God. His Mercy is one of the most amazing of these gifts! At its core, mercy is giving to another what is not deserved. "*What do you have that you did not receive?*" Paul asks the Corinthians (1 Cor 4:7). The answer is a resounding – nothing! And when we have sinned, when we have turned our back on the crucified Christ, God's mercy is especially beautiful. No fault of ours is greater than God's mercy. No wound of shame cannot be healed by God's mercy. St. Joseph Bread of Life Community has a special devotion to the Divine Mercy. Please join us there, 2:00 pm on April 27, as we spend an hour in adoration, have the opportunity to go to confession, and sing the Divine Mercy Chaplet (led by Brianna and her lovely voice) at the beginning of the "Hour of Mercy" – 3:00 pm. You are warmly invited.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We offer congratulations to our First Communicants as they receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the initial time this weekend. What an ineffable gift is the Eucharist! What a blessing for these precious youth! Children have a wonderful capacity for God. They can understand the Real Presence of Christ in the host in a way that sometimes we jaded adults fail to comprehend. Therefore, it is a day for rejoicing! God bless Blake, Lily, Ella, Olivia, Summer, Penelope and Anna!

CONFIRMATION: Our parish family Confirmation Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Persico this Tuesday evening, April 29, at 7:00 pm in St. Peter Cathedral. Stacey Badowski, the primary catechist for our confirmandi, has really enjoyed spending time with and forming these kids. I too have been impressed by the seriousness with which they have approached Confirmation. I am excited to be with them and their families for this important moment in their lives. Come, Holy Spirit! Fall with power upon Olivia, Evie, Colby, Bella-Ann, Joe M, Gianna, Eddie, Joseph P, Savannah and Teresa!! Set them ablaze with your love!!! Make them the saints that you created them to be!!!!

ERIE PRO-LIFE MARCH: Although a great blessing for the cause of life, the overturning of Roe v. Wade has not ended the killing of babies in their mother's womb. The pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute estimates that there were 1.04 million abortions in the United States in 2024. What a tragedy! The bishops of our nation teach that abortion is the preeminent moral concern of our time. As a Catholic and as a priest, my soul hurts when I consider the reality of abortion. It makes me angry. Also, my heart hurts for those mothers who have chosen abortion. What sadness and regret they so often feel! I encourage those moms to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation to be forgiven and to receive Christ's healing. And I encourage each of you to join me in Perry Square on Saturday, May 3rd for the Erie Pro-Life March. I have been asked to lead the prayer this year and I will be most honored to do so. Abortion is an evil that radiates through and damages our entire society. There is never a morally licit reason for direct abortion. Never. I am convinced that until we stop killing our children in the womb, we will never achieve righteousness as a people. Please join me on May 3.

Sacred Heart of Jesus – Have mercy on us!
Mary, Mother of God – Pray for us!
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St. Joseph – Pray for us!
St. Paul – Pray for us!
Fr. Steve



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Mass Intentions

Monday, April 28/ 7:00 am, St. Joseph
Saint Peter Chanel

+Kara Pollard (Dan & Dawn Schaaf)

Tuesday, April 29 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph
Saint Catherine of Siena

+Joe Cocco (Jay & Kathy Knupp)

Wednesday, April 30 / 6:00 pm, St. Joseph
Saint Pius V

+Charlie Murphy (Marian & Carrie)

Thursday, May 1 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph
Saint Joseph the Worker

+Ron Snippet (Barb & Don Matson)

Friday, May 2 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph
Saint Athanasius

+Hank & Joanne Compennolle (Nancy Murray)

Saturday, May 3 / 4:00 pm at St. Paul
Saint Phillip & James, Apostles

+Maggie Hoffman (Anna & Nick Faraglia)

Sunday, May 4 / 8:45 am at Sacred Heart
Third Sunday of Easter

+Michael Riazzi Sr. (Mark Riazzi)
+Deceased Members of the Parishes

Sunday, May 4 / 10:45 am St Joseph BOL
+Maria Gonzalez (Suzana Laus)

Please Pray For the Following:

Please keep the following requests in your conversations with God:

Healing—Peg, Autumm, Nancy, Barb
Eternal Rest—Jeff, Casey, Pope Francis
Peace/Comfort—Kim, Taylor, Sophie
Better Job—Steven, Kelly
Safe Travels—Jill, Dana
Special Intention—Marsha
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We have tickets in the office available for purchase.

Normal Office hours are 8-4

Perpetual Adoration

We are always in need of Committed Adorers in our Adoration Chapel at St Joseph BOL. Please sign up for an hour with Jesus! Call or text Geoff & Amber Dietz at 814-403-3921 to sign up.

The following 60 hours are in need of another committed adorers.

Sunday: 12 AM(**x2**), 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 6 AM, 8 AM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM, 11 PM

Monday: 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 1 PM, 4 PM, 6 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM, 11 PM

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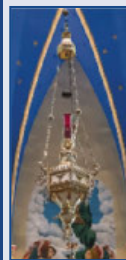
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Friday: 1 AM, 4 PM, 6 PM, 7 PM, 11 PM

Saturday: 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM

Please commit to 1 hour for Jesus!



This week the Church Sanctuary Candle

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Weeks of April 20th and 27th:

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(SP) Mike Veshecco Jr. from Bettie Veshecco

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ADORATION CHAPEL

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Thank you for the help and support of the unborn.
God Bless

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Weekly Offerings-4/13/25

	Offertory + CSA
St. Joseph BOL CSA 2025 wk.	\$ 5,168.00 \$ 2,024.00
Sacred Heart / St. Paul CSA 2025 wk.	\$ 6,210.00 \$ 560.00

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	2025 Assessed	Pledges as of 4/20	Amount Paid
Sacred Heart (St. Paul)	\$67,632	\$50,335	\$30,865
St. Joseph Bread of Life	\$56,147	\$63,216	\$40,745
Number of Families who have made a pledge/total # of families			
Sacred Heart (St. Paul)	121/487	25% participation	
St. Joseph Bread of Life	141/349	40% participation	
Please consider supporting your church with a 2025 CSA Pledge today!			

Readings for the Week of April 27, 2025

SUNDAY: ACTS 5:12-16/PS 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/RV 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/JN 20:19-31

MONDAY: ACTS 4:23-31/PS 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7B-9/JN 3:1-8

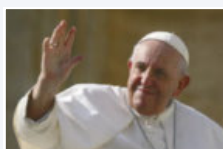
TUESDAY: ACTS 4:32-37/PS 93:1aB, 1cD-2, 5/JN 3:7B-15

WEDNESDAY: ACTS 5:17-26/PS 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/JN 3:16-21

THURSDAY: ACTS 5:27-33/PS 34:2 AND 9, 17-18, 19-20/JN 3:31-36

FRIDAY: ACTS 5:34-42/PS 27:1, 4, 13-14/JN 6:1-15

SATURDAY: 1 COR 15:1-8/PS 19:2-3, 4-5/JN 14:6-14



As we mourn the death of Pope Francis, let us join with Catholics worldwide in praying for the repose of his soul.

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Roman Missal)

A Heartfelt Thanks

The Green Kinship Shopping Bag Project

Thank you to those who picked up a green Kinship shopping bag and recently shopped for Kinship's refugee efforts. You should have kept the shopping bag and the shopping list as this collection is an ongoing ministry effort. As you continue to shop for your household over the next few weeks, check the shopping needs list in the bag again and purchase an item or two to put in the bag. Drop off the items in one of the marked containers in the entrances of St. Joe's/BOL and St. Paul's or in the box under the Holy Family statue at SH. Keep the bag and keep shopping. Additional bags with its shopping list are available in the back of each church for those who wish to participate but missed the grand handout.

Refugee Efforts-Just Who Are You Helping?

Read And Find Out

Meet Marie, she is a single mother of 7 children M-16, F-14, F-12, M-9, F-7, F-4. And F-2 from Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). He husband died right before departure to the U.S. Two of her children have special needs and her sister lives with them also. The DRC has had an on and off civil war and regional fighting for over 60 years with widespread sexual assault and gender violence against women. and disruption of schooling for children. Currently, this is the 4th largest humanitarian crisis globally. Ask yourselves, how this woman with these 7 children, who is a recent arrival in Erie, will learn English, adjust to a whole new culture, enroll her children in school, secure a job and transportation to that job, and pay her rent with all the refugee agencies receiving no more federal funding and laying off their staff. We are providing this mother and many other families with weekly household items and food so that they can use those funds they would have used for these items to help pay their rent. Our current agency partner is the Internal Institute on East 26th street. Please help us help these families by using your green kinship bags or giving a financial donation. Checks should be made out to Sacred Heart Church with Kinship written on the memo line. Cash donations may be placed in an envelope marked Kinship. These donations may be place in the collection basket of your respective church or dropped off at the office at St. P/BOL M-F from 8 to 4.

Tom Hudson 814-864-1615 Kinship Ministry and Sharon Bond 814-450-7748 Bags of Hope Coordinators



Faithful to the Finish 5k

On Saturday, May 10, Our Lady of Peace Parish will sponsor the 11th annual *Faithful to the Finish* 5K. The run will be held at Presque Isle State Park Erie Runners Club Pavilion at Beach 1. Start time is 8 a.m. Entry is \$30 with registration before April 28 with t-shirt or \$40 after April 29 with no t-shirt. Proceeds benefit the OLP Parish Endowment. Please make checks payable to: Our Lady of Peace. Registrants can mail entry and payment to: Faithful to the Finish, Our Lady of Peace, 2401 W 38th St., Erie, PA 16506 or register online:

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Please contact Cynthia Berarducci for questions: Cynthia.berarducci@olp.org or 814-833-7701/ cell 814-392-9130.



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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

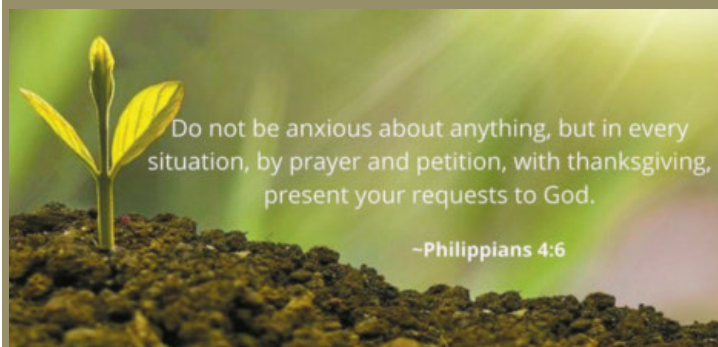
Doors open for Registration - 5:30 pm
Program 6:15 - 8:00 pm

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 28th, the guest speaker will be Anne-Marie Welsh. Her program is entitled "Hope Within Grief: Notes on a Conversation With the Mother of Blessed Carlo Acutis." Join us for this special speaker!

For more information contact Barb at 814-823-0806 or barb@brolm.org

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



House of Healing Bingo Night With The Ladies



Triduum



Deacon Dabblings

R.I.P. MARIO BERGOGLIO

It was March 13, 2013, about 2:00 in the afternoon, I was sitting in the living room in the rectory at Our Lady of Peace Parish (my first assignment) watching the news with Fr. Jason Feigh when the network focused their cameras close-up on the chimney of the Sistine Chapel awaiting the signal from the latest balloting for a new pope. Black smoke if there was no consensus and white smoke if we had a new pope. Lo and behold, it was white, and the text below the picture read, "Habemus Papam," which is the traditional announcement after the election of a new pope, "We have a pope!" I think that most would agree that Pope Francis gave the papacy a whole new characteristic. It is not surprising that he chose the name, Francis, whose life manifested service to the poor.

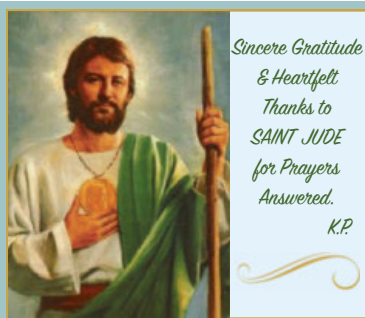
I am reminded of an article in Life Magazine by Author Morris L. West about the death of Pope John XXIII by asking, "Will they canonize him and make him officially a Saint in the calendar?" He continued, "In a way, I hope not. I want to remember him for what he was, a loving man, a dear friend, a simple priest, a good pastor, and a builder of bridges across which we poor devils may hope to scramble one day for salvation." A simple priest and a loving man! Although I did not personally know him, from following the many stories about him in print, broadcast, and internet media, if I had to sum up his life, these would be the very words that I would use. Author West continues, "Nothing more would need to be said because those of us who knew him, knew him as a simple priest, a loving man, and a dear friend."

In his ministry, Pope Francis brought love, and comfort, to the many people to whom he ministered through his humility. He expected for all his bishops, priests, deacons, and religious to follow his example. Normally after a new pope is elected, they come out and bless the faithful gathered at St. Peter's Square. But when Francis was elected, he came out and before blessing the people, he first asked the faithful to bless and pray for him.

Pope Francis died during the Octave of Easter, and I can't think of a more symbolic time for our Holy Father to be brought up to the Father. The scripture readings presented during the Easter season focus on the Resurrection. If you think about it, Pope Francis as priest, is a minister of the resurrection. Everything a priest does, points to the Resurrection. The stole, that hung over Pope Francis' shoulders, indicates that he is clothed with the Risen Christ. When he wore that stole and celebrated the sacraments, the grace that he received from God is the grace that comes from the Resurrection. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, he gave absolution through the grace that comes from the death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the Sacrament of the Sick, the healing power of Christ's Resurrection soothed, healed and comforted. And most of all, in the consecration, we behold the living bread, the food of eternal life made possible through the Resurrection.

May he rest in peace.

Peace of Christ,
Deacon Tony



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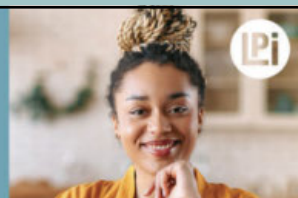
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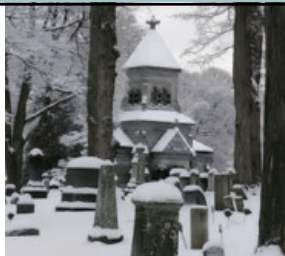
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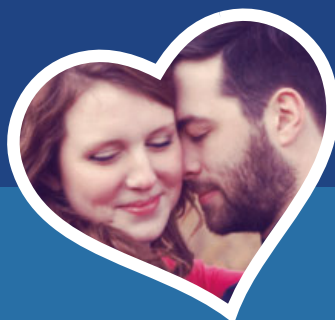


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