Established 1867

Saint Joseph Church

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY

MARCH 22, 2020—FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH PRAYER

God, Our Father, we praise and thank You for bringing us together in Saint Joseph Church, Bread of Life Community, to worship You in spirit and truth and to love as Christ taught us. We seek Your grace to come to know Jesus Christ in a personal way, to grow in holiness as disciples of Jesus Christ, to take care of each other, and to be obedient in taking the Good News of the Gospel to all the world. Strengthen our commitment to You and to each other so that our parish grows in faith and friendship. Lord, we place our parish under the care of St. Joseph, our patron, and, through his powerful intercession, help us to grow in love of one another, to share Jesus with others, to minister in the Body, to take care of the poor, to give and receive support, and to raise up new leaders. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

MINISTRY CONTACTS

Altar Servers	Deacon Doug Konzel	452-2982
Baptismal Preparation Class	Deacon Doug Konzel	452-2982
Care Ministry (Sick & Homebound)	Catherine Eagley	453-2537
Children's Liturgy	Mary Kubacki	899-1072
Clothing Store	Carol Doyle	636-5182
Disabilities Advocate	Diana Englund	899-6194
Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	Nancy Murray	452-2982
Fellowship	Patrick Durkin	397-9404
Finance Council	Steve Henderson	838-8101
Food Pantry	Debbie Konieczki	452-2982
Greeters/Hospitality	John D'Amico	864-0283
Lectors Ministry	Bill Smith	453-3872
Perpetual Adoration Coord	Geoff & Amber Dietz	403-3921
PRAYER LINE	**BETSY WIEST 881-6088**	
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Chris	454-3957
	Joan	616-5735
Properties Committee	Dan Schaaf	864-4851
RCIA	Deacon Doug Konzel	452-2982
Ushers Ministry	Chuck Swantek	746-9335
Welcome Committee	Diane Kiehlmier	490-8150

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Diane Kiehlmier, *Pastoral Minister*
Cheryl Konzel, *Parish Secretary*
Tim Rydberg, *Youth Minister*
Brianna Erdman *Director of Music*
Margie Frezza, *Director of Religious Education*
Diane Wiler, *Parish Accountant*
Mark Euliano—*Director of Maintenance*

MASSES

Saturday: 4:15 PM • Sunday: 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM & 8:00 PM Life Teen Mass

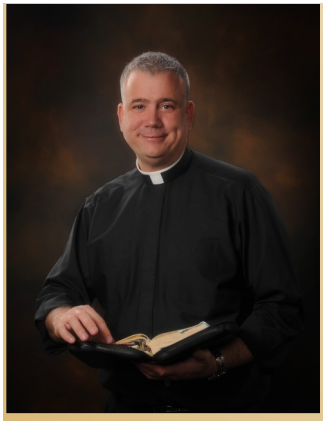
ST. JOSEPH NOVENA: Every Wednesday 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:00 to 4:00 PM and anytime by appointment.

BAPTISMS: Baptisms can take place during any of the parish Masses and also privately on Sunday at 12 Noon. Parents are expected to attend a Baptismal preparation class. Baptismal Preparation Classes will take place the 3rd Thursday of each month. Please call Cheryl at the Parish Office for details.

PERPETUAL ADORATION: Is God worth your time? Jesus is waiting for you 24-hours a day in our Adoration Chapel in the center. Please sign-up to be a Committed Adorer. You do not need to be from our parish – just someone who wants to adore our Lord Jesus! Call Geoff & Amber Dietz at 403-3921 for more information.



From the desk of the Pastor

Praise Be Jesus Christ!

What a Lent this is turning out to be! I am so sorry that we are not able to have Mass with each other, but I have remembered you and prayed for you and your intentions. This is truly a cross that we have to endure, but Jesus is with us this Lent and will bring us to Easter. We just need to stay focused on Him and trust His plan. It was sad that we had to cancel our annual St. Joseph Triduum; Deacon Doug was so looking forward to preaching it as we were eager to hear him, but we will book him now for next year! I hope that you still honored St. Joseph in some way on his feast day. I know that he is praying for us!

We are probably going to closed until after Easter. The parish office will remain open for regular business hours as long as everyone is healthy. And even though we have suspended Perpetual Adoration, I put another tabernacle in the Adoration Chapel, with the Blessed Sacrament in the door with an IHS round cover on it. This way you can open the small IHS door for Adoration, and if there is no one in the chapel when you are done, you must close the door. So, you are welcome to come and pray as always—I want a place you can be with Jesus 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during this crisis; but I also want to assure respect for Jesus in His Sacramental Presence.

I and Fr. Wright will be saying private daily Masses every day for the established intention and also your intentions. I have begun live-streaming my daily Mass at 7:00 am and the Sunday Mass at 11:00 am. Just go to YOUTUBE and search "Fr. Larry Richards" and when you get to my site just hit "Subscribe" and then you can watch it live or later on any time. If you set up your phone for notifications from YouTube, it will also alert you every time I say Mass. This will at least keep us connected real-time.

I want to thank everyone who was planning to come to my "Surprise" 60th birthday party and now the surprise was it could not happen! I want to thank all of those who were going to organize it and put everything together – you are the best! So, this week I turn 60 on Thursday and I don't feel 60 – there must be a mistake. I appreciate your prayers.

Finally, you will be getting a letter from me this week and I just want to stress how important it is that you continue to financially support your parish! Please, the best way to do this is online at www.stjosephbol.org/give and you can set up weekly giving there. You can also text a donation, mail in your donation, set up automatic payment through your bank, or drop off your donation at the office during business hours. After hours, just go to the rectory front door, open the screen door and place it in the mail slot in the door, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. I cannot stress enough how important it is for you to be generous now more than ever. I am counting on YOI!

Let us pray for each other that we all stay focused on Jesus and His will during this time.
Remember I love you,

In His love
Fr. Larry

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary
During the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you,
Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

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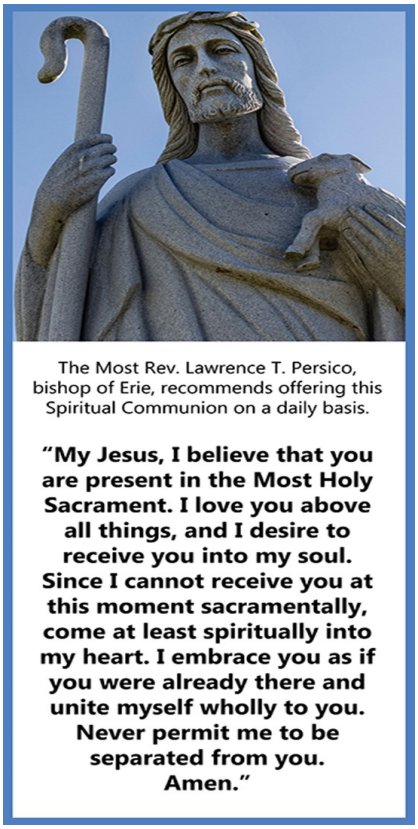


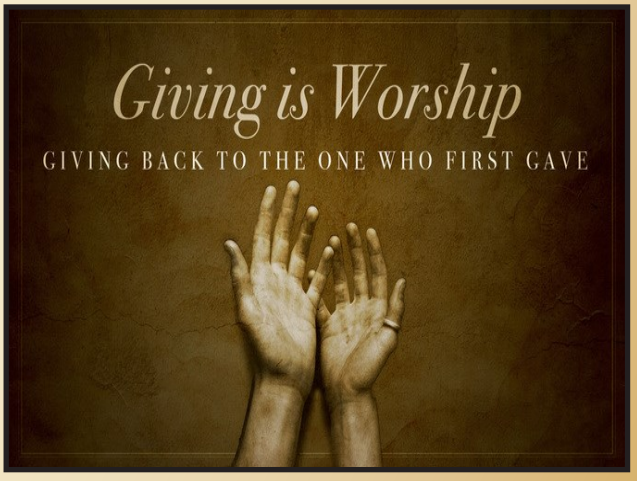
The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, bishop of Erie, recommends offering this Spiritual Communion on a daily basis.

"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot receive you at this moment sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen."

Readings for the week of March 22, 2020
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Due to the Bishop's mandate, the 1:38 Women's Conference has been cancelled for this year. We thank you for all of your support, and look forward to seeing you again in 2021.

<u>A MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESE</u>: In response to the many concerns raised during the flu and cold season, as well as the evolving information available concerning coronavirus and COVID-19, the Diocese of Erie is committed to:
• Monitoring the latest information available from reliable sources
• Offering common-sense, appropriate responses
• Educating
• Communicating
We plan to do everything possible to ensure that our parishes and schools are in a position to take the steps necessary to keep their environments healthy. Visit our website at www.eriercd.org for more information.



Week of March 15, 2020

Number of Households—410

Offertory (Envelopes) (216)	**$**	**4,024.50**
CSA (Reg. Envelopes)	**$**	**2,765.00**
On-Line Giving (Offertory) (38)	**$**	**2,071.00**
On-Line Giving (CSA)	**$**	**470.00**
Total Income	**$**	**9,330.50**
Weekly Expenses	**$**	**12,451.07**

Attendance (All 4 Masses): 356

Thank you for your Generosity!

Remember His Will in Your Will! ***You can express your commitment to our parish by making a bequest to our parish. Simply ask your attorney to have the following statement included in your will: "I leave to St. Joseph Parish, Erie, PA, the sum of _____ or _____% of the residue of my estate) for its religious, education & charitable works.:***

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A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Failure to forgive blinds us to another's goodness. Lent provides an opportunity to wash away our blind-spots in the pool of forgiveness. Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "Go wash and see."

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday (3/21) *Anticipated Mass for Sunday*
4:15 PM + Andy & Marie Dzuricky (Family)

Sunday (3/22) *Fourth Sunday of Lent*
8:30 AM + The Living & Deceased of the Parish
11:00 AM + Kenneth Kranz (Mary Therese Craig)
8:00 PM + Kim Glancy (Lori & Judy Krasinsky)

Monday (3/23) *Lenten Weekday*
7:00 AM + Hank Compernolle, Sr. (Nancy Murray)
11:30 AM + Marlene Andrascik (Diane Niebauer)
7:00 PM + NO PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

Tuesday (3/24) *St. Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr*
7:00 AM + Marcus Mendola (Padre Pio Alpha Group)
11:30 AM + James Povlock (Marilyn)

Wednesday (3/25) *The Annunciation of the Lord*
7:00 AM + Glenn M. Kirsch (Family)
11:30 AM Special Intention of Lori Petruso (Lori)

Thursday (3/26) *Lenten Weekday*
7:00 AM + Bernie Oas (Susan & Michael Beam)
11:30 AM + Tom Doyle (Family)

Friday (3/27) *Lenten Weekday*
7:00 AM + Emma Jean Orlando (Mary Therese Craig)
11:30 AM + Parents & Grandparents of Purgatorial Society

Saturday (3/28) *Weekday*
11:30 AM Special Intention of Purgatorial Society

Anticipated Mass for Sunday
4:15 PM + Jean Hammer (Ed & Family)

Sunday (3/29) *Fifth Sunday of Lent*
8:30 AM + The Living & Deceased of the Parish
11:00 AM + Lynn Huston (Dale & Leslie Jennings)
8:00 PM + Kim Glancy (Renee & Joe Seyboldt)