

Welcome to our Parish

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church and
Saint Joseph/Bread of Life Community
St. Paul Church (mission)



January 5, 2025
Epiphany Of The Lord



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9:45-11:00 am

at Sacred Heart

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 4:00 pm @ St. Paul

Sunday 8:45 am @ Sacred Heart

10:45 am @ St. Joseph BOL

WEEKDAY MASSES:

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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January 5, 2025

Feast of the Epiphany

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

COME LET US ADORE HIM: A blessed feast of the Epiphany to each of you! What wondrous faith that the Magi possessed. They travelled far, following a star, moved by the hope that the child they sought would forever change the world. They found him – the infant Christ – and they adored his divine majesty. Earthy kings humbled themselves before the King of Kings. What a beautiful act of faith! In this New Year, will you and I too lay aside our pride and humble ourselves before the Lord and God, Jesus Christ? I hope and pray that we do. The things of this world, even the best and the purest and the most wonderful, are all passing away. Jesus Christ endures. He alone is our refuge and our treasure. Like the Magi, we too can go to him. Unlike the Magi, we need not travel far. How blessed we are that the only Perpetual Adoration Chapel in our entire diocese is found within our very own boundaries! Jesus is with us in such an amazing and accessible way! Think of it: the same infant Savior that lay in the manger at Bethlehem is now is found on the altar of Adoration at 24th and Sassafras. What a gift he offers us: the gift of his very self! In return, he does not ask us for gold, frankincense or myrrh. He asks for our presence. He asks for our hearts. He asks for our love. Please consider becoming a committed adorer this year. Ask those who already spend an hour before the Eucharistic Lord each week – it's transforming. Come, let us adore him!

CANONICAL PRIEST RETREAT: I will be making my canonical priest retreat this week at Hope House in Union City. Once every year, priests are required by the Church to make such a retreat. In her wisdom, the Church is right to make the retreat a requirement. We cannot give what we do not have, and the purpose of retreat time is to open a priest's heart to a new outpouring of God's goodness and grace. Throughout the years, I've made my retreat in different locations and using different formats. I've been to large, preached retreats in which many priests are together. For the past several years, though, I've been going alone to Hope House. Why a solitary retreat? I love the solitude and the silence. I appreciate not having to adhere to a set schedule. Hope House provides delicious meals, intimate surroundings, and beautiful religious art. The Hope House chapel is a place of particular beauty, and I spend a lot of time with our Lord there, sitting before the Blessed Sacrament, and admittedly, wrapped in a blanket. I will offer Mass each day, I typically take a long walk, and in the evening, I enjoy spending time before the fireplace. Please be assured that I will remember you often in my prayer. I ask that you lift me up in your prayers, as well. Fr. Chris Singer will be covering our parish Masses from Tuesday through Friday. God bless you all and thank you for your prayers.

WELCOME DEB: Finally, I want to welcome Deb Tarasovitch to our parish staff! Deb will be giving us 10 hours per week for some much-needed assistance in the office. Our staff works incredibly hard, there is a lot of business to take care of, but even more importantly, our office is a place where folks are welcomed and prayed with and loved. Deb is a woman of faith and joy, so she will be perfect for our parish culture. In 2025, her presence will help us all to move forward together!

Sacred Heart of Jesus – Have mercy on us!

Mary, Mother of God – Pray for us!

Our Lady of Guadalupe – Pray for us!

St. Joseph – Pray for us!

St. Paul – Pray for us!

Fr. Steve

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 6 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph

Saint Andre

+Karen Miehl (Debbie & Rob Balko)

Tuesday, January 7 / 7:00 pm, St Joseph

Saint Raymond

+Ron DiVecchio (Charlie & Nina Siggia)

Wednesday, January 8 / 9:00 am, St. Joseph

Christmas Weekday

+Gordon & Rose Schafer (Family)

Thursday, January 9 / 7:00 am, St Joseph

Christmas Weekday

+Joyce & John Adler (Dan & Dawn Schaaf)

Friday, January 10 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph

Christmas Weekday

+Frank Burbles Sr. & Frank Burbles Jr. (Theresa Rula)

Saturday, January 11 / 4:00 pm at St. Paul

Christmas Weekday

+Living & Deceased Members of the Parishes

Sunday, January 12 / 8:45 am Sacred Heart

+Samuel A Barzano (Mr. & Mrs. Richard Wachter)

+Albina & Michael Vitale (Maria Melaragno & Family)

Sunday, January 12 / 10:45 am St Joseph BOL

+Ron Snippert (Karen & Carol Prizinsky)

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 **58** hours are in need of another committed adorers.

Sunday: 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 6 AM, 8 AM, 11 AM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM, 10 PM

Monday: 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 9 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM, 4 PM, 6 PM, 8 PM, 11 PM

Tuesday: 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 10 AM, 3 PM, 11 PM

Wednesday: 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 6 AM

Thursday: 1 AM, 2 AM, 12 PM, 2 PM, 11 PM

Friday: 2 AM, 1 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!

ATTENTION ALL Extraordinary Ministers: Please RSVP to January 18th Meeting for all EMs "An Hour with Jesus for Extraordinary Ministers"

9:30 a.m. Coffee and pastries in Sacred Heart Auditorium.

10-11 a.m. Prayer and Meeting in Sacred Heart Church

Please RSVP to Jean by January 10, 2025.

If you have any questions, please call or email the church office.

814-452-2982 ext. 105 or

triparish.secretary816@gmail.com.



This week the Church Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of:

(SH) Karen Miehl from Elaine, Joyce, Barb & Rita

(SP) Arthur Getty from Children and Grandchildren

(SJ) Nicholas & Joan Konzal from Michael Tarasovitch Chapel: Ron Snippert from Dale & Leslie Jennings

Please Pray For the Following:

Please keep the following requests in your conversations with God:

Peace—Marnie, Bob, Stephanie

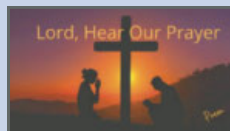
Healing—Alice, Betsy, Eddie, Melanie, Shelly, Debby, Mindy, Billy, Winnie, Chase

Safe Travels—Mory Lou, Mike, Holly

Eternal Rest—Maria, Elizabeta, Liam, Flo

Peace/Comfort—Sabrina

Deceased Members of the Parishes



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OFFERINGS**



December 15, 2024

OFFERTORY—	\$ 8,742.00
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OFFERTORY ONLINE—	\$ 2,762.00
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TOTAL—	\$14,273.00
WEEKLY EXPENSES —	\$ 9,197.00
SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	177
Families—	364

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Sacred Heart / St. Paul Offerings

December 15, 2024

Offertory:	\$ 8,543.00
Weekly Expenses	\$ 7,498.00

Please make your offertory and CSA checks payable to Sacred Heart Church.

**Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus
MEETING CHANGE:**

The January Meeting is MONDAY, January 6, 2025 at 6:30 pm



January 13th is the K of C Chapter Meeting at Sacred Heart 6pm meeting followed by Chapter Meeting at 7pm.

Knight of Columbus



Congratulations to the 2nd Winner of the Sacred Heart K of C Holiday Feast Raffle Laura Stone. Laura won \$250 is grocery gift cards. Congratulations!

All profits from this raffle go directly to our church for distribution to the needy in our community. Thank you all buyers and sellers for your support! Thank you Knights for continuing this effort.

ATTENTION GENTLEMEN
from Sacred Heart / St. Paul / St. Joseph BOL:



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Kinship Ministry



Kinship Korner

At this wonderful time of the year, the Kinship ministries say thank you for all your support this past year. We are truly blessed that you have seen the needs in our neighborhood and responded so generously with your talent, donations, and prayers. You, the people in the pews are the true heart and soul of the Kinship Ministry. We ask you at this time to remember the refugee families whom you have helped settle in Erie and are starting a life in a city that is totally foreign in language, customs, weather, and so many other ways. For the men, women, and children you have helped provide a warm meal through the Monday SSJ Meal, remember those families who will still experience food insecurity over the holidays. Lastly, remember those you have clothed through the Bags of Hope ministry as the bitter cold days come upon us and know that many people will still be cold. Say prayers for all these individuals and families that God will look kindly on them and help them enhance their lives in the coming year.

Debbi Tarasovitch, Tom Hudson, Sharon Bond,
and Debbie Salamon Kinship Coordinators

Did you know???

Funeral Liturgy PRE-PLANNING will be offered to Sacred Heart and St. Joseph parishioners in the new year. Information will be available to help you select readings and hymns for YOUR own funeral. Please watch the bulletin for details.

**St. Joseph
OVERFLOW SHELTER**

St. Joseph/ Bread of Life will be hosting "Our Neighbor's Place" Overflow Shelter from Wednesday, January 1st at 7 PM thru Wednesday, January 8th at 7 AM. The shelter is located at the old Community Corrections Center 450 E. 16th St, Erie, PA 16503.

We need male and female volunteers for the following shifts: 7PM-11PM (a good shift for teen service hours), 11PM-3AM, and 3 AM-7AM. The overnight hours are obviously the most difficult to fill.

Erie United Methodist Association will provide paid volunteers for each shift, however extra help is needed and appreciated.

We need volunteers to make 60 bagged meals for each night by 6 PM starting on January 1st. Meals can be prepared at St. Joe's kitchen. Shawn Tubbs will pick the meals up every night to take them to the shelter. We do not need a bagged meal for Saturday, January 4th.

Finally, cash /check donations, clothing, and toiletries can be dropped off M-F at St. Joe's office between 8 AM and 4 PM or can be left in front of the office door before or after Mass on Sunday or Christmas day.

Please scan the QR code in the bulletin or on the laminated cards in the vestibule to sign up. You can also text the word "shelter" to 814-823-5520 and a link to the sign up will be sent to you. Thank you so much for considering, and please keep this ministry in your prayers!



*Welcome
Our Newest Member*

Sofia Carmella Fones

Who was recently baptized at St Joseph's

Family Perspective

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need a new approach to resolving differences, communicating, or showing affection? This new year is the perfect time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from the wise men—there's always "another way."



Readings for the week of January 5, 2025

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

DECREE

**OUTLINING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RECEPTION OF
INDULGENCES RELATED TO THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025 IN
THE DIOCESE OF ERIE**

A Plenary Indulgence may be received in the Diocese of Erie by doing the following during the period from December 29, 2024 through December 31, 2025:

At least once during the Holy Year:

- Receive sacramental confession and absolution
- Receive Holy Communion

And, while striving to be free from attachment to sin, carry out any of the following:

Make a pilgrimage visit, whether individually or as a group (family, parish, co-workers, etc.), to either St. Peter Cathedral, Erie, or St. Leo Magnus Church, Ridgway, and while visiting those sites take time for prayer specifically for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Those who are truly repentant of sin, but who cannot participate in diocesan pilgrimages, can receive the Jubilee Indulgence by prayerfully reciting the Our Father and any approved version of the Profession of Faith (Creed), and also praying for the intentions of the Holy Father. Those who are homebound due to age, illness, imprisonment, etc., may also offer up their suffering as a prayer for others and/or for the poor souls in purgatory.

Visit for an appropriate amount of time family members, neighbors or friends who are in need (such as the sick, lonely elderly people, the disabled, prisoners, etc.) This visit is to be made with a vibrant awareness of Christ's presence in these persons in need.

Carry out personal acts of penance for an entire day (particularly Fridays), such as:

- Abstain from eating meat
- Abstain from futile distractions (such as entertainment, social media, etc.)
- Abstain from unnecessary consumption of food or drink (fasting)

Carry out significant acts of charity such as:

- Contribute to the poor
- Support the homeless, the orphan, the migrant or alien, etc.
- Contribute a significant amount of one's free time to worthy volunteer activities in support of human life and dignity

During the Jubilee Year an individual may receive one Plenary Indulgence per day, and may apply that indulgence to themselves or to a deceased person.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Erie on this 27th day of November, 2024

+Lawrence T. Persico

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

Christopher J. Singer

The Reverend Christopher J. Singer, JCL
Chancellor



Faith Formation

Clint Badowski
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FAITH FORMATION Service Project:

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St. Joes Community Center
After 10:45am Mass until...

For I was hungry and you gave me food" (Mt 25:35)

Contact Clint and Stacey with any questions



I'VE TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT HE'S GOING TO BE WITH ME FOREVER. BUT HE JUST DOESN'T GET IT

OLP Bible Study invites you to join us in the study of three of St. Paul's PRISON LETTERS.

THE LETTERS OF ST. PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS, COLOSSIANS, AND PHILEMON

January 7 - February 26, 2025

WHEN: Tuesday nights: 7:00 to 8:30pm January 7, 2025 through February 25, 2025 OR Wednesday mornings: 10:00 to 11:30am January 8, 2025 through February 26, 2025 WHERE: Our Lady of Peace Church Social Room This is an 8-week Bible Study Pre-Registration is required by January 2, 2025. COST: \$10.00, which includes workbook and materials. Please drop off or mail check and registration form to: Our Lady of Peace Church, 2401 W. 38th Street, Erie, PA 16506 Attn: OLP Bible Study Any questions, please call Mary Beth Whitman at 814-833-7701 x202 No previous experience necessary. All are welcome.

Deacon Dabblings

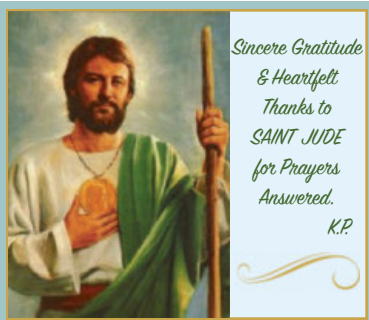
Today we celebrate the feast of the epiphany. And of course, when we think of the feast of the epiphany what image comes to mind? For most it is the three Magi who came from a faraway land and brought some very significant gifts to the Christ Child. Now, we know that the Magi didn't just walk aimlessly looking for the Christ Child. They were guided. Tradition says that the Star of Bethlehem guided them and that's how they found the Christ Child.

But, what about the fourth Magi? You know, there is a fourth Magi? Who is this fourth Magi and how does he or she find Christ? We, all of us here, are the fourth Magi and through our baptism we are challenged to follow a road that leads to Christ. So, what do we use to find our way to Christ? Everyone needs something or someone to guide him or her through life. If you have nothing to give direction and stability to your life, you can become confused, running around, not knowing where you're going or where you're heading. And sad to say, that's the way that a lot of people live life today. If you ask some people what guides them through life, what helps them determine right from wrong, good from evil, virtue from vice, they'll say, they don't know. It's just what feels good or what seems right, but they have nothing objective, nothing specific. Other people have things that drive them but what they choose is transitory. Their lives may be governed by drugs or alcohol or gambling. Where does that lead that person? Where does that take them? Down a dead-end road!

The only road that has a good ending is the one that leads to Christ. And the only way to walk that road is to follow Christ who is the light of the world, who is a light that shines in the darkness, beckoning us, calling us, inviting us to follow. We who walk that road will find our lives fulfilled because we will see Christ in others. We who walk that road will be comforted in our sufferings because we'll feel the presence of Christ with us. We who walk that road will be compassionate and forgiving of others because we know that's the way that God is toward us.

The point is that those who follow Christ have a framework to how they should live. They have a structure as to how they should behave and how to treat one another. We don't have to have some miraculous vision to do this. But we do need to follow a star. We do need to look beyond the secular horizons of this world. We do need to look up to the heavens and see that there is a light there to guide you, a light to draw you, a light that invites you on a journey through life. Life is a journey that has twists and turns and sometimes seems to go uphill more than it does down but a journey that promises to end up in a place that is filled with nothing less than the presence of God himself. I hope that each of us here will be able to see ourselves as the fourth Magi and that we will be faithful followers of Christ.

Peace of Christ,
Deacon Tony



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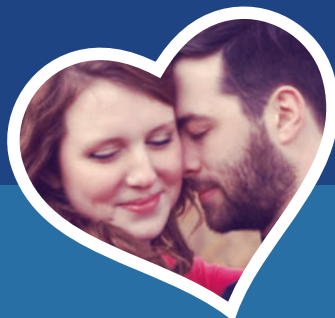


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