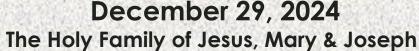
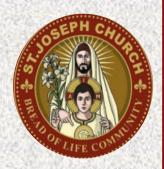
Welcome to our Parish



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SACRED HEART OF JESUS 816 West 26th St, Erie, PA 16508 ST. JOSEPH BREAD OF LIFE 147 West 24th St, Erie, PA 16502 ST. PAUL CHURCH (Mission) 1617 Walnut St, Erie, PA 16502

office Hours: Mon-Fri, 8-4 at St. Joseph Bread of Life Phone: 814-452-2982 SUNDAY HOURS:

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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December 29, 2024 Feast of the Holy Family

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

GRATITUDE: On behalf of myself, Fr. Simmons, the parish staff and our faithful deacons – thank you! We are so appreciative of the way you have reached out to us with your cards, notes, gifts, treats, food items and words of encouragement. You touched our hearts with Christmas joy! Also, I want to express thanks to you on behalf of another group: the poor and needy of our neighborhoods. Your generosity to those served by the Sisters of St. Joseph, to the families who rely on our food pantries, to the struggling military veterans in our community, and to the down-on-their-luck folks who were aided by your donations is a beautiful manifestation of Christian love. God keep you in his care this holy season!

FAMILY LIFE: Marriage and family life are at the very heart of God's plan for human salvation. If the family is strong, so too will society be strong. When family life is weakened, our other human communities begin to crumble as well. Pope St. John Paul II liked to refer to the family as the "domestic church." What a powerful and challenging image! Indeed, though we sometimes fall short, the family home should be a place of genuine prayer. The family home should be an environment in which holiness is fostered and expected. Mary, Joseph and Jesus – and the family they formed in Nazareth – stand as a model for us. They underwent many hardships (birth in a cave, the flight to Egypt, poverty, Roman oppression), but God and prayer were at the very center of their life together. We are blessed to have many wonderful families in our own parishes! Please remember to lift them up in prayer as they battle to remain strong and virtuous.

MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER: I am excited for the New Year ahead and excited for the good things to come in our parishes! With trust in God's providence, and with a spirit of adventure, we are moving forward together! I am personally blessed, as your pastor, to be surrounded by good people who understand our mission of prayer, discipleship and evangelization. The Parish Leadership Team (Deacon Alleruzzo, Dale Jennings, Jean Malthaner, Trish McDaid) soaks our parish needs in prayer, meets with me weekly, and they are working hard to develop a clear vision for our partnered communities. The staff and music ministers work incredibly diligently to serve each of you and to make our liturgies beautiful. Our maintenance staff treats snowstorms and plugged up sinks as merely passing annoyances. And now – with the Year of the Lord 2025 soon upon us – I am pleased to share with you the names of our brothers and sisters who will serve on the new, combined Parish Pastoral Council: Chuck Weindorf, Meghan Buzas, Ron Jones, Carol Pillitteri, John Di Placido, Ruth DeFranco, Statia Brown, Jim Grutkowski, TA Walkiewicz and Sam Laus. There are many challenges to face and some intimidating dragons still to be slain, but I truly am excited for our future. We must keep Christ at the center of course, and we must allow the Holy Spirit to be our guide, but when we move forward together, great things can happen.

Happy New Year everyone! God bless you all!

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, December 30/7:00 am, St. Joseph Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

+Lynn Huston (Joshua)

Tuesday, December 31 / 7:00 pm, Sacred Heart

Vigil of Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6-7 pm @ Sacred Heart

+Ron Spero (Art & Audrey Bennetti)

Wednesday, January 1 / 9:00 am, St. Joseph

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

+Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Thursday, January 2 / 7:00 am, St Joseph

Saints Basil & Gregory

+Judy John's Family (Joseph & Mary)

Friday, January 3 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph

Holy Name of Jesus

-Intentions of Donna Heid (Mom & Dad)

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

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

+John Alleruzzo (Mom, Dad & Justice)

Sunday, January 5 / 8:45 am Sacred Heart

+Connie Zambrzycki (Norm)

Sunday, January 5 / 10:45 am St Joseph BOL

- +Ron Snippert (TA Walkiewicz)
- +Jim & Irene Wilkinson (Darleen & David Wilkinson)



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

(SH) Karen Miehl *from Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus* (SJ) Nicholas & Joan Konzel *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



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 adorer.

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(X2), 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:

"An Hour with Jesus for Extraordinary Ministers" has been rescheduled!

January 18: 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.

The Grocery Certificate program will be ending at the end of the year.

A big thank you to all who have participated in the Grocery Certificate program for many years.

Unfortunately, the program has seen a steady decline in participation and return.

Therefore, the last day to purchase Grocery Certificates will be after the 8:45 mass at Sacred Heart on 12/29/2024. SPECIAL THANKS to Julie Last who coordinated this gift card fundraiser for our school and parish for many years. Thanks Julie!

<u>December 31:</u> Vigil of Mary, Mother of God 6-7 pm: ADORATION at Sacred Heart & 7:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart

Altar Servers: need volunteer LECTOR: Annette & Mike Ahrens Extraordinary Ministers: need volunteers Please sign up in the sacristy if you would like to minister at

this Mass. Thank you.

<u>January 1:</u> Feast of Mary, Mother of God 9:00 a.m. at St. Joseph/BOL

> LECTOR: Ruthann DiSanza EMs: Dawn Schaaf, Dan Schaaf, Deacon Doug, Amanda Beaver

ST. JOSEPH BREAD OF LIFE OFFERINGS



December 15, 2024

OFFERTORY— \$ 8,742.00 CSA— \$ 1,464.00

 OFFERTORY ONLINE—
 \$ 2,762.00

 CSA ONLINE—
 \$ 1,305.00

TOTAL— \$14,273.00

WEEKLY EXPENSES — \$ 9,197.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE 177
Families— 364

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Sacred Heart / St. Paul Offerings

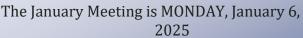
December 15, 2024

Offertory: \$ 8,543.00

Weekly Expenses \$ 7,498.00

Please make your offertory and CSA checks payable to <u>Sacred Heart Church</u>.

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



We are hosting the K of C Chapter Meeting at Sacred Heart

The January 6th meeting will start at 6pm followed by the Chapter Meeting at 7pm.

LOVE LIGHTS Memorial Names

Are listed as an insert in this week's bulletin at St. Paul Church.

If you would like a copy, please email or call Jean.
Thank you for your donations to Love Lights.
All donations will be used to assist those in need.

Still looking for a few more cooks for our resident priests, Fr Steve & Fr Jerry.

To volunteer, please call Jean at the office (814-452-2982 ext. 105 or email at triparish.secretary816@gmail.com)



year.

Christmas and New Year Schedule



Kinship Ministry

December 24: 5:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart

Altar Servers-Ruby & Scarlet Merski

Lector-Sr. Nancy Fischer

EMs: Please sign up in the sacristy if you would like to minister at this Mass. Thank you.

Midnight at St. Joseph/BOL

Altar Servers-Lorelei & Mackenzie Badowski, Gavin, James, Olivia & Ava Grutkowski LECTOR-Amelia Normand, Ruthann DiSanza EMs-Dan Schaaf, Dawn Schaaf, Trish McDaid, Deacon Doug

December 25: 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul

LECTOR: Sr. Susan

EMs: Marie Troyer, Kathie Iarussi, Deacon Tony

December 28: 4:00 p.m. at St. Paul LECTOR-Roy Sambuchino

EMs-Kathie Iarussi, Mary May, Lew Nordin

<u>December 31: Vigil of Mary, Mother of God</u> 6-7 pm: ADORATION at Sacred Heart

7:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart

Altar Servers-need volunteer (call Jean)

LECTOR: Annette & Mike Ahrens

EMs: Please sign up in the sacristy if you would like to minister at this Mass. Thank you.

January 1: Feast of Mary, Mother of God 9:00 a.m. at St. Joseph/BOL

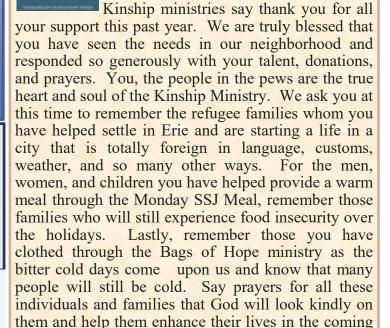
Altar Servers, Lector, Extraordinary Ministers:

NEED VOLUNTEERS

Please sign up in the sacristy if you would like to minister at this Mass. Thank you.

Kinship Korner

At this wonderful time of the year, the



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 $4^{\rm th}$.

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!

Job openings in the diocese

See the classified section below for the latest position openings. Here's a quick link to diocesan, school and parish jobs: https://www.eriercd.org/employment.html. For Erie Catholic School System jobs only, go to https://www.eriecatholic.org/about/careers.

Family Perspective

Today's gospel reveals a truth about parenting: "but his parents did not know." One reason parenting is so challenging is that our children don't tell us everything. If even the Holy Family faced difficulties with their teenager, why should we expect it to be easier for us?

Readings for the week of December 29, 2024

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk

2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28 Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34 Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Next 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

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

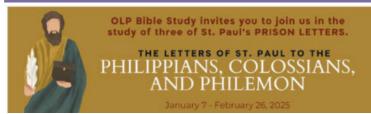


Faith Formation

Clint Badowski faithformation@stjoesbol.org







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

I RESOLVE TO...

With New Year's Day on the horizon, it is time to come up with some resolutions that most likely will not last pass Ground Hog Day, but never-the-less I thought that it would be interesting to think about what New Year resolutions some Biblical figures might make. The Wise Men or Magi: This year we're inventing MapQuest; no more asking a burning ball of astro gas for directions. Adam: Seems like everyone's all about high fiber. Me, I plan to eat LESS fruit next year. Noah: If I must do this again, bring a bigger pooper scooper. David: Done fighting lions and Philistines. Taking a safer job playing my harp for the King.

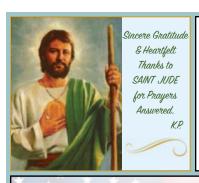
On behalf of Fr. Steve, Deacon Doug, and the rest of the pastoral team and staff in our parish community, I would like to wish you all a blessed and happy new year. Do you realize that 25 years ago we were all anticipating the arrival of the year 2000. And here it is already 25 years later. It certainly must give us some pause as to where have we been, what we have done, and what the future will bring. I think that in this digital age of instant information, rapid travel, and multitasking, there is a danger that life will pass by so fast that we will not take time to relish and enjoy it. To put the brakes on this run-run style of living as we go into the new year, let me share with you what author Edith Lovejoy Pierce said about the new year:" We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words in them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity, and its first chapter is "New Year's Day." Today we begin to fill in the pages in the fresh new book of opportunity. How shall we begin? Will we resolve to put God in the center of our life in this new year?

As we begin this new year, we have choices. We can look back on the year past with all its flaws and convince ourselves that we can't do any better. Or we can choose to take time to be silent and to seek God. We can choose to strive to make God be at the center of our life. We can ponder the words and events of our own lives that have somehow indicated to us the presence of God. In the clean white pages of the new book of 2025, we are invited to choose once again to live in accordance with god's word and to ponder all that leads us to God.

If I could give each of you a Christmas gift this week, it would be the contemplative heart of Mary, who lay there silent on the damp straw, cuddling her child and thinking of the quietness of God's arrival, the lowliness of his arrival, and the lowliness of those who came to worship. It is in this simplicity that Mary teaches us how to make the choices in our own lives that will allow God to be at the center of our life.

In the first page of our book of 2025, let us write our New Year's Resolutions in big bold print to imitate our Blessed Mother bringing God into our lives every day, and at the end of this new year, may each page reflect not the stress filled life of a digital world, but God's presence in our life and in our deeds.

Peace of Christ, Deacon Tony



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