

# St. Joseph Parish



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## Sunday, April 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter

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### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-12:00 pm &  
1:30-4:00 pm by appointment  
(Closed Friday)

### Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:15 pm | Sunday - 8:30 & 11:00 am  
Weekday: M, T, Th, Fri - 8:00 am and Wed. - 12:10 pm

### Confessions

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 pm or by appointment

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**Baptism:** Please contact the parish office to schedule a time and date. A pre-baptism class is required preferably before the child is born.

**Matrimony:** Please contact the pastor for marriage preparation at least one year in advance of the wedding.

**Prayer Line:** For intentions, please call 724-981-3232.



**Welcome New Parishioners & Visitors!**  
We welcome and invite you to become part of our parish community!

To pre-register, fill out the form below and place in the offertory basket. For full registration, please feel free to pick up a Welcome Packet located at each entrance and return at your convenience.

### PARISHIONER PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY & ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

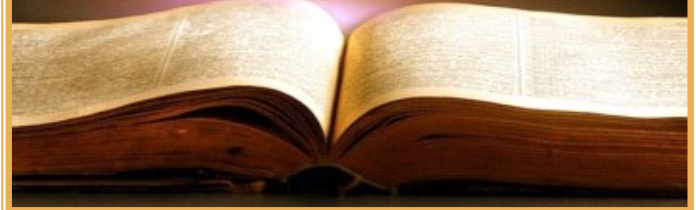
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Place your completed form in today's offertory collection basket.

THEN HE OPENED THEIR  
MINDS TO UNDERSTAND  
THE SCRIPTURES.

LUKE 24:45



*Welcome this weekend  
at 11:00 am Mass*

**Deacon  
Michael  
Scanga**



## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend our parish is celebrating a great occasion: one of our native sons has been ordained a deacon. God willing, he will be ordained to the holy priesthood next May. Deacon Michael Scanga grew up at St. Joseph Church. He attended school at St. Joseph School, Kennedy Catholic High School, and Franciscan University of Steubenville. He entered the seminary for the Diocese of Erie in 2019, spending two years at St. Mark Seminary (part of Gannon University) before he was sent by Bishop Persico to St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, where he has been studying for the past 3 years.

During his year as a deacon, his formal title is "Reverend Mister" Michael Scanga (it can be abbreviated "Rev. Mr." or "Reverend Mr.") - a title that's really only used on the front of envelopes. "Deacon Scanga" or "Deacon Michael" are the more common styles of address.

The diaconate was instituted by the apostles to assist in the administration of the Church (Acts 6). In today's church, a deacon is able to give a blessing (in certain circumstances), baptize infants, solemnize weddings (if the wedding occurs outside of a Mass), preside over funerals (also outside of Mass), and preach homilies.

Deacon Scanga will be deaconing at the 11:00 am Mass this Sunday, April 14, and giving the homily. There will be a light reception after Mass downstairs in the Guild Hall. Please come if you are able. If you would like to give Deacon Scanga a card, but forgot to bring it this week, you can drop it off at the parish or put it in the basket and I will be sure that it gets to him.

Deacon Scanga has been assigned by Bishop Persico to help out at St. James Church in Erie while he is home from school. He will be spending the summer there and will be expected to help there for Christmas and Easter. We will be grateful to have him help out a bit at our parish when he gets the occasional break.

Please continue to keep Deacon Scanga in your prayers as he spends this year preparing for his ordination to the priesthood.

In Christ,  
Fr. Power



### **Parish Spring Cleanup Day Saturday, April 27 at 10:00 am**

On Saturday, April 27 at 10 am we will be having a parish clean-up/gardening day. Please come if you are able. We have such a beautiful property and we need to make sure it is looking as good as it can.

All are invited to help. Many hands make light work, so bring a friend. A pizza lunch will be provided.

### **Maintenance/Custodial Opening at St. Joseph Church**

St. Joseph Church is looking for a new maintenance/custodial person. Position is part time in the mornings. Inquire by calling Fr. James at 724-981-3232.

**BAPTISM CLASS** If you are planning to have your child baptized, a baptism class is required for the parents. To register, please call the church office at 724-981-3232.

## MOTHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUET

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12. In this week's bulletin you will find the Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Card Sets.

In order to make publication for the bulletin insert, we ask you to, please **PRINT**

**CLEARLY** on the outer envelope of the Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet card set and return it along with your donation by placing it in the offertory basket at Mass or placing it in the office mailbox located outside the church office door, **no later than**

**Sunday, May 5.** Also available is online giving through our secure website, Vanco at

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZA2Z/home>.

If you did not receive a card set and would like one, please call the church office at 724-981-3232.



Featured Item of the Week

“Paper Towels”

Please place your donation in the shopping cart located in the Gathering Space or at the Clepper’s entrance.

Upcoming Featured Items

Canned Tuna \* Can/Box Soups \* Pancake Mix & Syrup

For qualified individuals, upcoming April Food Pantry distribution dates are Friday, April 5th and 19th from 9:30-11:00 A.M.



The Blue Army of Mercer County invites everyone to gather on Monday, May 13, 2024 for the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Our gathering will take place at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Farrell, PA. We will begin at 12:00 pm with prayerful events including the Crowning of Our Holy Mother of God, Rosary Prayer, and community intentions.

The Our Lady of Fatima traveling Pilgrim Statue will be present with First Class Relics.

A special thanks given in advance to the Knights of Columbus, Knights of the Blue Army, and the many Blue Army members praying with us.

Through the

Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary ~ God Bless You, Tina Scoccia President

World Apostolate of Fatima ~ Blue Army Mercer County PA



The Good Shepherd Collection allows each of us to show our gratitude and support of those priests who have cared for us and our spiritual needs and faithfully served our parishes. The collection for Retired Religious in December does not benefit our Diocesan priests. Prayerfully reflect this week on how you can best respond in support of the needs of our Diocesan Retired Priests. Use the special collection envelope for the Good Shepherd Collection. Please return next weekend or drop it off at the Parish Office.



The apostles were afraid of Jesus until he ate with them and they touched him. In your family the ordinary acts of eating together, touching, embracing not only confirm our love for each other, but also celebrate God’s presence in your family. These ‘ordinary’ moments contain the ‘Extraordinary.’”

Chores #1: As a parent what’s your favorite household job? What’s your least favorite? Few kids like chores but it’s part of being a family. Talk with your kids about their preferences. Discuss whether anybody wants to switch their current tasks.



PLEASE PRAY FOR: Ford Bartle, Liam Rueberger, Peggy Heldorfer, Gene Pacsi, William Haroldson, Helen Donnelly, Msgr. Andrew Karg, Lois Trimble, Adele Ontko, Delbert Ontko, Beth Bottenfield, Rich Pannutti, Ed Doughty, Jean Hetrick, Barbara Burdick, Frances Rice, Marie Peterson, Ed Gursky, Joe Biro, Chuck H., Mary Ellen Luensman, Lorraine Penhos, Walter Zuhosky, Loretta Krutsch, Bridget Titus and Lisa Dawson.

Child Abuse Prevention Month: Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us, especially children. Mandated Reporters in the Diocese of Erie are people who hold positions of trust in our schools, parishes, agencies, and institutions and are mandated by Pennsylvania law and the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children to report child abuse. All clergy, employees and volunteers working/serving for the Diocese of Erie, in our parishes, schools or agencies are mandated both legally and morally to report any reasonably suspected or known child abuse to ChildLine, the local police, or other appropriate agency. Visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/ to learn the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese

Table with 4 columns: Date, SATURDAY 5:15 pm, SUNDAY 8:30 am, SUNDAY 11:00 am. Rows include Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Servers, and Greeter.

MASS Intentions + INDICATES MASS \* PARISH EVENTS

- Monday, April 15 - Acts 6: 8-15 / Jn 6: 22-29
+8:00 Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Lasche (Dr. & Mrs. Robert Weiner & Family)
Tuesday, April 16 - Acts 7: 51-8:1a / Jn 6: 30-35
+8:00 John G. Fabian (John and Gregory Fabian)
\*1:00 Women’s Guild Meeting-Guild Hall
Wednesday, April 17 - Acts 8: 1b-8 / Jn 6: 35-40
+12:10 Irene May (Mary Ann Hennessy)
Thursday, April 18 - Acts 8: 26-40 / Jn 6: 44-51
+8:00 Amanda Mohan (Mom)
Friday, April 19 - Acts 9: 1-20 / Jn 6: 52-59
+8:00 Deceased Members of the Weiner Family (Dr. & Mrs. Robert Weiner Family)
Saturday, April 20 - Acts 4:8-12 / 1 Jn 3: 1-2 / Jn 10: 11-18
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
+5:15 John A. Nigborowicz (John Nigborowicz)
Sunday, April 21 - Acts 4:8-12 / 1 Jn 3: 1-2 / Jn 10: 11-18
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
+8:30 Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Dunn (Cindy Dunn)
+11:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Paris

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