

St. Joseph Parish



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Sunday, April 7, 2024 Second 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

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 _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

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



*Easter
Egg
Hunt
2024*

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Once again, I would like to wish you a Happy Easter. Easter, as we know, is not just a one-day celebration, but an entire season that lasts for 50 days. The Easter Season ends on Pentecost Sunday, which will be May 19 this year. I pray that this Easter Season will be for you a season of joy, peace, and feasting.

This is a big week for our parish: our native son, Michael Scanga, will be ordained to the diaconate this Saturday, April 13, at 10:30 am at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E Grandview Blvd, Erie PA, 16504. Anyone is welcome to attend if you would like to make the drive. If you are unable to make it to the ordination, you will be able to see and congratulate Michael at the parish celebration that we are having at the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, April 14. Michael will be the deacon at the Mass, and we will have a reception for him downstairs in the Guildhall afterward. If you cannot attend, please be sure to support Michael by keeping him in your prayers and sending him a card. Michael will be ordained to the holy priesthood, God willing, in May of 2025.

In other news, we will be having a parish clean-up day on Saturday, April 27 at 10:00 am. All parishioners are invited to come and help make the grounds of our parish look beautiful. If we get enough people, we will also have crews tidying up the inside of the church as well.

In Christ,
Fr. Power



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

All are invited to help with a little gardening and cleaning at our parish on Saturday, April 27, at 10:00 am. Many hands make light work, so bring a friend. A pizza lunch will be provided.



Mass and Reception for Deacon Michael Scanga Sunday, April 14

Mass at 11:00 am - Reception at 12:00 pm

The regular 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, April 14, will be an opportunity for our parish to celebrate the ordination of Michael Scanga to the diaconate. Michael will be the deacon at the Mass and will give the homily. The Mass will be followed by a light reception in the Guild Hall. Please come if you can to show support for our native son.

MOTHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUET

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12. In next 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 giving online through our Online-Giving webpage 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.



Notre Dame Parish is sponsoring the Second Annual "Faithful to the Finish" 5K Run and 1 Mile Walk for the benefit of the Prince of Peace Center.

The fundraiser will take place on Saturday, May 4. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the race and walk at 10 a.m. The 5K Run/Walk will take place at Linden Pointe in Hermitage.

To register, go to the link <http://smileymiles.com/> (click calendar of events) or if registering by mail, copy the registration form and send check payable to Church of Notre Dame and mail to Church of Notre Dame, 2325 Highland Road, Hermitage, Pa. 16148, or email form to jessica.logue@yahoo.com

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.



Featured Item of the Week

“Canned Veggies”

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

Upcoming Featured Items

Paper Towels * Canned Tuna * Can/Box Soups

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



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Over the course of my lifetime, I have met many priests who have given their lives to the service of our Lord and His people. By their ministry, they have made a positive impression on me and inspired me in my vocation as a priest and now as your Bishop. I imagine that, like me, many of you have feelings of gratitude for the ministry of the priests who have served you so well over the years in the Diocese of Erie.

On the weekend of April 20 – 21, the annual Good Shepherd Collection for retired diocesan priests will be taken in our parishes. This is your opportunity to express your gratitude with your financial gift to help these priests who spent their lives in service to the Church. We look to you, the members of our Diocese, to help us with the care of our priests who are retired now and those who will retire in future years.

I know first-hand how generous our people are in responding to the needs of the Church in the Diocese of Erie. I thank you in advance for your generosity also to the Good Shepherd Collection to support our retired diocesan priests.

Finally, I ask you to remember all our priests in your prayers. Pray for those who are currently serving you and those who have retired and those who have died. Pray for vocations to the priesthood, that others may follow in the footsteps of those who have given their lives as good shepherds leading you, the People of God, through their ministry. I wish you and your families a blessed Easter Season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+Lawrence T. Persico
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers & Greeters

The 2024, 2nd quarter ministry schedule that runs from April 6 thru June 30 is LIVE and available to view online via the Web Terminal. Please log onto your profile to view and/or print your schedule at: <https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/29/web-terminal/login/stjosephchurchsharon>.

WEEKEND COLLECTION-April 2, 2024

Number of Adult envelopes sent.....	611
Number of Adult envelopes used.....	119
Number of unused envelopes.....	492
Sunday Offertory.....	\$ 6,268
Budgeted Offertory.....	\$10,650
Deficit	\$ 4,382
Easter Offering	\$ 6,467

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, Ed Doughty, Jean Hetrick, Barbara Burdick, Frances Rice, Dominic Thielman, Marie Peterson, Ed Gursky, Joe Biro, Chuck H., Mary Ellen Luensman, Lorraine Penhos, Walter Zuhosky, Loretta Krutsch and Bridget Titus.

Child Abuse Prevention Month- Reporting Child Abuse: It is every adult’s moral responsibility to report known or suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the responsible authorities. Physical and sexual abuse of minors are pervasive societal problems, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. In the 2022 Pennsylvania statewide report there were 4,992 substantiated reports of child abuse and 440 more cases in the court system. 2,056 or 38.2% of the substantiated reports were for sexual abuse, 1,501 were physical abuse. 62.2% of the victims were female. Parents remain the persons most responsible for abuse of their children. *To report child abuse, call Childline at 1-800-932-0323 (anytime 24/7). For particular questions on reporting abuse in the Diocese of Erie, you may call the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.*

Mass Schedule for Weekend of April 13/14

April 13/14	SATURDAY 5:15 pm	SUNDAY 8:30 am	SUNDAY 11:00 am
Lector	J. Necastro	S. Swogger	J. Bonomo
Eucharistic Minister	S. Messina	P. Piccirilli	K. Bonomo
Altar Servers	D. Eller Volunteer	V. Haroldson O. Haroldson	C. McKnight S. Pass
Greeter Gathering Space	B. Charles	C. Dunn	B. Anzevino

MASS Intentions

+ INDICATES MASS * PARISH EVENTS

Monday, April 8—Is 7: 10-14; 8:10 / Heb 10: 4-10 / Lk 1: 26-38

Office Closed

+8:00 Clara Hoffman (Fr. James Power)

Tuesday, April 9—Acts 4: 32-37 / Jn 3: 7b-15

+8:00 Eddie Thomas (Family)

Wednesday, April 10—Acts 35: 17-26 / Jn 3: 16-21

+12:10 Veronica Koch (Carol Koch)

Thursday, April 11—Acts 5: 34-42 / Jn 3: 31-36

+8:00 Marie Napolitan (Fran Foust)

Friday, April 12—Acts 5: 34-42 / Jn 6: 1-15

+8:00 Jack Allen Sr. (Brian McKenna)

Saturday, April 13—Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19 / ! John 2: 1-5a / Lk 24: 35-48

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

+5:15 Corky Costar (Frani Foust)

Sunday, April 14—Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19 / ! John 2: 1-5a / Lk 24: 35-48

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+8:30 All Living and Deceased Parishioners of the Parish
+11:00 Anthony Adamo Sr. (Adamo Family)
Ordination of Michael Scanga to the Diaconate with Reception to Follow

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