

Holy Redeemer Catholic Parish
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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	April 15th
7:00 pm	Deceased Members of the James & Demeyer Pearson family by Eberl family
TUESDAY	April 16th
9:00 am	Mary Ann Paris by Jack & Fran Cashmere
WEDNESDAY	April 17th
7:00 am	Joseph Pellegrino By Maria Frontera & family
THURSDAY	April 18th
7:00 am	Charles Ditz by Trish & Bruce Walton
FRIDAY	April 19th
7:00 am	Jean Quiggle-Hackett By Bob & Rose Hovan
SATURDAY	April 20th
4:30 pm	Joe & Louise DeMott by Joff & Mary Kopf
SUNDAY	April 21st
8:15 am	For the Living & Deceased Members of Holy Redeemer & St. Anthony
11:00 am	Debbie Weigel by family

This week the Sanctuary Light is lit in memory of
Pat Cronmiller

Prayer Line

Please call Barb Ciprich at 814-723-1894 or Carolyn O'Donnell at 814-730-7336 with your prayer requests.

Please contact the parish office to schedule Mass intentions.

Cover Photo
Bent Run Waterfall in April

Happening This Week and Beyond

April 16th

Blood Bank	12:00 pm-5:30 pm
Parish Council	7:00 pm

April 20th & 21st

Good Shepherd Collection

April 21st - 26th

Fr. Steve on annual retreat	NO MASS
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April 23rd & 30th

St. Joseph soup kitchen	4:00 pm-5:00 pm
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St. Joseph Soup Kitchen

Holy Redeemer Parish is responsible for preparing and serving the meals on April 23rd & 30th. We are always in need of desserts, preferably cookies and cakes. Please bring desserts to the office at St. Joseph by 2:00 pm on Tuesday the 23rd & 30th.



Welcome
Isadora James Eichenseer
daughter of
Michael & Laura Spiridon
Eichenseer
Isadora was baptized on
April 6, 2024

The Good Shepherd Collection

This 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.

FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK

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April 14, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter

To My Spiritual Family of Holy Redeemer and St. Anthony:

PLANTING A FLAG FOR CHRIST: At daily and Sunday Mass throughout the Easter Season, we read from the *Acts of the Apostles*. This is the biblical book in which Luke tells the story of the infant, apostolic Church and the spread of the Christian faith. It's an amazing story! Though repeatedly ostracized, rejected, persecuted and martyred, brave Christians spoke the name of Jesus and proclaimed his gospel of love. It is due to the evangelical courage of those first disciples that there are some 2.4 billion of us Christians in the world today. Our Christian forebearers understood that to follow Christ was a risky proposition. Our Lord had warned them while he was still alive that "*you will be hated by all for my name's sake (Mt 10:22).*" St. Paul echoed Christ's words: "*Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted (2 Tim 3:12).*" There have been many times throughout the last 2,000 years that brave women and men stood for Christ at the cost of their very lives.

Particularly due to the socialist and fascist ideologies that held sway, the 20th century saw more Christians put to death for their faith in Jesus than in all the previous centuries combined. That is a staggering reality. Although a strain of anti-Catholicism has always been present in American society, there is now a virulent anti-Christian animosity that is growing in intensity. Almost daily now, we hear of bias, hatred, and outright disdain for Christianity and Christians. The governments themselves of once devoutly Christian nations are now persecuting believers with a frightening regularity. The age of Christendom, when the West generally held to the same Judeo-Christian value system, has come crashing down. We have again entered an apostolic age, a time when we must choose between planting the flag for Christ (and thus being rejected by the prevailing culture) or turning away from Christ and his Church (by offering our allegiance to the new, secular religion).

I remind you of this, not to discourage or frighten, but to encourage and exhort. Our parish rally cry is **Totally on Mission**. To be totally on mission is to give ourselves completely to and for Christ. What an exhilarating call! I pray that this call resonates in your heart! In this new apostolic age, we cannot be half-hearted Christians with one foot still firmly planted in the world. Jesus needs our all. He needs us to give him 100%. Make no mistake, though, that when we offer ourselves in such a full-hearted manner to Christ, there will be a price to pay. For to proclaim that Christ is Lord is to proclaim that every other way of ordering human existence is in some way insufficient or misguided. Many, therefore, find the gospel to be offensive. After all, light scatters the creatures who live in darkness. Therefore, we must take pains to always proclaim Christ with a humble heart and with love. We must speak the truth in a manner that respects human dignity and individual conscience. There must, in the words of St. Augustine, be no poison in our judgments. Nonetheless, the truth of Christ must be proclaimed! Even the difficult truths of the gospel must be defended without compromise or equivocation! Clearly, then, to proclaim the gospel is to directly challenge the secular orthodoxy of our culture. There is a price to pay for doing this. When we refuse to bend our knee to the anti-family *LBCQ* agenda (which is different thing than lovingly ministering to a same-sex attracted person), we may be called haters or we may lose our job. When we refrain from worshipping at the altars of gender theory and transgenderism, we may be attacked on social media or no longer welcomed in our friend groups. When we declare abortion to be a humanity-destroying evil, we ourselves may be branded as evil or described as backwards or be hauled away to prison. When all of this happens – and it is happening to many Christians right now - we can take comfort in these prophetic words of Christ: "*Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven (MT 5:11-12).*" Take courage, little flock! Christ is our hope and our strength and our shepherd. If you and I can contribute to the building up of the kingdom in some small way by planting a flag for Christ, I hope that we will do so. In fact, we must.

Mary, Mother of the Redeemer – Pray for us!

Our Lady of Guadalupe – Pray for us!

St. Anthony – Pray for us!

St. Joseph – Pray for us!

Fr. Steve

Synergy Faith Formation News & Events

YOUTH FORMATION

9:15 am - 10:30 am

Edge K—7

April 14th

3rd Grade Retreat

April 21st

8:15 am-12:00 pm

OCIA

April 14th & 21st

ADULT FORMATION

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Walking With Purpose

April 17th & 24th

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.eriercd.org/childprotection/ to learn the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese.

MOVIE MATINEE

Join Jennifer May 13th at 2:00 pm at Holy Redeemer for Paul: Apostle of Christ. Luke risks his life to visit Paul, who is captive in a Roman prison under Nero's rule. Together, they struggle against a determined emperor and the frailties of the human spirit to live out the Gospel and spread the message to the world. Popcorn and drinks served. Don't miss it!

HOSTING DIOCESAN EVENT

On April 27th we welcome Lifeteen Ministries and the Diocese of Erie Faith Formation team for a training on new Confirmation programming and High School Small Group Ministry Training. If you are interested in leading a small group (6-8 young people) for a few times a month, please contact Jennifer Wortman at: jenniferwortman7400@gmail.com. You won't regret joining our awesome faith formation team! Email her today!

FIRST EUCHARIST

Students are getting excited for reception of the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time. Please keep them in your prayers as they retreat on April 21st and celebrate First Eucharist Masses on April 27th and May 4th and 5th. May they always know the gift of the Mass in their lives.

SCUBA VBS

Vacation Bible School is months away but preparations have begun! We are in need of styrofoam balls of all sizes; brown coffee liners; two-toned cupcake papers; old crusty paint roller liners or new ones; candy deco eyes and gift cards (Amazon, Wal Mart, Lowes), Thank you for your generosity.



WELCOME SPRING

DIRECTORY

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday
8:30 AM–12:30 PM & 1:30 PM–4:00 PM
Friday 8:30 AM–12:30 PM

Parish Office 814-723-4222 / Fax: 814-726-3361
Faith Formation 814-723-4222
Rectory 814-726-3360
Center or T/K Room Reservation 814-723-4222

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Joseph (Pre K - Grade 6) 814-723-2030

MASS SCHEDULE**WEEKEND**

Saturday Evening 4:30 PM (Holy Redeemer)
Sunday 8:15 AM (Holy Redeemer)
Sunday 11:00 AM (St. Anthony)

WEEKDAY

Monday 7:00 PM (Holy Redeemer)
Tuesday 9:00 AM (St. Anthony)
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7:00 AM (Holy Redeemer)

HOLY DAY

Holy Redeemer See Mass listings
St. Anthony See Mass listings

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (Holy Redeemer)
Monday 5:30 PM-6:30 PM (Holy Redeemer)
Friday 6:30 AM-6:55 AM (Holy Redeemer)
Or on request.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

After the 7:00 AM Mass until 12:00 PM

FIRST SATURDAY ADORATION

After the 7:30 AM Mass until 12:15 PM

BAPTISMS: Upon request: Pre-baptismal instruction is provided.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

VISITS/SACRAMENTS TO THE SICK: Please notify the parish office if anyone is in the hospital, ill at home or unable to attend Mass.



Handicapped entrance and parking located on Russell Street.

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Offertory Collection

Easter Sunday \$7,456.00

April 6th & 7th \$4,983.59

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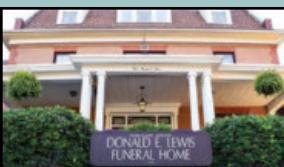
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