

3rd Sunday
OF EASTER

"You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:48

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April 18, 2021

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

- 8:30 am-12:00 pm - 1:00 pm-5:00 pm (M - Th)
- 8:30 am-12:00 pm-1:00 pm-3:30 pm (F)
- Closed Saturday, Sunday & Holidays

MASS SCHEDULE

- Weekdays *8:00 am M-F
- 5:15 pm M-Th
- Saturday Vigil..... 4:30 pm
- Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 am. & 6:00 pm
- *Except for school Masses usually on Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:30 am.*

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MASS SCHEDULE

- The night before..... 5:15 pm
- The day of*8:30 am & 7:00 pm
- *8:00 am if no school*

CONFESSIONS

- Saturdays 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

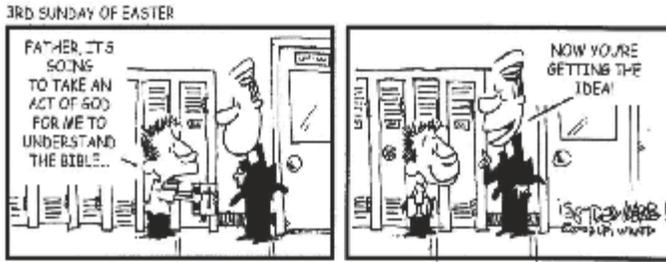
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins after morning Mass to 4:30 pm every first Friday.
To sign-up, please contact Judy Krasnesky at 454-1634.

St. Luke Parish is a Catholic Community of believers who strives to be welcoming, evangelistic, and of service so that all may experience the love of Jesus Christ.

PARISH STAFF

- Pastor* Rev. John P. Malthaner
- Senior Associate* Rev. John J. Murphy
- Deacons* Rev. Dr. Richard Shewman
- Rev. Mr. Glenn Kuzma
- Faith Formation Director* Sr. Carmen Maldonado, SSC
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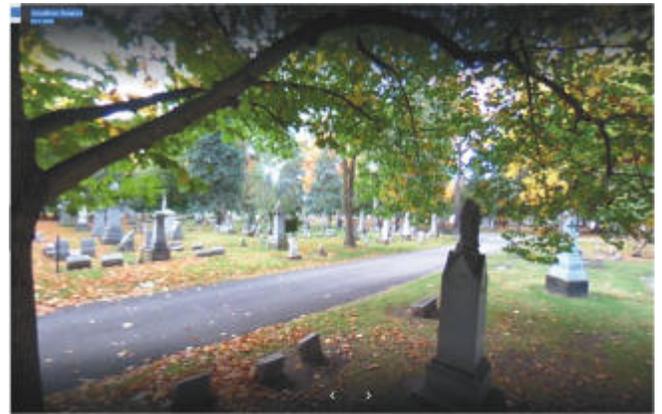
THE SUNDAY SMILE:



PASTOR'S DESK

A quote I read some time ago that stays with me is as follows: "The created universe is all about glory. The deepest longing of the human heart and the deepest meaning of Heaven and earth are summed up in this...the glory of God. The universe was made to show it and we were made to see it and to savor it."

Last weekend I had the pleasure of taking a walk at the peninsula and yesterday a walk through the Erie Cemetery. In both instances I found myself revisiting the above quote. What I discovered is that when I look at the beauty of nature around me *with eyes that yearn to see the glory of God*, I notice nuances, colors, shapes, smells, and distinctive features that could easily be missed if I was too busy thinking of what needed to be done next. It is good for us to take time, or should I say *make time* to enjoy what God has given to us in sharing His gift of creation. As humans, we realize that we are but a mere speck in the vastness of the universe. It does seem to make us exceedingly small. But let us turn this thought to positive. We need to remember that we should not place so much emphasis on how small we are, but rather we should spend time meditating on how powerful and immense God truly is. And...we should never forget the love God has for us that He would choose to create us in His image and give to us a key role in the



outcome of His plan of salvation. And...we should praise God daily not only for loving us enough to create us in His image, but then to become a "speck" Himself as a human being.

As the Letter to the Church in Colossae states, "For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and are on earth, visible and invisible. All things were created through Him and for Him." (Colossians 1:16) Let us dissect this quote for a moment. Clearly the operative word is "all." For by God ALL things were created that are in heaven and are on earth... ALL things were created through Him and for Him. If ALL things were created through Him and for Him, including us...then we must look at life with eyes that yearn to see the glory of God. We must *make time* to enjoy what God has given to us in sharing His gift of creation. This includes other human beings as well (which unfortunately can become the created gift we most often take for granted).

Making time is of the essence. Taking a breath from our schedules and taking a step back from ourselves gives the necessary space our mind, heart and spirit desperately needs. The key is to then fill that space with prayer, asking Jesus to help us look around with eyes that yearn to see the glory of God, and savor the moment into which we enter.

As the weather begins to get warmer, take time, I mean, *make time* to get out when possible and walk or bike or drive to or around that place you call special...and let our Lord help you to notice things that you may have missed before. The universe was indeed made to show the glory of God, and we are made to see it and savor it.

Peace,
Fr. John



ST. LUKE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collections as of April 11, 2021

Monthly Electronic Contributions	\$4,725.00
Sunday 04/04/2021	\$6,269.18
Sunday 04/11/2021	\$10,144.27
Sunday 04/18/2021	\$
Sunday 04/25/2021	\$
Total Monthly Collection to Date.....	\$21,138.45

Thank you to those who contribute to St. Luke Church and the special collections, including the Food Pantry, School, Flowers and the Diocesan special collections that help our neighbors both near and far.

DISPENSATION from the obligation to attend Sunday and holy day Masses remains in place. Do not feel as if you must come to Mass if you are not ready to attend public worship. If you stay home, **please continue to join us as we celebrate with Fr. John Sunday Mass each week on our parish website, www.stlukeerie.org; our parish Facebook at www.facebook.com/lukealive and our parish app. The Mass will be live-streamed on Facebook at 4:30 pm every Saturday and will be available throughout the week for your convenience.**

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS - Child Abuse Prevention Month: It is vitally important that we are constantly vigilant concerning the behaviors of those who interact with children. And we must always communicate our concerns to the appropriate parties. Sometimes this means communicating our safety concerns to our children. And sometimes this means communicating our concerns about seemingly inappropriate behavior to those who are in a position to intervene. Parents must also listen carefully to their children and observe both their children's activities and the behavior of older children and adults who interact with them. When children exhibit dramatic behavioral changes, adults must find out what caused the changes. Being aware of what's happening with our children means talking to, listening to, and observing them - at every opportunity. *For particular questions you may call: **Cindy Zemcik, Coordinator for the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth in the Diocese of Erie at 814-824-1195.***

THE STATUES OF MARY AND JOSEPH will be absent from the sanctuary area beginning Tuesday, April 20. They are being restored to their original wooden beauty.

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

After Mary, the Mother of God, no saint is mentioned more frequently in the papal magisterium than Joseph, her spouse. My (Pope Francis') Predecessors reflected on the message contained in the limited information handed down by the Gospels in order to appreciate more fully his central role in the history of salvation. Blessed Pius IX declared him "Patron of the Catholic Church," Venerable Pius XII proposed him as "Patron of Workers " and Saint John Paul II as "Guardian of the Redeemer." Saint Joseph is universally invoked as the "patron of a happy death."

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS is next weekend, April 24 & 25.**

Retired priests of the Diocese of Erie receive a monthly pension from the Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund and if they participated in Social Security another smaller monthly check. They use their pension for basic needs, such as food, housing and transportation. The skyrocketing cost for medical services, prescription drugs, long-term care and gaps in Medicare coverage have resulted in some of these priests over the years exhausting their savings for expenses of health care and absolute essentials. Thus, there is a pressing need to support those priests with supplementary assistance with their expenses for non-insured medical costs and long-term care costs. As the number of retired priests increases, the Priest Retirement Plan needs to grow to meet their future needs. 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 in your mailed packet or a plain envelope with "Good Shepherd Collection" written on the front.

CRS RICE BOWLS - Sixty percent of all Rice Bowl contributions support CRS' humanitarian and development programs overseas, providing life-saving assistance and hope to our sisters and brothers around the world. The remaining 40 percent stays in our diocese to support local hunger and poverty prevention programs. Please remember to return your Rice Bowl to the church office as soon as possible.



March 8, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In 2007, the Diocese of Erie established the **Good Shepherd Collection** so that parishioners can show their appreciation and love for their priests – those already retired and those who will follow them in the years to come.

In our parishes countless lives have changed because of these good and holy priests. They were with us every step of the way, celebrating baptisms, witnessing marriage vows and presiding at the funerals of loved ones. Now it is our turn to help those priests who have ministered to our spiritual needs. As the number of retired priests increases, so does the challenge and responsibility to care for them. Although they may be "retired," many remain active, providing sacramental ministry in parishes.

The response to the annual Good Shepherd Collection has been one of overwhelming generosity by you, the people of the Diocese! It tells me that you love these priests who have devoted their entire priesthood to God and to you. The Good Shepherd Collection provides for them in their retirement years. The income generated from this annual collection assists with needed funds toward their care and health related expenses and revenue for the Retirement Pension Plan for them and the priests who serve you now.

Contributions for the "**Good Shepherd Collection**" can be made the weekend of April 24-25 at your parish, or online anytime at: www.ErieRCD.org. Every contribution is greatly appreciated and will make a difference in the lives of our priests. This collection should not be confused with the Retirement Fund for Religious, which is taken in December for sisters, brothers and priests belonging to religious orders. That collection does not benefit our diocesan priests.

Please pray for all the priests of our Diocese on Good Shepherd Sunday. May we be blessed with more seminarians willing to respond to the call of the Lord to priesthood. Our priests join me in thanking you for your kindness and generosity, especially toward our retired priests through this annual **Good Shepherd Collection**.

May the joy of the Risen Christ fill your hearts and homes this Easter Season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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

APRIL'S YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

St. Luke Youth Group is open to any student in grades 5 through 8. We are very excited to welcome you all back and put in place some guidelines to ensure everyone's safety. Everyone attending **MUST** wear a mask and temperatures will be taken in order to assure the health and wellbeing of others. Youth Group will look a little different as we will be rearranging the space in order to maintain social distancing. Additionally, all surfaces will be cleaned before and after youth group as a precaution. Finally, a hand sanitizer station will be set up for everyone to utilize. Please feel free to reach out to Abbie Harrington with any questions or concerns at ae12@outlook.com.

April 18th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm will be a Field Day! Students should come wearing play clothes and sneakers for a night of active fun! We will play lots of classic field day games like kickball, relay races and obstacle courses. Games will be played outside and inside the gym. Please RSVP to ae12@outlook.com by April 17th if you plan on attending so I can ensure we have enough players for these games to be a success.



**TAKE CARE OF
OUR EARTH**

April 25th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm will be focused on Caring for God's Creation in honor of Earth Day (April 22nd). God, in gifting everyone all of creation has given us so much to enjoy from the flowers in our yards to our beloved pets to the fresh veggies on our tables. We are called as Christians to do our part in taking care of all that God has gifted us on this earth, but the big question is how? At this youth group, we will discuss what it means and looks like to be "good stewards" or caretakers of God's creation through games, activities and prayer. We will even be making something special that will help to care for some of God's creatures in our own backyards.



BAPTISM - With joy we welcome into the Family of God and the Family of St. Luke, **John Ryan**, son of **Ryan and Melissa Bergquist**. We extend our love and best wishes, and may God continue to pour out His blessings upon him, his parents and godparents.

A MEMORIAL DONATION to St. Luke Church, in loving memory of **James Metzler**, was received from Ev Finnecy.

THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered to cook, prepare takeout boxes and/or gave a monetary donation for the Sunday Supper that was held on April 11 at the First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Erie. We are truly amazed and grateful for everyone who responded to this ministry. We are so blessed to be part of the St. Luke family. Sincerely, Liz and Brenda



Please pray for the soul of **Connie Myers**, mother of parishioner Debbie Myers, who passed away this past week. Our sympathy is extended to her family.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Hail,
Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted
his only Son;
In you Mary placed her trust;
With you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
Show yourself a father
And guide us in
the path of life.
Obtain for us grace,
mercy and courage,
And defend us from every evil.

Amen

MASS SCHEDULE



SATURDAY, APRIL 17

4:30 †Mabel Muck (The Stormer Family)

SUNDAY, APRIL 18 (The Third Sunday of Easter)

9:00 †Mark Jaskiewicz, II (Mark & Ann Jaskiewicz)

11:30 †Dianne D'Annibale (Husband & Family)

6:00 Mass for the People

MONDAY, APRIL 19

8:00 †James Berdis (Diane & Mike Fisher)

5:15 †Martha Stevens (Kyle Stevens)

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

8:00 †Chester & Glenn Chojnacki (Wife & Mother, Rita)

5:15 †Matthew & Audrey Grandalski (All the Kids)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21 (St. Anselm)

8:30 †Mark Lyons (George & Mary Bartko)

5:15 †Eva Schaaf (Jeanne Schaaf & Family)

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

8:00 †Mary Ann Harrington (Sue & Jerry Verga)

5:15 †Lori Gealey (Margaret Kuzma)

FRIDAY, APRIL 23 (Sts. George & Adalbert)

8:30 †Bob Potalivo (Ed & Brenda Pasko)

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

4:30 †(Birth) Genevieve Myers (Sally Meister)

SUNDAY, APRIL 25 (The Fourth Sunday of Easter)

9:00 †(Anniv) Arlene Webb (Darlene & Jim Feeney)

11:30 †(Birth) Jane Lyons (The Stephen Habursky Family)

6:00 Mass for the People



The sanctuary candle is burning this week in honor of the Blessed Sacrament and in loving memory of Tony Lackovic from his wife, Terry Lackovic.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

(You are RESPONSIBLE to find your own sub)

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

4:30 Elizabeth Northern

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

9:00 Caitlin Dugan

11:30 Kaydence Weitzel

6:00 Joseph Agnello



SATURDAY, APRIL 24

4:30 Addyson Ramsey

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

9:00 Morgan Tatar

11:30 Rob Connor

6:00 Volunteer

(Thank you for your time and effort in helping with this important ministry.)

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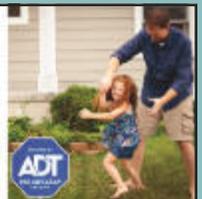


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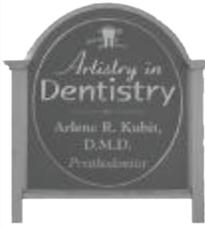
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