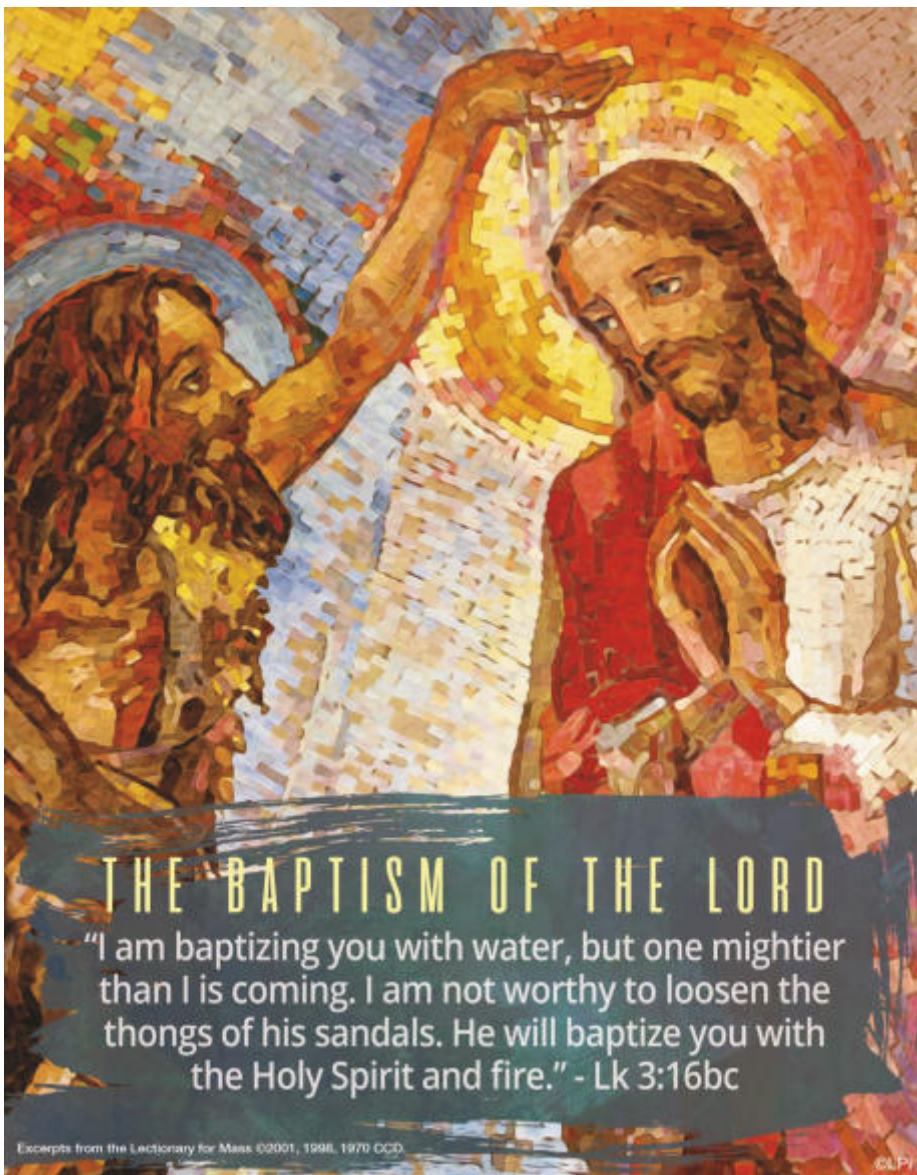
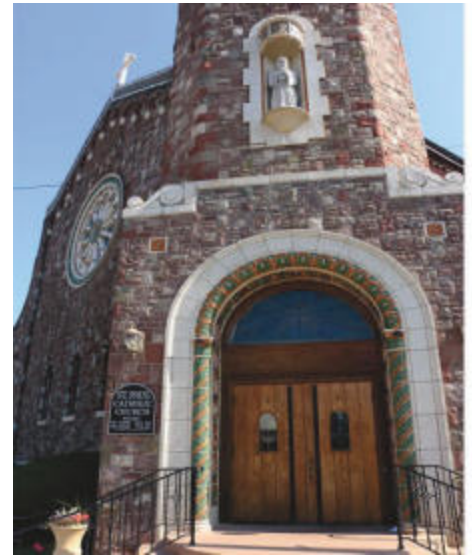
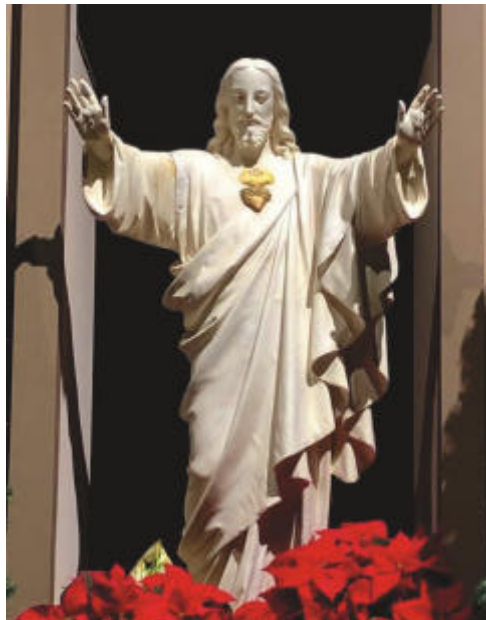
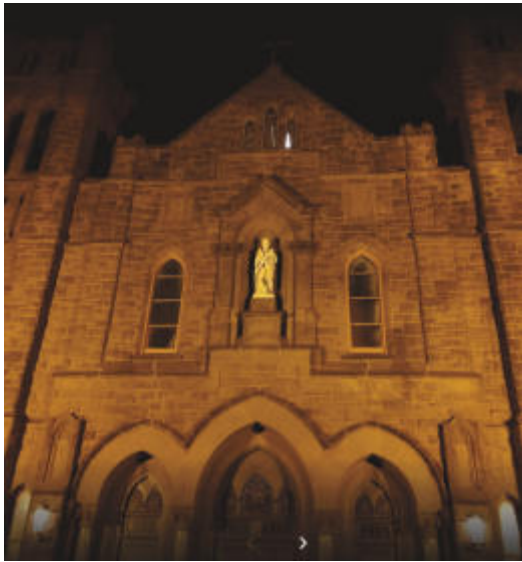


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January 9, 2022 - The Baptism of the Lord



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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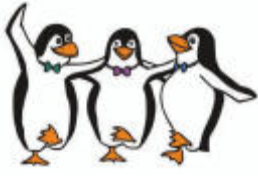
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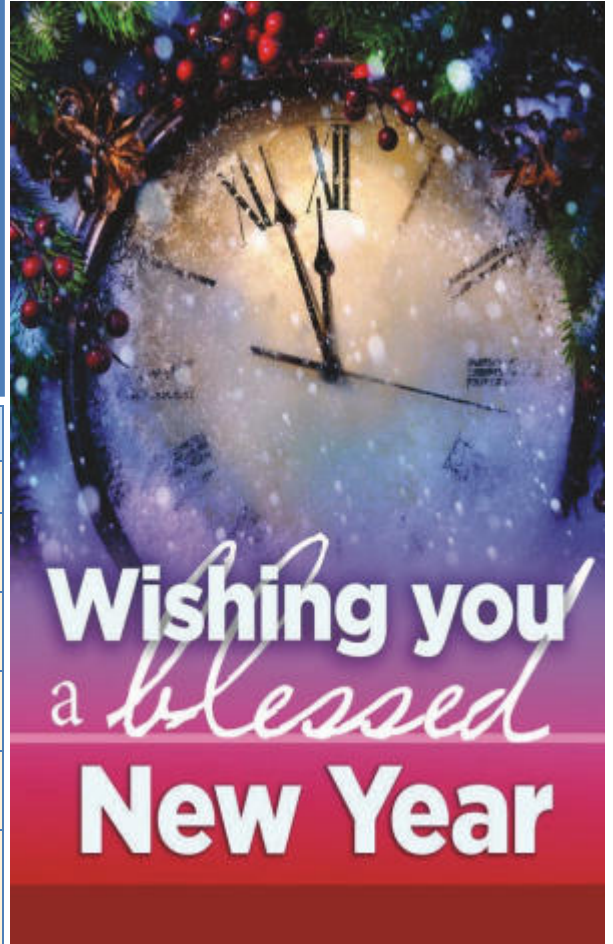
We welcome you to Sacred Heart, St. Andrew, and St. Paul churches. We pray that you find warmth and happiness here and we look forward to getting to know you. God bless you and your family. If you would like to become part of our parish family, please call the rectory at 814-456-6256 or email at triparish.secretary816@gmail.com
We're glad you're here!

Weekend Mass and Confession Times

SATURDAY VIGIL Mass at 4:30PM at St. Paul **SUNDAY: 9:00AM** Mass at Sacred Heart (*Rosary beginning at 8:30am*)
 And **11:00AM** Mass at St. Andrew (*Rosary begins at 10:35am*)
To lead the Rosary - there is a sign-up sheet on the lectern by the piano.

Confessions are available on Saturdays at 3:30PM at St. Paul OR after the 9am Mass at Sacred Heart & 11AM Mass at St. Andrew's. OR call Fr. Mark at the rectory to make an appointment.

ALL DAILY MASSES are IN PERSON: 8:30AM, (M, W, T, F) at Sacred Heart or watch on YouTube at [Parish Partnership Information](#)



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Date	Intention	Remembered by:
Mon, Jan 10 8:30 AM	Joseph Sciamanda	Debbie & Dave Sciamanda
Wed, Jan 12 8:30AM	Sean Glover	John & Carolyn Ehrman
Thurs, Jan 13 8:30 AM	Eleanor Fuhrman	Family
Fri, Jan 14 8:30 AM	Brian Miller	Patti Miller
Sat, Jan 15 & Sun, Jan 16	Betty Grant- Mary May Audrey Vieira- Charlotte Prez Mass for the People	

Please pray for the friends and family of...



~Jeanne Matson, mother of Earl and John Matson
 ~Fred Michael DeLuca

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

This week the Sanctuary Candles will burn in memory of:

(SH) Nick Sivillo, Jr.- Patrick J. DiPaolo Memorial Scholarship Fund

(SA) Elizabeth "Betty" Farrell- Charlie Farrell

How do I request a memorial for a loved one at church? Call the parish secretary at 814-456-6256 for available dates. The donation is \$20 for a candle, \$25 for Bread & Wine Memorial, and \$10 for a Mass.

What will you do this year?

To Be Happy in 2022...
 LET GO of what's gone.
 BE GRATEFUL for what remains.
 LOOK FORWARD to what's on the way.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

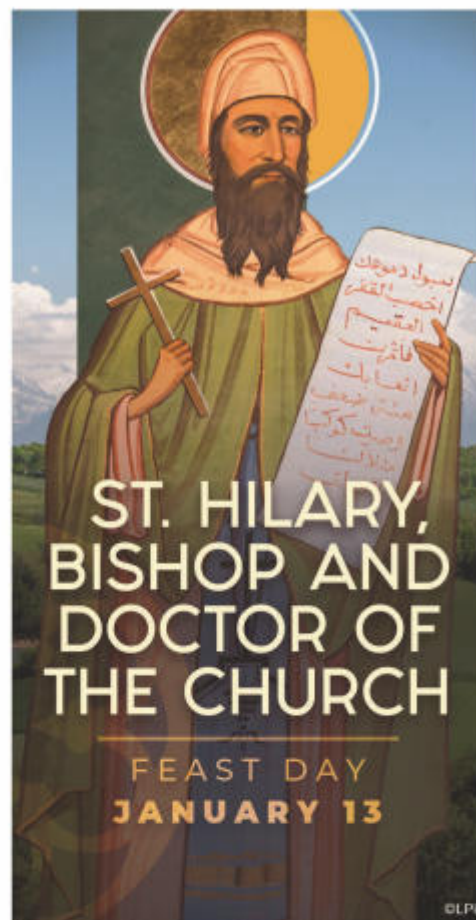
Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.



MASS TIMES: January 15 & 16

SATURDAY– St. Paul at 4:30PM

LECTOR: Mary May

SUNDAY– Sacred Heart at 9:00 AM

LECTOR: Diane Wisinski

EM: Tara Eaton, John Last, Lisa Priestap

SUNDAY-St. Andrew at 11:00 AM

LECTOR: Judy Cassano EM: Barb Kozen

USHERS: James Strazisar, Mark Maloney, Dominic Sansone

SUNDAY COLLECTION COUNTERS:

SACRED HEART & ST. PAUL: Jones/Malthaner Team

ST. ANDREW: Terry & Wingerter

Thank you ALL for your time and devotion to these ministries!



SACRED HEART CLEANING TEAM

Saturday, January 15: TEAM 5

Jay & Earl Mittelmeier

Thank you!!!

FOOD PANTRY TIMES:

Sacred Heart: Every Tues 9-10AM

St. Andrew: Every other Tues

(Jan 4 & 18): 1 to 4 PM

St. Paul : Every Tues 9:30- 10:30AM



St. Andrew Thirty-One Club

Daily listing Sunday to Saturday:

9-Carol Hoffman 10-Mary May

11-Michael & Jean Malthaner 12-Dee Hulsinger

13-Barb Kuhn 14-Dorothy Kaliszewski

15-Lisa Gleason

*Special thanks to the members of the 31 Club who agree to go to Mass and/or offer prayers on a particular day every month for an increase of vocations to the Church. **Pray for vocations.***



Sacrificial Giving
Thank you for your generous support of our United Catholic Community!

Offertory	12/19/2021	Weekly Expenses
Sacred Heart	\$7,582.59	\$6,888.00
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St. Paul	\$1,497.62	\$3,281.00

Christmas Flower Donation from Mrs. Letitia Skrzypczak

Hats & Gloves & Scarves, Oh My!
Kinship Ministry Collection

500 years ago, St. Rose of Lima wrote "When we serve the poor and sick, we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbors because in them we serve Jesus." Those words are still true today. There are numerous agencies in Erie that are trying to address the needs of the sick and poor in our community. One of those agencies is the Erie City Mission. During the month of January, we will be **collecting men's, women's and children's winter hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and individual sized personal care items** for distribution at the Mission. This distribution is part of our recycled plastic bag ministry and mirrors the collection that we concluded 2 years ago with the Erie police department. The ministry will be setting up outside the Mission a couple of times during the month of January where they will distribute the bags we weave and asking those present if they need any of the aforementioned items. Items may be placed in the box under the Holy Family statue at Sacred Heart Church or dropped off at the church office. The Kinship ministry is striving to broaden our work across the city of Erie.



Mark your calendars for...

WHAT? BAG MAT MINISTRY!!

WHEN? January 22nd from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

WHERE? in the Sacred Heart Auditorium

WHY? the first meeting of the Bag Mat Ministry of 2022!!



We need any available hands to learn the craft of turning plastic shopping bags into usable sturdy totes to load with items that we distribute to the needy in our community! *No prior skills are really needed* as we will teach the steps like flattening, stacking, cutting, looping, and yes even crocheting the strips of plastic into tote bags!! We will have everything needed for you to learn but if you have your own rotary cutter and/or pair of scissors please bring them along!! Please consider stopping anytime from 1 - 2:30 and stay for as long as you like. It's super fun! We look forward to coming together as a tri-parish family to help meet the needs of our community!! Any questions or concerns call Sharon Bond at (814) 450- 7748!! Thanks and God Bless!!!!



We welcome Eliana Grace Zeitler and her family. Eliana was baptized at St. Andrew's on January 8, 2022 and she is the granddaughter of Sara Lichtenwalter. Many Blessings and Congratulations!

GOOD NEWS ABOUT ST. ANDREW
Sunday, JANUARY 9, 2022-Meeting
NOON - Mary Arundel Hall

Come and share ideas to sustain and grow historic Saint Andrew Parish in Erie's West Bayfront.



50/50s on sale-Mike Lombardoizzi Fund Raiser

The Knights of Columbus of St. Andrew and St. Andrew Parish are selling 50/50 Raffle tickets to benefit Mike "Lombo" Lombardoizzi. You can help by buying some 50/50s with proceeds going to the Lombardoizzi Family. ***If you did not receive tickets in the mail or need more, please contact any St. Andrew K of C Knight and we'll get the tickets to you.*** Tickets are available after the 11AM Mass and are \$1 each and will continue until the drawing on February 6, 2022 during the "Salisbury Steak Dinner" honoring Mike.

AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS for FEBRUARY 6, 2022
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*Dear Sacred Heart Church Family,*

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*Your presence, prayers, and gifts are a blessing to Community of Caring and help us change the world with love, one caring act a time.*

*I am so grateful for your generous donation of food items. It is thoughtful and much appreciated! May you feel God come near during this special holiday season.*

*Love, Jean—Community of Caring*

**The Knights of Columbus, St. Andrew Council**

*"Calling all men of St. Andrew Parish."*

The Knights are in need of new members. The Knight's goal is to support the needs of the parish. If this is something you would like to be a part of please contact Grand Knight, Tom Klemm, 814-323-5222; Deputy Grand Knight, Tim Sexauer, 720-775-9986; Fin Sec, Pat Nenzo, 814-812-4238. We look forward to making our Council a stronger one.



**Parish Fundraiser**

**Grocery Card Fund Raiser**

Grocery Cards are available for Tops in \$20, \$50, and \$100 amounts, and Giant Eagle in \$25, \$50, or \$100 amounts right here at Sacred Heart.

You can use these cards at Tops and Giant Eagle for groceries, prescriptions, gas, and whatever else you buy at these supermarkets.

And they make great gifts. Who doesn't like groceries or needs gas money?

Grocery Cards are for sale at Sacred Heart Church after Sunday's 9AM Mass and at the rectory during regular office hours. (M-F, 9-3)

Or, through the mail. Send us a note/order of how many cards and what amounts. Enclose your payment and a self-addressed stamped envelope and we will process your order and send them back. Our address: 816 West 26th St, Erie, PA 16508.

And this program is available 12 months a year.

Here's the best part-it's a fund raiser for the parish. The more cards we sell, the more bonus funds we get in return!

So, before you go shopping at Tops or Giant Eagle, buy your grocery cards first. Make it a New Year's resolution. Thank you for your support!



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## DEACON DABBLINGS...

I love you. You're perfect. **NOW CHANGE!**  
(Or, why do I have to kneel after the Lamb of God?)

*I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* is the title of a musical comedy that premiered on Broadway in 1996 and ran for over 5000 performances. My wife and I attended this Production many years ago and to this day we can't help but laugh about the changes that take place in a couple's life from first date to the final years of life.

The phrase appears to be an oxymoron in that if you consider someone or something to be perfect, why should they or it change? What the theme of this musical is telling us however, is that at different stages of our lives there are people or events that we love and are perfect for us but as we mature and circumstances change, matters that we considered perfect are no longer perfect and in fact can become an obstacle to our growth.

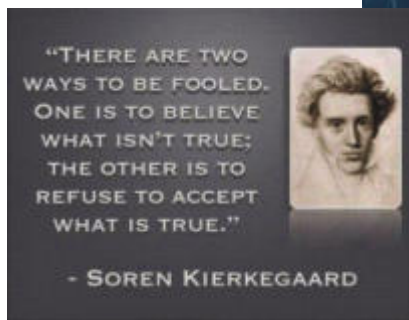
From 1570 when The Council of Trent organized the Latin Mass until 1965, (almost 400 years) when Vatican II made dramatic changes to the Liturgy, I would have to think that the consensus among the Church leaders regarding the Mass was, I love you, you're perfect, don't change! Of course, Vatican II thought differently and for the past 56 years, the revised (I love you, you're perfect, don't change), liturgical practice has become the norm.

But as stated above, as circumstances change, adjustments need to be made and although seemingly minor, the way we present ourselves after the Lamb of God and after receiving Holy Communion has changed from standing to kneeling. As we kneel, we acknowledge that Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist, and we kneel down in worship before Him. Below is a directive from the diocese.

"After nine years of episcopal ministry in the Diocese of Erie, observing parish customs and the practices of people, Bishop Persico has determined now is an appropriate time for all of us to return to the practice that most dioceses in the United States employ. After the Lamb of God, the people will kneel. Once the people return after receiving Holy Communion, they may kneel or be seated. This restored practice is intended to help to unify posture throughout the Diocese of Erie, place us in greater harmony with the Church throughout the United States, lessen confusion, and assist those parishioners who are unable to stand for long periods of time. In situations where the people are unable to kneel, they may sit instead."

I hope this clarifies any confusion that this new directive may have caused. These instructions are not intended to bewilder the faithful but to give us a better understanding of why we do certain things and to unify the way we worship.

*Peace of Christ,  
Deacon Tony*



### 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Pro-Life Breakfast

Saturday, January 15, 2022-Erie Bayfront Convention Center  
Special Guest Speaker Rachel Bovard  
Reservations should be made by January 10 at the latest.  
Adults and Teens: \$20 /Ages 3-12: \$12 /Younger kids are free  
Complimentary child care will be available after breakfast.  
For more information or to register, visit [www.peopleforlife.org/january2022](http://www.peopleforlife.org/january2022)  
Bishop Lawrence Persico, Congressman Mike Kelly, and state Senator Michele Brooks will each speak briefly.  
Music will be provided by Brandon Fox Worship.

### 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Bus Trip to the March for Life in Washington, DC.

Buses leave Erie at 11 p.m. on January 20 and return at approximately 1:30 a.m. on January 22.  
The March for Life will officially get underway at noon on Jan 21 with the traditional Rally on the National Mall.  
Bus seats are \$60, but sponsorship assistance is available.  
Payments can be made by cash, check or credit card, in person, over the phone or online at <https://peopleforlife.org/january2022/bustrip2022.html>.

### Erie March for Life

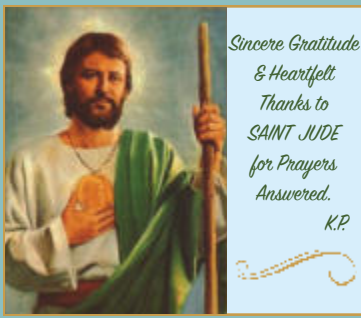
Saturday, January 29, 2022—11AM  
Arrive at Perry Square Pavilion in downtown Erie by 10:45 am  
The event concludes by 12:30 p.m.  
Gannon Students for Life will be among the participants, and their President and Vice President will be among the speakers. This is a permitted march with police supervision.

### Marriage and Family Life Office is hosting an Engagement Encounter weekend this January 28-30, 2022

a restful retreat to provide engaged couples the tools for a happy, holy, and lasting marriage. Here's what folks have loved in the past: Time as a couple to focus on their relationship, a community that prays and has fun together, a non-judgmental atmosphere. Learn more or register at <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>. We would love to welcome you this January!

### Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

**Online Gaming:** 72% of teens, both male and female (ages 13-17) play video games. More than half of those teens said they have made new friends online. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children analysis of Cyber Tipline reports has found that gaming platforms are more often used in the online enticement of young boys than any other group of children. It is important for parents to talk to their child about safety in online gaming. Some important questions to ask are: Have you ever been cyberbullied while gaming? Do you know what information is OK to share about yourself while gaming? Has anyone talked about sex while you were gaming or asked you to send pictures of yourself? If your child answers yes, report the matter to law enforcement. Visit [www.eriercd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/) for additional resources.



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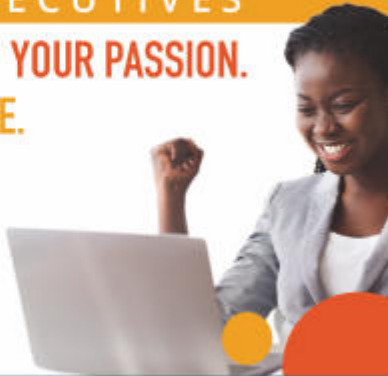
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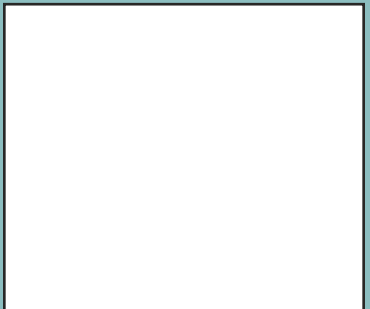
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