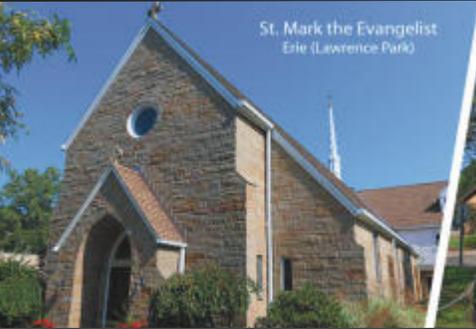
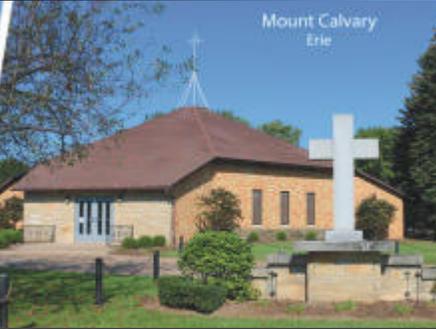


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Erie (Lawrence Park)



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Erie

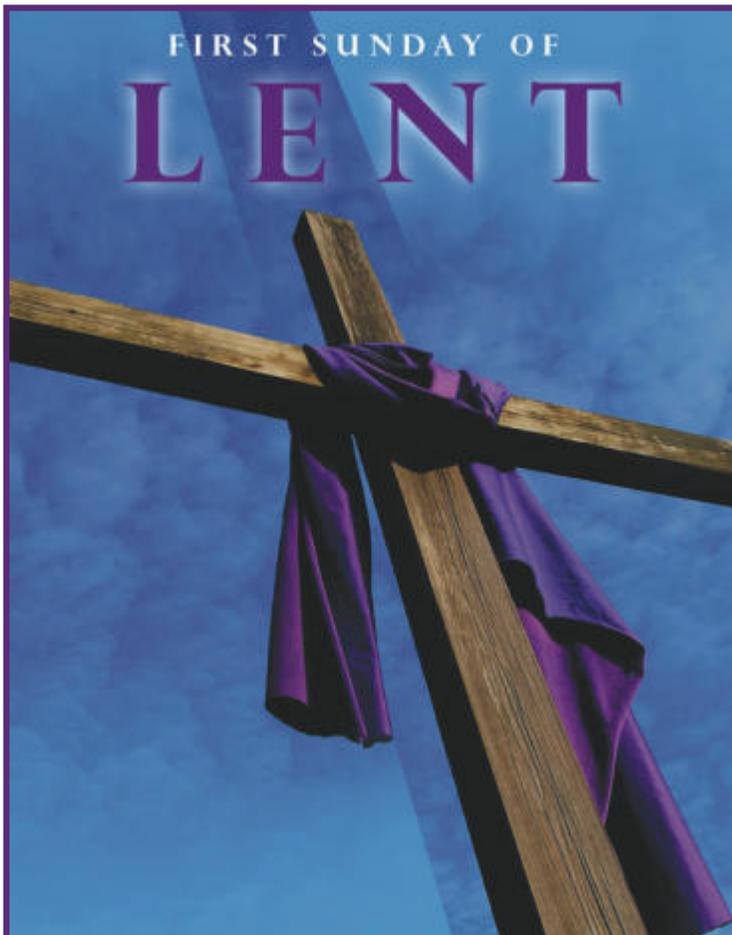


FEBRUARY 21, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church  
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## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY:**

4:30 pm at St. Mark Church

**SUNDAY:**

8:45 am at Mount Calvary Church

10:30 am at St. Mark Church

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

**WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY**

8:00 am at St. Mark Church

12:10 pm at Mount Calvary Church

**\*CONFESSIONS** by appointment only\*

*Mass Live streamed at 10:30 am every Sunday on Facebook*

**Website:** [www.StMarkMtCalvary.Church](http://www.StMarkMtCalvary.Church)

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*Fr. Tom Trocchio*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In today's gospel Jesus makes his first public appearance calling out to his fellow Galileans: "Repent and believe in the gospel."

Remember, that for thirty years Jesus had lived unobtrusively in Galilee. No one paid any special attention to him. He was simply "the carpenter's son."

Recall also that Jesus had left Galilee to be baptized in Judea in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. While praying after the baptism the sky opens, a dove appears and he hears the words "You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased." Jesus spends forty days in the desert "unpacking" his experience — driven by the Spirit.

Then returning to Galilee Jesus boldly proclaims God's new call to Jews: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel" Jesus announces that Jews can no longer be faithful to God's covenant simply by following God's revelation to Moses on Mount Sinai and observing the Torah. God is calling the Jews to "repent" and to observe the path he now preaches.

Peter's letter unabashedly echoes Jesus' call. Yes, Christ was indeed put to death, but now he has been miraculously resurrected through the Spirit and he now saves us through the waters of baptism. Peter reminded his readers of that earlier covenant God established after the flood with Noah and his sons. Never again will God destroy all bodily creatures. God gives the rainbow as the sign of this covenant. Just as Noah had been saved from the waters of the flood so now we who respond to Christ's call will be saved by the waters of baptism.

His audience is taken aback. Could any Jew ever have imagined this new moment in their history! Jews are called to "repent" -- to turn away from their previous path -- and to turn toward the path now proclaimed by Jesus.

The Jews faced a momentous decision.

We Christians this first Sunday of Lent also face a momentous decision. Will we heed the words spoken to us on Ash Wednesday when we received ashes: "Repent and believe in the gospel." Are we willing to reexamine the depths of our heart and probe our fidelity to the new covenant presented by Jesus? Are we willing to examine attitudes that have consciously or unconsciously arisen from our materialistic and individualistic culture regarding material prosperity and career fulfillment, relationships and sexual gratification, indifference to the needy and marginalized, callousness regarding the environment?

Lent is much more than simply giving up a few favorite indulgences. It is an invitation for total renewal of our hearts. Our hearts will be renewed to the degree we open them to God, seek God's grace, turn way from our sins and embrace the good news proclaimed by Jesus. We pray with the psalmist:

"Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;  
teach me your paths,  
Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are my God and savior."

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Tom



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22-28, 2021**

Mon. February 22: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19  
 Tues. February 23: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15  
 Wed. February 24: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32  
 Thurs. February 25: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12  
 Fri. February 26: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26  
 Sat. February 27: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48  
 Sun. February 28: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10



**Wed. February 24**

8:00 (SM) Florence Whipple (Annie Bool & family)  
 12:10 (MC) Louis Spizarny (wife & children)

**Thurs. February 25**

8:00 (SM) John Nowakowski (John & Irene Abbate)  
 12:10 (MC)

**Fri. February 26**

8:00 (SM)  
 12:10 (MC)

**Sat. February 27**

4:30 (SM) Leona Fitzgerald (Marycatherine Major)

**Sun. February 28**

8:45 (MC) For the deceased memebtrs of St. Mark & Mt. Calvary Parishes  
 10:30 (SM) Francis Catherine (St. Mark Ushers)

**Family Perspective**

Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This Lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors ‘bug’ you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to MEND and FORGIVE!

**Marriage Moments**

"Yeah, you won," said the irate wife to her husband, "and now you get to live with the loser."  
 - Retrouvaille leader on why win/win outcomes are a better way to resolve disagreements.

**Sign Interpreted Mass for the Deaf – Erie, PA**

A Sign Interpreted Mass for the Deaf is held every Sunday at 11:00AM at St. Joseph/Bread of Life Community Church, 147 West 24th St., Erie, PA.

**SANCTUARY CANDLES BURNING THIS WEEK**

**At St. Mark Church:**

In loving memory of Cathy Angelucci  
 -husband, Bob

**At Mt. Calvary Church:**

In loving memory of Fran Farabaugh  
 -family

CONFIRMATION RETREAT 2021

*You are Chosen*

**Details**

- Sunday February 21st @ 9-2pm
- Meet at St. Mark the Evangelist Social Hall
- Mask and Social distancing will be followed
- Bring an open heart, journal, and pen!

Fellowship  
 Guest Speakers  
 Small Group



*Our Prayers and Sympathies to the family and friends of*

† Warren Leone †

† Hank Bujalski †

*May Warren & Hank rest in God's Eternal Peace.*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- February 22: Marisa Carpenter
- February 23: Madison Blair
- February 25: Jean Bleil, Alexandria Miller, Catherine Parker
- February 27: Daniel Grochilski, Roni Harrison, Judy Picheco
- February 28: Mary Downing

## Happy Anniversary

- February 25: Rob & Laura Sanford
- February 29: John & Denise Janis



Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Fish & Pierogi  
Drive Thru Dinner

4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

- Friday, February 26th (Deadline to order Feb. 23rd at noon)
- Friday, March 12th (Deadline to order Mar. 9th at noon)
- Friday, March 26th (Deadline to order Mar. 23rd at noon)

Order & prepay online at [www.olmc-erie.org](http://www.olmc-erie.org)  
 Fish Dinner (3 pieces)  
 Pierogi Dinner (2 pieces)  
 Combo (2 fish & 1 pierogi)  
 All meals come with two sides, roll & ice cream.

# Jr. High Retreat 2021

- Please bring a journal and a pen!!*
- Details**
- Sunday February 28th from 9-1pm
  - Our Lady of Mercy Church
  - Mask and social distancing will be followed!
- Lunch is provided! (More details to come)

**Theme: Self-Esteem**

*Kindergarten thru 8th grade*

# OPEN HOUSE

## 12 TO 2pm

SUNDAY, FEB 21<sup>ST</sup> & SUNDAY, FEB 28<sup>TH</sup>

You are invited to visit one of our six campuses for an OPEN HOUSE to discover how we strive to instill in your child a strong moral character, skills for academic success and a zeal for service to others!

SUN FEB 21<sup>ST</sup> 12PM-2PM

Blessed Sacrament, St. James, St. Jude, and St. Luke

SUN FEB 28<sup>TH</sup> 12PM-2PM

Our Lady of Peace and St. George

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, school/denominational assembly may be limited.

Pre-registration is required: [www.ericatholic.org](http://www.ericatholic.org)



## Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity Partnered Parishes

# LENTEN DINNERS

[TAKE OUT ONLY]



4:00 - 7:00 PM (or until sold out)

Friday: 3/5	St. Stanislaus
Friday: 3/12	Holy Trinity
Friday: 3/19	St. Stanislaus

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## Sixth Annual Catholic Women's conference in Erie is less than one month away!

**Be a part of it!**

The name 1:38 Women is based on the theme of Luke 1:38: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." This year the theme of the conference is "BEE the ATTITUDE!", relating to Mathew 5:12 -- "Rejoice and be glad." The conference will be held on Saturday, March 20, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon and the women from our diocese will gather to pray, reflect, and be inspired in three different ways: 1. Live in-person at Our Lady of Peace Parish which is limited to 250 people and following all CDC guidelines for responsible social distancing; 2. Virtually at satellite parishes via Zoom at participating parishes to be announced on the website at [www.138women.com](http://www.138women.com); 3. Virtually via Zoom at your own home. The morning program consists of two amazing speakers, and Mass with Bishop Persico. If you attend at Our Lady of Peace or a satellite parish, you will enjoy two of our life-giving Sacraments: Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation. The event is free, and donations are accepted. For more information or to register visit [www.1:38women.com](http://www.1:38women.com) or call (814) 455-7364.



The Eighth Annual 22:32 Men's Conference is taking place on Saturday morning, February 27th. St Mark the Evangelist and Mount Calvary parishes are hosting a viewing site via ZOOM at St. Mark the Evangelist parish. You will hear talks by our bishop, Lawrence T. Persico, Father Larry Richards, founder of The Reason For Our Hope Foundation, and two nationally known speakers: Jon Leonetti and John Edwards.

The Conference begins with Mass at 8am with Fr. Tom at St Mark the Evangelist. There will be breakfast items and a light lunch served during the Conference. There is no set cost for refreshments. There will be a free will donation basket to cover the cost. Social distancing and masks are required to attend.

Cost for the Conference has been donated by The Knights of Columbus #13826 but donations are welcome.

To register or for more information, please call or email:

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*"But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail.  
And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." Luke 22:32*

The season of Lent is fast approaching and St. Mark & Mt. Calvary Parishes are excited to offer a great resource to help make this Lent a grace-filled and fruitful season. We invite you to journey with Dr. Tim Gray by signing up for FORMED Daily Lenten Reflections at [formed.org/lent](http://formed.org/lent). Each day you will receive in your inbox a short video which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your Christian life. For more information on how to sign up, visit our parish website for instructional videos at: <https://www.stmarkmtcalvary.church/formed.html>.

Lent starts February 17. Sign up today for free!  
[formed.org/lent](http://formed.org/lent)

Not yet on FORMED?

Visit <http://signup.formed.org/>.

Enter our parish's zip code or name.

Enter your name and email.

*May God bless you during this special season.*



A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. You have joined together with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Erie to share of your blessings to help advance the mission of the church. We are grateful.

If you have not yet made a commitment, it is not too late. Just drop your pledge card or envelope marked 'CSA' in the collection basket or turn it in at the parish office. Your generosity is appreciated

**Our "Ash Wednesday Soup Supper to go" was a great success! It would not have been possible without the wonderful support of the Parishes and our Community.**

**A special thank you to:**

**Carmel Campanelli, Joann Collins, Rita Kaliszewski, MaryCatherine Major, Bridget Phillip and Family, Stacey Badowski and Family, Pat Marshall, Giant Eagle and Bob Evans.**



**Through the donations of soup and bread, we were able to create 81 individual orders of the soup and bread!**

<p>Feb. 21</p> <p>8:45 AM <u>Mass</u> (MC)</p> <p>9:00 AM <u>Confirmation Retreat</u></p> <p>9:00 AM <u>Religious Education K-5th; 6-8th</u></p> <p>9:15 AM <u>First Eucharist Parent Meeting</u></p> <p>10:30 AM <u>Mass</u> (SM)</p> <p>10:30 AM <u>Religious Education Mass</u></p>
<p>Feb. 22</p> <p>7:00 PM <u>Boy Scouts</u></p>
<p>Feb. 23</p>
<p>Feb. 24</p> <p>8:00 AM <u>Daily Mass</u> (SM)</p> <p>12:10 PM <u>Daily Mass</u> (MC)</p>
<p>Feb. 25</p> <p><u>Donations Collected for Edison Food Pantry</u></p> <p>8:00 AM <u>Daily Mass</u> (SM)</p> <p>12:10 PM <u>Daily Mass</u> (MC)</p> <p>6:30 PM <u>A.A.</u></p>
<p>Feb. 26</p> <p>8:00 AM <u>Daily Mass</u> (SM)</p> <p>12:10 PM <u>Daily Mass</u> (MC)</p>
<p>Feb. 27</p> <p>8:00 AM <u>22:32 Men's Conference</u></p> <p>4:30 PM <u>Mass</u> (SM)</p>

Our NEW online parish calendar is now available at:

<https://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/74065731>



The calendar is also linked on our website homepage at:

<https://stmarkmtcalvary.church/>

Make sure to save this calendar in your browser favorites so you are kept up to date on upcoming parish events. With any questions on how to access this calendar, you can call the parish office at (814) 899-3000 or email at [office@smmc.church](mailto:office@smmc.church).

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 Change of E-mail  Moving out of Parish  Want Envelopes

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