Third Sunday of Lent

March 8th to 14th, 2026

Readings for the Week

Mon: 2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Gospel: Luke 4:24-30

Tues: Daniel 3:25,34-43; Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Wed: Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9; Gospel: Matthew 5:17--19

Thurs: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Gospel: Luke 11:14-23

Fri: Hosea 14:2-10; Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

Sat: Hosea 6:1-6; Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Sun: 1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14; Gospel: John 9:1-41

Masses and Events:

Sun. 3/8
- 8:00am Mass @ St. Luke
- 10:45am Mass @ St. Joseph Girl Scout Sunday
- 2:00pm Confirmation @ St. Joseph

Mon. 3/9
- 9:00am Daily Mass
- 2:00pm Movie Matinee @ HR- HIS ONLY SON
- 5:30pm Stations of the Cross @ HR

Tues. 3/10
- 9:00am Daily Mass
- 12:00pm Staff Meeting
- 4pm-5pm Saint Joseph Soup Kitchen take out meals
- 6:00pm Table Talk @ HR
- 6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer Service@ St. Joseph Light Reception in Meyer Hall

Wed. 3/11
- 9:05am School Mass
- 4:00pm Choir Practice
- 6:00pm WWP @ HR- Martha

Thurs. 3/12
- 9:00am Daily Mass
- 9:30am Breakfast Bunch @ Bob Evans
- 3:30pm Rosary Saint Joseph Church

Fri. 3/13
- 9:00am Daily Mass
- 6:00pm Stations of the Cross Saint Joseph Confessions to Follow

Sat. 3/14
- 4:30pm Confession @ Saint Joseph
- 5:30pm Mass @ St. Joseph

Sun. 3/15
- 8:00am Mass @ St. Luke
- 10:45am Mass @ St. Joseph
- 3:30pm Lenten Worship Music @ St. Joseph

Mass Intentions

*Weekend mass intentions, family/friends can bring gifts up to the altar during mass: please let an usher know prior to mass

Sun. 3/8 Third Sunday of Lent
- **(St. Luke)** People of St. Luke & St. Joseph Parish
- **(St. Joseph)** Mary Zurcher by Family

Mon. 3/9 Saint Frances of Rome
- Rose Halle by Family

Tues. 3/10 Lenten Weekday
- Ellen Manno by Niece

Wed. 3/11 Lenten Weekday
- Frank & Josephine Graziano by Jan Graziano & Family

Thurs. 3/12 Lenten Weekday
- Patrick M & Mary Sheehan & Patrick J by Sheehan Family

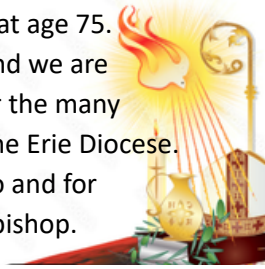
Fri. 3/13 Lenten Weekday
- Deceased Brothers of Samuel Scalise by Samuel

Sat. 3/14 Lenten Weekday
- Mary Ann Clinton by Mike & Lisa Lewis

Sun. 3/15 Fourth Sunday of Lent
- (St. Luke) Carol Flynn by Phil & Maureen Skerda
- (St. Joseph) People of St. Luke & St. Joseph Parish

Welcome Bishop Persico

We welcome Bishop Persico this weekend for the Sacrament of Confirmation for our young people in 9th grade. Bishop Persico has reached the age of 75 and has requested retirement, which is required of them at age 75. We await the appointment of a new bishop and we are grateful for the leadership of Bishop Persico for the many years that he has served as the Bishop of the Erie Diocese. Please continue to pray for Bishop Persico and for the man who will be appointed our new bishop.



Rosary Intention:
Thursday March 12th
Peace in our World!

Lenten Music

March 15, Anna, Joseph, and Nathaniel will be gracing our church with their beautiful Lenten Worship music. As we journey through Lent, we invite you to take a moment to slow down, reflect, quiet your heart, and turn toward God. Music begins at 3:30pm in St. Joseph Church. The concert is free but a good will offering will be taken.

Scrutinies

The Samaritan Woman at the Well (John 4:5-42) - symbolizing thirst for living water

The Man Born Blind (John 9:1-41) - moving from darkness into light

The Rising of Lazarus (John 11:1-45) - freedom from death and new life in Christ

The next three weeks we celebrate the Scrutinies at Holy Redeemer and Saint Anthony Sunday Masses for our catechumens Nick Hofgren and Nathan Waibel. The Catholic scrutinies are three special rites during Lent that prepare adult catechumens for Baptism by purifying their hearts, strengthening their faith, and helping them turn away from sin. In the OCIA process, this is the period of purification and enlightenment. The Scrutinies follow upon the Gospel readings from Year A, which we are in.

This Week the Sanctuary Candles Are In Memory of:

Frank, Lydia & Robert Rich
by Joan & Richard Rich

In your charity, please pray for the soul of:

Alice Harlan

who passed away last week.

We extend our sympathy to her family & friends & ask God's love to bring them peace and consolation

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday March 14th 5:30PM

Lector-Traci Abplanalp
EMHC- Roy & Betsy Williams*, Andrea Kiehl
Altar Servers- Ruth & Eddie Abplanalp
Greeters- Mike & Barb McAvoy
Music-Mary Ann/ Carolyn

Sunday March 15th 8:00AM (St. Luke)

Lector-Mary Donahue
EMHC-Maureen Skerda
Ushers-Doug & Diana Sandberg

Sunday March 15th 10:45AM

Lector-Carrie Pearson
EMHC- Denise Pusateri, Russ & Dee Beyer
Altar Servers-Liam Baldensperger, Hudson Snell
Greeters-Ann Kirkpatrick, Linsey McGraw
Music-Choir
D.O.G. (Disciples of God)-Denise

Palm Sunday Humble Entrance Procession

Please make sure that you are present for our Sunday morning Palm Sunday Masses. We welcome a donkey after the 8:15 am Mass to be present for faith formation and we will then process through town to Saint Joseph for the 10:45 am Mass. Remember how much fun the camels were? A donkey rode Jesus into Jerusalem so on March 29th, we celebrate that humble entrance and the role that the donkey played. Refreshments will be served at Holy Redeemer from 9:15 - 10:00 am. Please join us for fellowship and the procession through town or meet up with us along the way. Palms will be provided. Please everyone pray for beautiful weather!

Feast of St. Joseph March 19th

To celebrate our patron saint, join us for Mass at 5:00pm followed by our St. Joseph Table Thursday, March 19. Dinner includes Lasagna, Meatballs, Tossed Salad, Bread and Dessert. Non-perishable food items will be collected for the St. Joseph Soup Kitchen RSVP at the doors of the church or call the parish office. Cost is a donation

Each year, March 8-14, the church in the United States observes Catholic Sisters Week. Celebrate a sister who has impacted your life.

Senior Youth Scholarships:

Applications for the St. Joseph Parish Youth Scholarship are available in the parish office. To be eligible for a scholarship you must be a graduating senior, have received the sacrament of Confirmation, be active in parish life and furthering your education at college, trade school or other educational institutions. The deadline to apply is April 24, 2026.

Spring Cash Raffle

Tickets are available in the parish office or from any St. Joseph School family. Tickets are $100. 10 weekly drawings for $200 will begin the end of March with the Grand Prizes of:

$10,000, $4000, $2000, $1000 and 2 $500

being drawn on the last day of school.
This is a major fundraiser for St. Joseph Catholic School.
Thank you so much for your consideration and support!

Holden Evening Prayer

This Tuesday at St. Joseph Church, 6:30pm Rev. Dr. Joe McGarry will reflect on Jesus' temptations. A light reception will follow. A good will offering will be taken for the Warren Area Refugee Resettlement Network. On March 17 Fr. Rick will preach at Trinity Memorial Church on Penna Ave, 6:30pm.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments – Cyberbullying

The widespread use of mobile devices causes more children to be susceptible to cyberbullying. Cyberbullying can take many forms, including cruel messages via text or social media, the distribution of photoshopped pictures designed to mock an individual, forwarding "private" photos or videos, and pretending to be someone else on a social media site. Victims of cyber bullying often suffer from depression, isolation, and can even become suicidal. Parents can educate themselves on the signs that a child is being cyberbullied or is a bully by visiting: www.StopBullying.gov/cyberbullying/ For more resources visit www.eriercd.org/childprotection/

Volunteers Needed:

Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter:

Lectors, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters & Ushers Needed.
Please see sign-up Sheets in the Back of the Church.

Offertory Collection Counter

We are looking for a few more people to help count the Offertory on Monday mornings. If you are interested, please call or email the parish office.

Soup Kitchen

is in need of a driver to deliver meals to the homebound on the second Tuesday of the month. We usually deliver at 4pm and we have 5 houses we deliver to. It takes about an hour. If you are interested, please call or email the parish office 723-2090 or office.sjc@westpa.net

St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offering March 1st

Saint Joseph Church Weekly Offering-$13,108
Saint Luke Church Weekly Offering-$1585
Thank You for Your Generous Gifts

2025 Contribution Statements

Please contact the parish office if you would like a printout of your 2025 contributions. They can be picked up in the parish office or emailed. 814-723-2090, office.sjc@westpa.net

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