

Readings for the Week

Mon: John 2:3-11; Gospel: Luke 2:22-35
 Tues: John 2:12-17; Gospel: Luke 2:36-40
 Wed: John 2:18-21; Gospel: John 1:1-18
 Thurs: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7
 Gospel: Luke 2:16-21
 Fri: John 2:22-28; Gospel: John 1:19-28
 Sat: John 2:29-3:6; Gospel: John 1:29-34
 Sun: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6;
 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Masses and Events:

- Sun. 12/28** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
 8:00am Mass @ St. Luke
 10:45am Mass @ St. Joseph
- Mon. 12/29** Daily Mass
- Tues. 12/30** Daily Mass
 4pm-5pm Saint Joseph Soup Kitchen take out meals
- Wed. 12/31** Parish Office Closed
 5:30pm Vigil Mass
- Thurs. 1/1** Parish Office Closed
 9:00am Solemnity of Mary Mass
- Fri. 1/2** Daily Mass
- Sat. 1/3** Confession @ Saint Joseph
 Mass @ St. Joseph
- Sun. 1/4** The Epiphany of the Lord
 8:00am Mass @ St. Luke
 10:45am Mass @ St. Joseph



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

- Sun. 12/28** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (St. Luke) Carol Flynn by Phil & Maureen Skerda (St. Joseph) John Sirianni by Mike & Lisa Lewis
- Mon. 12/29** 5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord Mark Hudspath by Tony & Kathy Ferraro
- Tues. 12/30** 6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord Forest Cambell by Molinaro's
- Wed. 12/31** 7th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord Micah Cannon by Mary Kushner
- Thurs. 1/1** The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Victor Benigni by Roy & Betsy
- Fri. 1/2** Saint Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen Roger Morrison by Gretchen Morrison
- Sat. 1/3** Christmas Weekday Dominick Fiem by Karen
- Sun. 1/4** The Epiphany of the Lord (St. Luke) The People of St. Luke & St. Joseph (St. Joseph) Steve Hoden by Linda & Dan



Nativity of the Lord

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



Although New Year's Day is not celebrated by the Church, this day has been observed as a Holy Day of Obligation since early times for this feast. Each family and country has different traditional foods to eat on New Year's Day. New Year's is a day of traditional hospitality, visiting and good cheer but this is also a day to commit our lives and our year to Christ.

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” — John 1:5

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, I offer heartfelt prayers for every individual, family, parish and community across the Diocese of Erie. The birth of Jesus Christ renews our hope, lifts our spirits and reminds us that God draws close to us — not in grandeur, but in humility, peace and love.

On this holy day, may the light of the newborn Savior fill your homes and your hearts. May his presence bring healing where there is hurt, unity where there is division and quiet strength where there is uncertainty. As we reflect on the blessings and challenges of the past year, let us take comfort in knowing the Lord walks with us and continues to guide our diocese with his grace.

Looking toward the year ahead, I pray that Christ's peace will lead us forward in faith. May we continue to support one another, accompany those in need and grow as a people rooted in hope. May the coming year be a time of renewed commitment to the Gospel and deeper trust in God's steadfast love.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a grace-filled New Year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Lawrence T. Persico



The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L.
 Bishop of Erie

Walking with Purpose

Will resume on Wednesday, January 14th at 6:00 pm at Holy Redeemer. We will continue our journey through the Bible, unpacking the incredible women whose faith in God transformed our world. If you would like to join us in this new year, please contact Barb McAvoy at mbmcavoy81@gmail.com.



This Week the Sanctuary Candles Are In Memory of: Joe & Helen Castagnino by Joe & Loni





Liturgical Ministers

Saturday Jan. 3rd 5:30PM

Lector-Gail Grosch

EMHC- Chris & Kirsten Darling, Carmen Bevacqua*

Altar Servers- Izzy & Andrew Grosch

Greeters- Chris & Kirsten Darling,

Music- Christine

Sunday Jan. 4th 8:00AM (St. Luke)

Lector- David Markley

EMHC- Julie Carr

Ushers- Tim Howell

Sunday Jan. 4th 10:45AM

Lector- David Wortman

EMHC-Denise Pusateri, Claire Fanelli*, Volunteer

Altar Servers- Connor & Brice Schwabenbauer

Greeters- Claire Fanelli, Bob Crowley

Music- Choir

D.O.G. (Disciples of God)- Denise



Pope Leo Speaks

"The Nativity scene and the Christmas tree are signs of faith and hope," Pope Leo said December 15th.

"Let the tenderness of the child Jesus illuminate our lives. Let God's love, like the branches of an evergreen tree, remain fervent in us. As we contemplate them in our homes, parishes and town squares, let us ask the Lord to renew in us the gift of peace and fraternity" he said, calling for prayers for all those who suffer because of war and violence.

"We must eliminate hatred from our hearts."



St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offering Dec 21st

Saint Joseph Church Weekly Offering-\$3415

Saint Luke Church Weekly Offering-\$485

Thank You for Your Generous Gifts

Movie Matinee

Join Jennifer on Monday, January 12th at 2:00 pm at Holy Redeemer for SILENCE. This Oscar nominated Martin Scorsese film is one of his greatest. Christian missionaries (Adam Driver and Andrew Garfield) travel to Japan in search of their missing mentor (Liam Neeson) at a time when Christianity was outlawed. They are captured and imprisoned and their faith is tested, their sanity challenged and their lives risked in this passionate, harrowing and beautiful masterpiece. This film is unforgettable. It is rated R due to violent content.

Popcorn and drinks served. Bring a friend!



Saint Joseph Library Reminder

The library in the back of the church is available for anyone to enrich their Catholic Faith or seek additional information to grow spiritually. Please check out books with the notebook provided in the library. When returning books, please place them on the return shelf provided. Our volunteers will then place them back into the proper areas. Please remember to return books within a reasonable amount of time.

Thank you.

Pizza Night

Mark your calendar for Saturday January 10! Our pizza crew will once again be making homemade pizza and serving it after the 5:30 Mass. All are welcome to come. Cost is a donation.

Signup sheets are at the doors of the church.

Thank You From All Parish Staff!

Thank you to everyone who remembered the parish staff this Christmas season. Your cards, prayers, and goodies were very much appreciated. Wishing you all the best in the New Year!



Volunteer Thank you

Thank you to the many wonderful people who helped decorate the church for the Christmas season. To all those who served as Lectors, Greeters, Altar Servers, Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers, thank you for your time and talents!

May you be blessed with good health and happiness in the upcoming year!

*Grateful,
Thankful and Blessed*



Altar Rosary Christmas Dinner

The Altar Rosary will be having their Christmas dinner on January 16th at 6pm at The Factory in Youngsville, PA
Please RSVP by January 9th to Lisa Marino 814-230-5630

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Thank You! Thank You!

For all the products collected for the Christmas Food Baskets. Over 100 families in our community were served. Your hearts are generous, and your love is great. Thank you to the Food Basket Committee for all their hard work throughout the year, to all those who hauled food, who packed boxes and who delivered the food.

May your Christmas season be one of great joy and many blessings.



Planning a wedding in 2026?

Start your marriage with intention and faith. Join the Engagement Encounter retreat, February 6-8 at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie.

This weekend fulfills diocesan marriage prep requirements and welcomes Catholic and interfaith couples.

Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or email:
familylife@erieRCD.org

Register online:

<https://www.eriegcd.org/familylifeoffice/>

Give yourselves—or a couple you love—the gift of a strong foundation this season.