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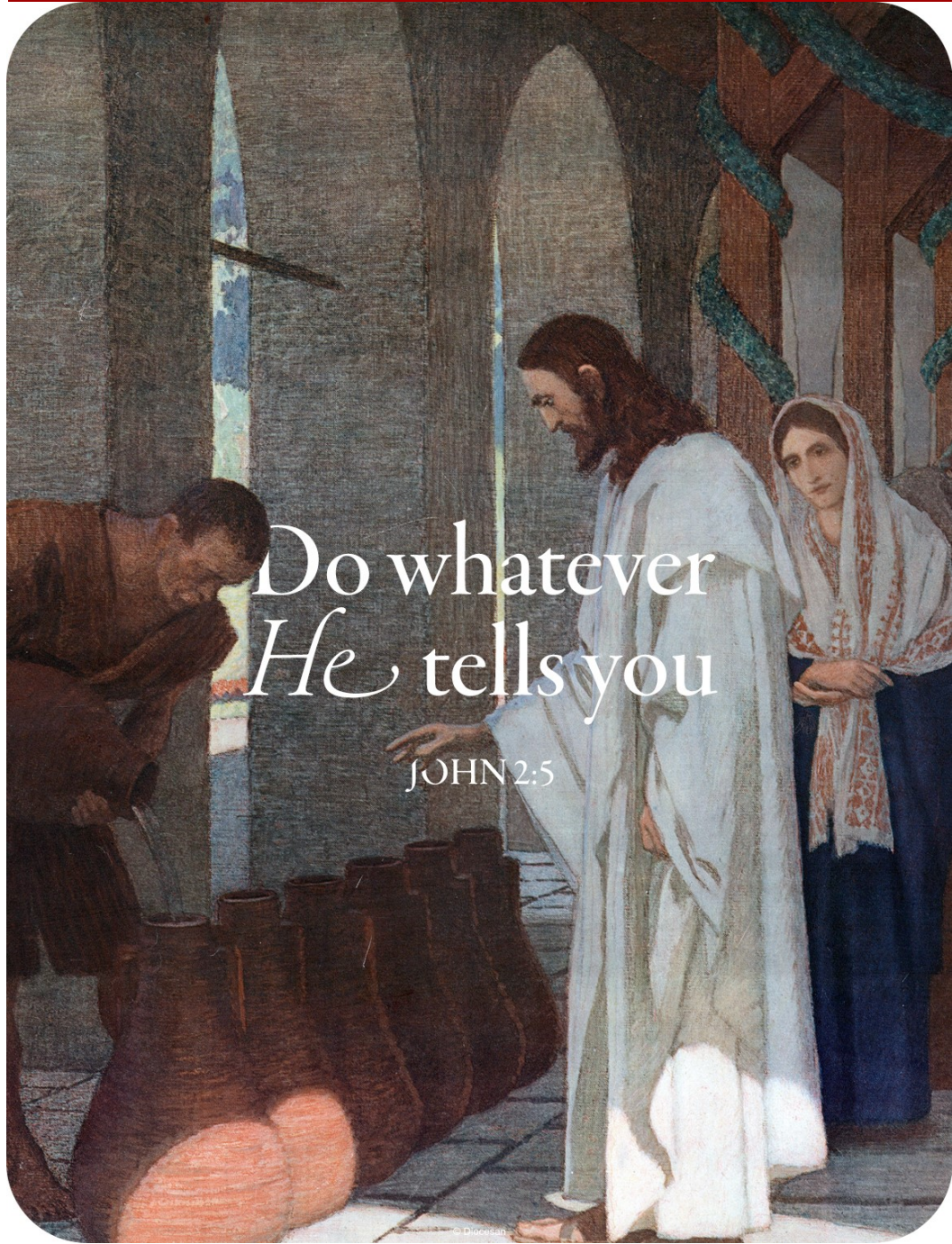
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He tells you

JOHN 2:5

Pastor

Fr. James Power
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St Joseph Parish

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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 5: 15 pm

Sunday: 11:00 am

Daily: M, T, Th, F., 8:00 am
Wed. 12: 10 pm

Confession: Saturday, 4:00-4:45 pm
or by appointment

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-12:00
pm | by appointment from 1:30-
4:00 pm. Closed Friday

Parish Staff

Director of Faith Formation /
OCIA Melissa Joseph

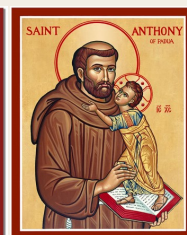
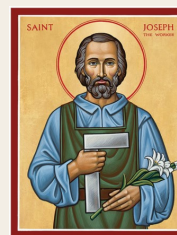
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Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

Confession: by appointment

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Mary Ann Kleinfelder

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Sacristan/Housekeeper

Karrie Kardos

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 19, 2025

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners

Last week I wrote about the importance of knowing scripture. I mentioned that each year at Sunday Mass we go through a different Gospel and that this year we will be hearing from the Gospel of St. Luke. I would like to use my column this week to mention a bit about St. Luke's Gospel.

St. Luke is the most proficient author of the New Testament. While St. Paul may have written the greatest number of books, St. Luke wrote the most, in terms of word-count. St. Luke, of course, is not just the author of his Gospel, but also of the Acts of the Apostles. When it comes to the number of words, St. Luke wrote over 27% of the New Testament. St. Paul, in contrast, wrote a little over 23% of the New Testament.

By profession, St. Luke was a physician. We know this because St. Paul refers to him as such in one of his letters (Colossians 4:14). It seems that St. Luke was a companion of St. Paul. Paul mentions Luke as a companion of his. Likewise, in the Acts of the Apostles, Luke speaks in the first-person when he wrote about certain of St. Paul's journeys (i.e. "We set sail" instead of "He set sail").

By heritage, it would seem that St. Luke was Greek. This makes sense, since St. Paul was the missionary to the gentile (non Jewish) peoples. If so, he is the only author of the Bible who wasn't an Israelite.

There are three aspects of St. Luke's writings that are worth mentioning: 1) his accuracy, 2) his stories about the Blessed Mother, and 3) his emphasis on Jesus' ministry to those on the margins of society.

Concerning his accuracy: St. Luke, who was by trade a physician,

seemed to place great value on getting his facts straight: his writings have constant references to places, people, and dates, and all of those references are without any mistakes. For example, throughout his writings he regularly refers to the names of the leaders of the various Mediterranean realms and the length of their reigns. All of those leaders have been confirmed by archeological and documentary sources.

Concerning the Blessed Mother: it seems that Mary may have been one of his sources. His is the Gospel to shed the most light on Jesus' birth and infancy from the perspective of Mary. Matthew, on the other hand, describes those events from Joseph's perspective. Neither Mark nor John describe Jesus' birth or childhood.

Concerning his emphasis on Jesus' ministry to those on the margins of society: St. Luke's Gospel dedicates much time to talking about Jesus interacting with women, gentiles, and lepers. While he does this in all four of the Gospels, it seems to happen more often in Luke's. This is possibly because Luke was, himself, a gentile, and wanted to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to his fellow non-Jews.

By recognizing the different nuances of the four Gospels we can better grasp the ways in which the Holy Spirit is speaking to us through the scriptures. I pray that this year may be a time for us to dive into our faith through the inspired writings of St. Luke.

God Bless,
Fr. Power

P.S. Tickets for our Funny Fundraiser are on sale right now. Be sure to mark your calendars for that great event on Friday, January 31, and to call the office to buy your tickets.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of January 19, 2025

Sunday

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Monday

Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

Heb 7:25—8:6; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

Friday

Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10, 11-12, 13-4; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Sunday

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Usher Training – Those wishing to serve as an usher (including those who are currently assisting in this ministry) are asked to attend a training session today, Sunday, January 19, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. We welcome those who are at least in sixth grade and above to participate.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
8th Annual **Funny Fundraiser!**
Friday - January 31
Doors 6:30pm • Dinner 6:00pm • Showtime 7:00pm
Headliner: **Mark Riccadonna** (Regular Comedy Special)
Featured: **Chris Nakis** (Boston Comedy Festival)
and **David Kaye** (TNN Network & ABC-TV)
\$35.00 Guests 21 & Over
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79 Casa Avenue
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Sunday, February 2 • Noon - 4pm
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• Have a heart for walking with young people in encountering Christ?
• Desire to make an impact in generations to come?
• Desire to help our young people discover their God-given purpose?
• Desire to raise up our youth in their gifts and talents to bless those around them?
WAYS TO BE INVOLVED
Weekly High School Youth Nights will begin the end of January 2025, but we need YOUR help!

Contact Gabby Herndon
YouthForChrist@dioceseoferie.org
WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?
Join a conversation on life, faith & purpose.
Every Wednesday 7:00pm - 8:00pm
January 29, 2025 | 6:00-7:30pm | Notre Dame Church
High School Youth | St. Ignace | All Saints | Holy Trinity
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Mass Intentions

Monday, January 20

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
Mary E. Collins
(Dr. & Mrs. Robert Weiner Family)

Tuesday, January 21

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
Mary Ellen Feeney Luensmen
(Jim & Joan Feeney)

Wednesday, January 22

† 12:10 pm • St. Joseph
St. Joseph Alumni Class of 1974
(Estate)

Thursday, January 23

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
Jim Black
(John & Carol Stafford)

Friday, January 24

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
Grafius Family
(Nancy Pace)

Saturday, January 25

† 5:15 pm • St. Joseph, Vigil
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St. Anthony Parishes

Sunday, January 26

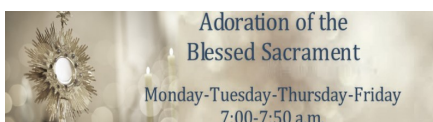
† 8:30 am • St. Anthony
Judy Nakich
(son, John)

† 11:00 am • St. Joseph
Barbara Wareham
(Family)
and
Margaret O'Brien
(Dr. & Mrs. Robert Weiner Family)

Weekly Reminders

For the Week of January 19

January 21 • St. Joseph
11:00 am - Bible Study-Choir rm.
7:00 pm - Bible Study-Choir rm.



Altar Flowers

2025 Altar Flower Donor Program is a program offered at St. Joseph Church that provides an opportunity to honor a loved one and is based on a first come, first served sign-up list. A weekly altar flower bouquet is delivered from *Petals and Stems* and an announcement of the memorial is placed in the church bulletin.

The cost is \$50 and is to be collected at the time of reservation. To reserve your date, you may stop in the parish office between 9:00 am-12:00 pm M-TH or you may call the office to schedule an afternoon appointment.

Due to the high demand of this program, reservations are limited to one weekend per donor. After March 2025 if any dates remain, a second weekend can be reserved by the same donor.



2025 AVAILABLE ALTAR FLOWER DATES

Jan. 26	Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Feb. 2, 9, 23	Sept. 7, 14
March 2	Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26
June 8, 22, 29	Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23
July 6, 13, 20, 27	

St. Anthony Candle Reservations.

There are many available devotional candles that still remain throughout 2025 to have your loved one honored. The cost per candle is \$5 and fee is due at the time of reservation. Please stop by St. Joseph Office during office hours to reserve your candle.

Candles

St. Anthony • Week of January 19

The Sanctuary Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for John T. Gasparec from daughter Dolores and family.

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for Special Intentions from Launa Morar.

The St. Anthony Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for Frank & Mary Styduhar from daughter Charlene.

Please Pray For

Ford Bartle, Liam Rueberger, Peggy Heldorfer, Gene Pacsi, William Haroldson, Helen Donnelly, Msgr. Andrew Karg, Lois Trimble, Adele Ontko, Delbert Ontko, Beth Bottenfield, Rich Pannutti, Ed Doughty, Jean Hetrick, Barbara Burdick, Frances Rice, Marie Peterson, Ed Gursky Sr., Ed Gursky Jr., Joe Biro, Chuck H., Lorraine Penhos, Walter Zuhosky, Loretta Krutsch, Lisa Dawson, Marcie Mondoc, Dennis Staul, Carol Thomas, Barbara LeMon, Levi Bowser, Wes McKinney and Joe Ference.

Children's Liturgy of The Word

CLOW

Feedback Requested! We would like to hear from our families about their interest in reintroducing Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. During CLOW, the children are dismissed from the main assembly with an adult leader and assistant to listen to the readings and Gospel using a biblical translation that is simple, but not childish. They hear a reflection that can help them apply the readings to their lives, and they practice using the responses and prayers used in the Liturgy of the Word. The children return to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist with their families and the general assembly. This ministry will require the help of several volunteers – adults and teens are welcome. Volunteers will need to complete the required Child Protection clearances. If you would like to have CLOW at Mass and/or are willing to help facilitate this program, please contact Melissa Joseph, DRE at 724-981-3232 or Stjosephsharonfaithformation@gmail.com.

St. Joseph News and Announcements



Featured Item: "Canned Veggies"

Please place your donation in the shopping cart located in the Gathering Space or at the Clepper's entrance.

Upcoming Featured Items

Paper Towels * Cereal * Canned Soups

For qualified individuals, upcoming February Food Pantry distribution dates are Friday, February 7th and 21st from 9:30-11:00 am.

St. Anthony News and Announcements

Thank you Thank you to Rachel Varcholik (December 5th winner) for donating a portion of her winnings back to St. Anthony Church and to Mr. and Mrs. Regis Gaugler for their donation to St. Anthony Church in memory of Violet Matta.

God Bless You for your kindness and generosity.

Offertory Envelopes St. Anthony Offertory Envelopes are on the back table in the church. Parishioners are asked to please take their boxed envelopes. If you no longer wish to received envelopes or have moved to another parish, please contact Lori at St. Joseph Church at 724-981-3232.



There was no winner
for the December 12th Pot O' Gold

Remember to enter your weekly envelope
to be eligible for the drawing.

Don't forget to purchase your Comedy Night tickets! Gather your friends and family for a fun filled night of laughter, good food and company! To purchase tickets stop by St. Joseph Church office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am -12:00 pm or go online to our secure website, VANCO or call the church office at 724-981-3232 to make other arrangements.

Slapsticks Productions presents

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Young Adults (ages 18-39) are invited to the Kick-Off of Young Adult Ministry - a 3 week series. Come enjoy great food & drinks, meet new friends, & have faith-filled conversations!

SPEAKER LINEUP

<p>JAN. 23 FR. JAMIE POWER</p>  <p>THE CANONIZATION PROCESS UP-CLOSE</p>	<p>JAN. 30 DR. KEITH LEPAK</p>  <p>THE PAPACY & AMERICAN LIFE</p>	<p>FEB. 06 FR. JOHN MILLER</p>  <p>STORIES FROM A HOLY LAND MISSIONARY</p>
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RSVP to Gabby Herndon:
Cell: (724) 301-6127 | Text or Call
youthforChrist@DioceseofErie.org

LOCATION
Hickory Bar & Grille | 6:30 PM
1645 N Hermitage Rd, Hermitage, PA 16148
Appetizers & Spiritual Nourishment provided.

Parenting Pointers Remember, your children are not a reflection of you. They are souls placed on this earth by God with their own unique purpose. Our job, as parent and guide, is to help them identify this purpose.



SEASONS OF HOPE BEREAVEMENT FACILITATORS NEEDED

As we prepare for our 2025 Seasons of Hope Ministry, our bereavement team invites any adult parishioner, who is interested in learning about becoming a group facilitator to contact our coordinator, Bob Clarke at 724-584-6847 or email rclarke49@aol.com.

Our Stewardship

Offertory for the

Weekend of January 12

St. Anthony

Sunday Offertory \$1,442
 Attendance 77

St Joseph

Sunday Offertory \$7,085
 Budgeted Offertory \$7,174
 Deficit \$89
 Number of Envelopes Returned 177

Our gratitude to those who support our parishes.

Ministry Schedule – January 25/26

St. Joseph • 5:15 pm (Saturday)

Lector P. Lozano
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion D. Dach, S. Delp, S. Messina
Altar Servers D. Eller, A. Jordan
Greeter F. Giroski

St. Anthony • 8:30 am (Sunday)

Lector M. Mesin
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion J. Gunesch, M. A. Kleinfelder
Altar Server D. Moats
Offertory Counters Group 2

St. Joseph • 11:00 am (Sunday)

Lector S. Swogger
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion D. D'Amore, M. B. Jones, C. McKnight
 J. McLaughlin, J. Sherbine
Altar Servers T. Joseph, C. Joseph
Greeters M. Rodriguez, E. Rodriguez

Baptism: A pre-baptism class is required before scheduling a baptism. Please call 724-981-3232 to schedule a class and your baptism date.

Matrimony: Please contact the pastor for marriage preparation at least one year in advance of the wedding.

Prayer Line: For intentions, please call 724-981-3232.

St. Joseph   St. Anthony 

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Catholic Community of Sharon



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January 6, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to take a moment to express how deeply inspired I am by your faith and generosity. As we celebrate this Holy Year, your support allows us to share the Good News of Christ in every corner of our diocese, which is why I ask you to consider making a gift to the Help Spread the Faith Communications Collection, held the weekend of January 25-26, 2025.

The 2025 Jubilee invites us to be pilgrims of hope, and this month celebrates the Jubilee of the World of Communications. Mark 16:15 states: “Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.”

Our diocesan Office of Communications is central to this calling. It supports me in uniting and evangelizing our Catholic family across all 13 counties of the Diocese of Erie. Through Faith Magazine, Diocese of Erie-News, and social media, we proclaim the Gospel, connect our community and inspire discipleship.

This year, I ask you:

- Were you inspired by an article shared in Faith Magazine?
- Have you learned about an historic event in our Catholic Church by reading Diocese of Erie-News or through our social media channels?
- Did your family find a new way to connect by reading the new *Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope* newsletter?

These vital communication tools are made possible through your contributions to this special collection. Faith Magazine reaches over 34,000 households and organizations – at no cost – sharing uplifting stories and reflections to deepen connections with Christ. On social media, we extend Christ’s love beyond diocesan borders, inviting others to encounter him in new ways.

Your gift enables us to collaborate with parishes, schools and ministries, sharing their stories and providing resources to enrich their missions. Thank you for making this vital work possible.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 +Lawrence T. Persico
 The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
 Bishop of Erie



Welcome to St. Joseph and St. Anthony Partnered Parishes.

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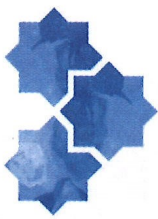
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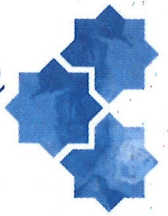
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