

St. Joseph Parish



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SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Rev. James P. Power, Pastor
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Director of Religious Ed/RCIA: Sr. Sandy Pedone, H.M.
Parish Secretary: Lori Vasconi
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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-12:00 pm &
1:30-4:00 pm by appointment
(Closed Friday)

Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:15 pm | Sunday - 8:30 & 11:00 am
Weekday: M, T, Th, Fri - 8:00 am and Wed. - 12:10 pm

Confessions

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

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Baptism: Please contact the parish office to schedule a time and date. A pre-baptism class is required preferably before the child is born.

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.



Congratulations

Ava Adamo	Kristina Kollar
Reagann Anderson	Hayden Matchak
Anthony Cline	Maddox Minich
Conner Dottle	Julia Missory
Gabriella Dottle	Grant Moschillo
David Eller	Alaina Mulligan
Daniella Evans	Emma O'Rourke
Ellie Ference	Luke Patton
Victoria Haroldson	Brynle Pfadt
Madalynn Harrison	Olivia Schneider
Ava Iacino	Sarah Schupp
Emma Iacino	Camryn Taneri
Anthony Jordan	Marco Zajac
James Kollar	



Welcome New Parishioners & Visitors!
We welcome and invite you to become part of our parish community!

To pre-register, fill out the form below and place in the offertory basket. For full registration, please feel free to pick up a Welcome Packet located at each entrance and return at your convenience.

PARISHIONER PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY & ZIP _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

Place your completed form in today's offertory collection basket.

From the Pastor

Dear parishioners,

Last week it was announced that Sr. Sandy Pedone, IHM, who has been serving at our parish for 26 years as our religious education director, has decided that she will be moving on at the end of the school year. Our parish is indebted to Sr. Sandy for the great work she has done for generations of religious education students and for the parish at large. I am personally grateful to her for helping me navigate my first year here at our parish. We will be throwing a farewell party for Sr. Sandy on Sunday, May 19, at noon in the Guild Hall. Please RSVP to the party by signing your family name and how many will be attending on one of the sign-up sheets located at each entrance or by calling the parish office at 724-981-3232 by **May 12**. Please keep Sr. Sandy in your prayers as she prepares to embark upon a new journey.

While we are sad to lose Sr. Sandy, I am pleased to announce that our parishioner Melissa Joseph has agreed to join our staff as our new religious education director. Melissa comes to us with a wealth of experience and she is currently working on a masters degree in theology from the Franciscan University of Steubenville. Sr. Sandy will be working with Melissa over the next few weeks to help facilitate a smooth transfer. I would like to thank Melissa for agreeing to join our staff. We are very blessed to have her. Please keep Melissa also in your prayers as she begins this new role.

I will be away this upcoming week while I go on pilgrimage to the tomb of St. James. Saint James is buried in the city of Santiago de Compostela in northwest Spain. It is customary to spend several days walking to the tomb - the trail is known as the Camino de Santiago (literally "the way of St. James). The entirety of the trail would take 33 days to walk. I will just be doing the last 5 days of it. Father Ray Gramata will be manning the ship in my absence. Please give him a warm welcome when you see him.

In Christ,
Fr. Power

All Are Invited To

Retirement Celebration

IN HONOR OF

Sister Sandy Pedone

ST. JOSEPH RELIGIOUS ED. DIRECTOR

SUNDAY | 19 | MAY
12:00PM | | 2024

ST. JOSEPH GUILD HALL
79 CASE AVE, SHARON, PA 16146

Luncheon & Refreshments

Please, RSVP by Sunday, May 12
by signing your name one of the sign-up sheets
located at the entrances or by calling the
parish office at 724-981-3232.



THANK YOU FROM PRIESTS

Last weekend, our parish took a special collection to support our retired diocesan priest fund. We appreciate your generous response to share in the care of those faithful priests who have ministered to your spiritual needs. Your priests truly appreciate your support and thank you for contributing, \$2,117 to the 2024 Good Shepherd Collection for Erie Diocesan Retired Priests. If you would like to add your support to this collection, you may still return the special collection envelope for Good Shepherd in upcoming collections, mail to the Parish Office or visit our online giving site, VANCO at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZA2Z/home> and select the Good Shepherd tile.

BAPTISM CLASS If you are planning to have your child baptized, a baptism class is required for the parents. To register, please call the church office at 724-981-3232.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH: Recent statistics tell us one out of every ten children will be abused before they turn 18. 91% of sexual abuse is perpetrated by someone the child or the child's family knows. This means that on every Sunday in our congregation there are people who have been abused and may continue to experience the pain of that abuse. Reaching out to those who have suffered from abuse is critical in bringing hope and the love of Christ to them. Assistance is available for victims/survivors of clergy sexual abuse by contacting the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Dr. Gerard Tobin at 814-451-1521.



Featured Item of the Week

“Can/Box Soups”

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

Upcoming Featured Items

Pancake Mix & Syrup * Jelly * Paper Towels

For qualified individuals, upcoming May Food Pantry distribution dates are Friday, May 3rd and 17th from 9:30-11:00 A.M.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Ever since our Lord’s admonition to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and shelter the homeless, wherever and whomever they may be, the Church has been reaching out to those in need. Today I would like to ask you to join me, as members of the worldwide Catholic family, in helping the Church to continue to provide for our needy brothers and sisters throughout the world by giving generously to the International Needs Collection to be taken up in the Diocese of Erie the weekend of May 18-19.



This annual collection offers a concrete way for us to reach out to those who live in lands and cultures far from our own. It is a combination of three collections:

- The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe which helps build churches; train and educate seminarians, clergy, and lay leaders; publish Catholic newspapers; support orphanages; and support evangelization among children, youth, and adults;
- The Catholic Relief Services Collection which helps all people, regardless of race, creed, or nation, providing for the victims of war and natural disasters, aiding the Church suffering under persecution, alleviating poverty, and educating the poor; and
- The Support for the Church in Africa collection, which provides for the rapidly growing and vibrant Church on that continent.

Please give generously to the International Needs Collection on May 18-19 and, just as importantly, please include those in need in your prayers. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families and parishes.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie



MOTHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUET

Mother’s Day is Sunday, May 12. In order to make the bulletin publication for the Mother’s Day Spiritual Bouquet, please print clearly on the outer envelope and submit the outer envelope along with your donation by Sunday, May 5, by placing it in the Sunday collection or dropping it in the church mailbox outside the office door. If you did not receive a Spiritual Bouquet set and would like to submit your loved one, please call the church office at 724-981-3232 to make arrangements.

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, Joe Biro, Chuck H., Mary Ellen Luensman, Lorraine Penhos, Walter Zuhosky, Loretta Krutsch, Bridget Titus, Chris Samu and Lisa Dawson.

WEEKEND COLLECTION-April 22, 2024

Number of Adult envelopes sent.....	611
Number of Adult envelopes used.....	154
Number of <u>unused</u> envelopes.....	457
Sunday Offertory.....	\$ 6,929
Budgeted Offertory.....	\$10,650
Deficit	\$ 3,721

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD The Ascension of the Lord is Thursday, May 9 and is a Holy Day of obligation. There will be two Masses on that day, 12:10 and 7:00 pm. We are requesting one Lector, Eucharistic Minister and Altar Server for each Mass. If you know which Mass you will be attending and are able to serve, please call the church office at 724-981-3232.

Mass Schedule for Weekend of May 4/5

May 4/5	SATURDAY 5:15 pm	SUNDAY 8:30 am	SUNDAY 11:00 am
Lector	J. Necastro	S. Cleary	E. Rodriguez
Eucharistic Minister	C. Necastro	P. Emery	Volunteer
Altar Servers	D. Eller Volunteer	V. Haroldson O. Haroldson	T. Joseph C. McKnight
Greeter Gathering Space	Volunteer	J. McLaughlin	O. Pacsi

MASS Intentions

+ INDICATES MASS

* PARISH EVENTS

Monday, April 29—Acts 14: 5-18 / Jn 14: 21-26

+8:00 Jean Lepak (Keith Lepak)

Tuesday, April 30—Acts 14: 19-28 / Jn 14: 27-31a

+8:00 Dr. Robert Woods (Ruthanne & Jim Black)

Wednesday, May 1—Acts 15: 1-6 / Jn 15: 1-8

+12:10 Helen DiGiacomo (Sue & Chuck Delp)

Thursday, May 2—Acts: 15: 7-21 / Jn 15: 9-11

+8:00 Melanie Giordano (Mom & Dad)

Friday, May 3—1 Cor 15: 1-8 / Jn 14: 6-14

+8:00 Mary Jane Feigh (Fr. Power)

Saturday, May 4—Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48 / 1 Jn 4: 7-10 / Jn 15: 9-17

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

+5:15 Mr. & Mrs. Donald Burke (Everett & Doris Hunt)

Sunday, May 5—Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48 / 1 Jn 4: 7-10 / Jn 15: 9-17

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

+8:30 Living Members of the Parish

+11:00 Barbara Wareham (Gene Wareham & Family)

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