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St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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St. Anthony Roman Catholic Church

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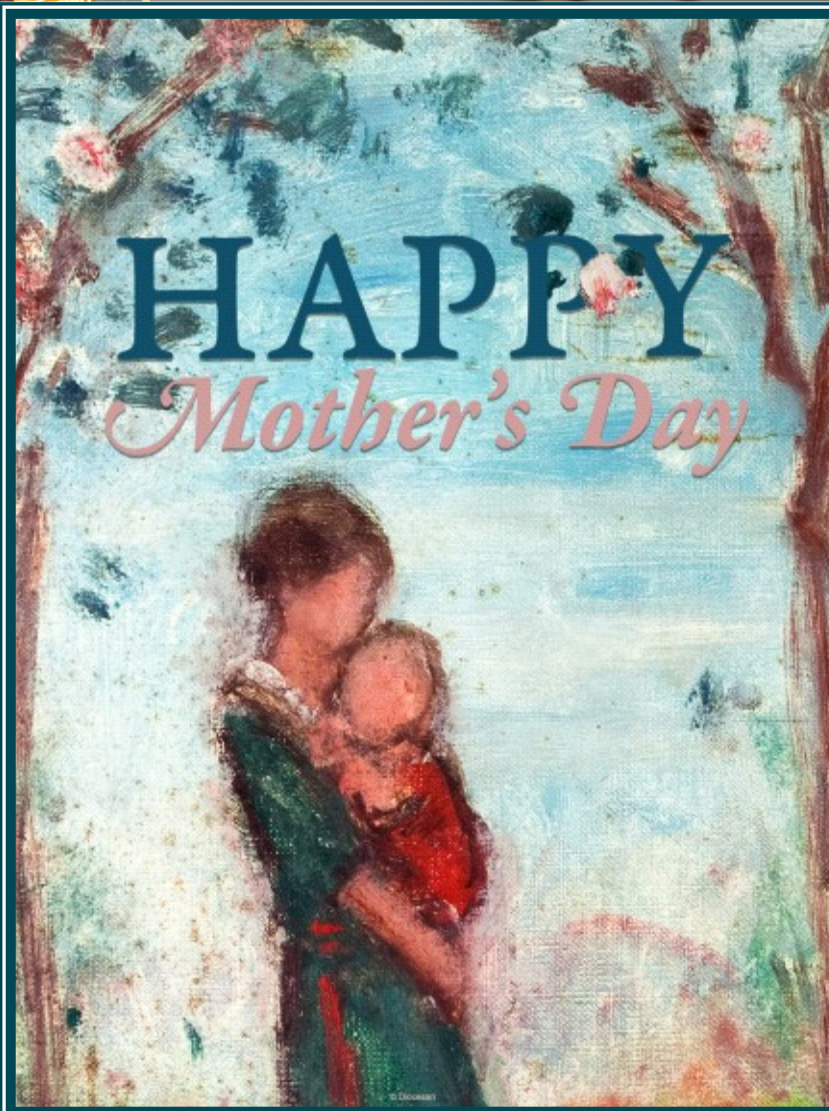
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The Good Shepherd



*A Good Shepherd
lays down
his life for
the sheep.*

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Jesus as Good Shepherd
Josef Kastner, 1906-1911



Pastor

Fr. James Power

JPower@ErieRCD.org

St Joseph Parish

StJosephChurchOffice@gmail.com

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. Closed Friday.

Parish Staff

Director of Faith Formation /
OCIA Melissa Joseph

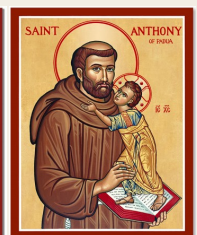
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St. Anthony Parish

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Mass Time

Sunday: 8:30 am

Confession: by appointment

Parish Staff

Parish Secretary Lori Vasconi

Financial Secretary

Mary Ann Kleinfelder

Director of Maintenance

Jim Slanitz

Sacristan/Housekeeper

Karrie Kardos

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I am writing this column on Monday, May 5. The conclave is set to begin on Wednesday, May 7. We will probably have a new pope by the time you read this bulletin on Saturday or Sunday. Please remember to pray for whomever has been chosen to lead the Church.

Deacon Michael Scanga, a St. Joseph's parishioner, will be ordained a priest on Friday, May 23, at 7:00pm at St. Peter's Cathedral in Erie. This is a great honor for our parish. He will then celebrate a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Joseph Church on Sunday, May 25, at 2:00pm. This Mass fulfills the Sunday obligation. I would like everyone to attend this Mass so we can show our appreciation for Michael's vocation. We will still be having our normal Mass schedule at both of our parishes, but I'm hoping to see those other Masses empty. It is a great privilege to attend a priest's first solemn Mass, and I encourage everyone not to miss this opportunity.

Following a priest's first solemn Mass, it is customary to receive a blessing from him. Our new priest will have a receiving line in the Guild Hall for this purpose. After receiving a new priest's blessing, it is traditional to kiss the palms of his hands, which had just been anointed with Sacred Chrism by the bishop at his ordination. A luncheon will be provided at this reception. If you wish to attend the luncheon, please put your name on the signup sheets at the doors of the churches. I'm hoping to see hundreds of names on these sheets.

St. Joseph Church is providing a bus to the ordination on Friday, May 23, in Erie. There are still a few spots left on the bus. Call our parish office if you wish to sign up. It will leave Sharon at 3:45 PM and return by 10:45 PM (or 11:00 PM at the very latest). A buffet dinner is included in the price of the ticket.

Last week, both of our parishes hosted the Pilgrim Fatima Statue for a visit. It is particularly nice that these visits happened at the beginning of the month of May. Since medieval times, the month of May has been celebrated as a month particularly dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The dedication of May to the Blessed Virgin was not a devotion that was decreed by bishops from above, but rather one which rose up organically from the faithful who wanted to honor this special saint during such a beautiful time of the year.

I would encourage all of us to find some way to show honor and devotion to the Blessed Mother during this month. The ways in which we honor her are many and varied. In some families, it is traditional to decorate a "May Altar" in the home. A May Altar is an area of the home in which a statue or image of Mary is set-up and decorated. In some places, it is customary to make a pilgrimage to a Marian shrine (of which there are many within a short drive). But the easiest way to honor Mary is simply by praying the Rosary. This is a beautiful prayer in which we meditate upon the life of Jesus as seen through the eyes of His mother.

In Christ,
Fr. Power

Scripture Readings

For the Week of May 11, 2025

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Monday

Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3, 43:3,4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5, 6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Funerals

We offer our parish sympathies to the families of George Dobrozdravic and Jean Hetrick. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Congratulations

to our St. Joseph 2025
First Communicants.



Mass Intentions

Monday, May 12

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

Tuesday, May 13

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
Mr. & Mrs. George Koch
(Cecelia Alter)

Wednesday, May 14

† 12:10 pm • St. Joseph
Barbara Burdick
(Ron & Theresa Cole)

Thursday, May 15

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
Robert S. Mayo
(Dr. & Mrs. Robert Weiner & Family)

Friday, May 16

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
John A. Nigborowicz
(John Nigborowicz)

Saturday, May 17

† 5:15 pm • St. Joseph
Jim Cleary
(Family)

Sunday, May 18

† 8:30 am • St. Anthony
Ljubica & Vid Kralj
(Katica & Family)

† 11:00 am • St. Joseph
Barbara Wareham
(Family)

For the Living Members of the Parishes

Weekly Reminders

For the Week of May 11

Sun., May 11 • St. Joseph
12:00 pm— OCIA Mystagogy

Mon., May 12 • St. Joseph
5:30 pm- Parish Council Meeting

Fri., May 16 • St. Joseph
5:30 pm— Finance Council Meeting

Sun., May 18 • St. Joseph
1:00 pm— Women's Tea-Guild Hall

Altar Flowers

St. Joseph • Week of May 11

Altar Flowers are donated in honor and in memory of All Living and Deceased Mothers of Saint Joseph Parish.

Candles & May Flowers

St. Anthony • Week of May 11

The Sanctuary Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for Alice & Anita Ference from Joe.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for Mitzi Pendel from children Maryann and Greg.

The Sacred Heart Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for Mitzi Pendel from children Maryann and Greg.

The St. Joseph Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for Frank R. Styduhar from sister Charlene.

The St. Anthony Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for Olga Kleinfelder from son Gary and Maryann.

St. Anthony • Week of May 11

In Appreciation Thank you to Maryann Kleinfelder and Greg Pendel who donated flowers near the statue of Mary in memory of their mother Mitzi Pendel.

Please Pray For

Ford Bartle, Peggy Heldorfer, Gene Pacci, William Haroldson, Helen Donnelly, Msgr. Andrew Karg, Lois Trimble, Adele Ontko, Delbert Ontko, Beth Bottenfield, Ed Doughty, Frances Rice, Marie Peterson, 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, Janet Zuhosky, Nancy Rehner, Joe Ference and Ken Smerek.

BUS TRIP

Ordination to the Priesthood of
Michael Scanga & Brandon Feikles

Friday,
May 23, 2025
7:00 p.m.

*Buffet Dinner
Included*



HURRY
Less than 15
seats remain!

Reserve your spot early
ONLY 50 SEATS Available!

A coach bus departs from St. Joseph Church parking lot at 3:45 p.m. and will return at approximately 10:45 p.m.

To avoid a late start, please arrive 15 minutes prior to departure time.

To reserve your seat, please stop in St. Joseph Church office Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or call 724-981-3232 to make other arrangements.

\$45 fee is collected at time of reservation.

Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving

Newly Ordained,
Fr. Michael Scanga

St. Joseph Church
Sunday, May 25, 2025
2:00 PM

This Mass Fulfills the Sunday Obligation

Reception to Follow
Please RSVP by Monday, May 19.
Sign up on one of the sign-up sheets located at each entrance or by calling call 724-981-3232.

St. Joseph News and Announcements



Featured Item: "Jelly"

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

Upcoming Featured Items

Toilet Tissue * Cereal * Mac & Cheese

For qualified individuals, upcoming May Food Pantry distribution dates are Friday, May 2nd and 16th from 9:30 -11:00 am.

Carol Koch, financial secretary of St. Joseph's Church, is the great niece of an American missionary with a remarkable story from WWII. His name was Fr. Viktor Koch, C.P. (1873-1955) A native of Sharon—and a member of St. Rose of Lima, the parish that eventually became St. Joseph's—Fr. Viktor traveled to Europe in 1922 to establish a new branch of his religious order, the Passionists. Carol's niece, Katherine, has researched his travels and has written an award winning book, *The Sower of Black Field*. Katherine will be presenting a Zoom presentation of the history behind this local hero's story. This event is free to all parishioners and to the public.

During WWII, a Sharon native protected his German flock from Nazism. His greatest challenge—defending them from Patton's Third Army.



A SPIRITUAL HERO: FR. VIKTOR KOCH, C.P.



Hear the true story behind the award-winning historical fiction novel, *The Sower of Black Field*

PLEASE JOIN A ZOOM PRESENTATION BY AUTHOR KATHERINE KOCH, MAY 28, 2025 AT 6:30 PM AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH GUILD HALL

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to register to
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Books available for
purchase for
in-person attendees
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St. Anthony News and Announcements



There was no winner
for the May 4 Pot O' Gold
Remember to enter your weekly envelope
to be eligible for the drawing.

Fr. John will be celebrating his 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination on Sat., June 21st. You are invited to celebrate with us as we pay tribute to Fr. John for his years of service, especially here at St. Anthony on Sun., June 22nd following the 8:30 Mass. The reception will be in the Antonium with a catered brunch by Chrystal's Catering of Youngstown, OH. If you would like to attend, there is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule of the parish. When making your reservation please make sure to put how many guests are attending. Deadline for reservations is Sunday, June 1st.



PLEASE JOIN US
AS WE CELEBRATE

Fr. John Hindman's 50th Jubilee

SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND
9:30am ~ Noon

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH
SHERMAN AVENUE ENTRANCE

To make a reservation use the sign-up
sheet in the parish vestibule. Don't
forget to add how many are attending.

Deadline for reservations: Sun., June 1st

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Our Stewardship

Offertory for the Weekend of May 4

St. Anthony

Sunday Offertory \$1,734
Attendance 108

St. Anthony CSA

CSA Goal \$20,727
Pledged \$16,535
Number of Pledges 63

St. Joseph

Sunday/Easter Offertory \$7,116
Budgeted Offertory \$7,174
Deficit \$58
Number of Envelopes Returned 160

St. Joseph CSA

CSA Goal \$53,309
Pledged \$69,652
Number of Pledges 147

Our gratitude to those who support our parishes.

Ministry Schedule – May 17/18

St. Joseph • Vigil 5:15 pm (Saturday)

Lector J. Bonomo
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion K. Bonomo, S. Messina, K. Mueller
Altar Server A. Jordan
Greeter Volunteer
Ushers J. Charles, B. Clarke, P. Dach, P. Messina

St. Anthony • 8:30 am (Sunday)

Lector L. Kubyako
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion J. Gunesch, R. Radkowski
Altar Server M. Podolan
Offertory Counters Group 2

St. Joseph • 11:00 am (Sunday)

Lector G. Beshero
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion P. Emery, M. B. Jones, C. McKnight, J. McLaughlin, P. Piccirilli
Altar Servers A. Haroldson, O. Haroldson
Greeter O. Pacsi
Ushers V. Donatelli, J. Joseph, L. Schupp, S. Schupp

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Saint Joseph Church proudly presents

Everyone Welcome!

Spring High Tea

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Sunday, May 18, 2025

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Guild Hall doors will open at 12:30 p.m.

Ticket Price: \$35

Entertainment provided by Terry Dach.

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH GUILD HALL

79 Case Avenue | Sharon, Pennsylvania 16146

For tickets, call Mary Chris Rubano at 330-881-6590
or Bunny Maffey at 724-851-0017

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 ACCESSIBLE St. Anthony ACCESSIBLE



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We welcome you to join either parish by completing the pre-registration form below and placing it in the offertory basket at Mass.

I would like to become a member at:

St. Joseph Parish ☐

St. Anthony Parish ☐

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____



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