

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11/10/24

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) For the Parish Family

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✦ Mary Lenk (req. by David Pangratz)

11:00 AM (E) ✦ Rosalie Patrick (req. by Duane & Kathy Adams)

26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11/17/24

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) For the Parish Family

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✦ Agnes Shepegi (req. by Paul & Doris Pangratz)

11:00 AM (E) ✦ Ron Riel (req. by Tony & Charlene Gomo)

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:

11/04/24

\$2001.00**REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH**

Please remember in your prayers all of the sick and homebound of our parish. *Those in their own homes are as follows:* George Smilo, David Kearney, Helen Law, George Huzinec, Michael Molnar, Maureen Huzinec. *Those in nursing homes are as follows:* Elizabeth Andrijew (Pleasant Ridge Manor), Catherine Kasinec (St. Mary's Asbury Ridge), Shirley Crisswell (Brevillier Village), Fred Koeberle and Helen Bauman (Sarah Reed Senior Living Center). If you know of anyone who should be on this list, contact Fr. John.

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION

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E.C.F. CLASSES – 9:15 – 10:30 AM (Note time change)

All students through 8th grade are WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED to attend. E.C.F. classes on Sundays 11/10, 12/8, 1/12/25, 2/9, 3/9, 4/13 (Palm Sunday), 5/11 (Mother's Day).

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

We are collecting monetary donations for Erie DAWN (Dwelling and Advocacy for Women in Need) and Pleasant Ridge Manor. Please make donations by Sunday, December 1. Checks should be made out to Sts. Peter & Paul Church.

*JESUS PRAYER – Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner***JESUS – OUR ROCK OF AGES**

You can never expect to keep an eagle in the forest. You might be able to gather a group of the most beautiful birds around him, provide a perch for him on the tallest pine, or enlist other birds to bring him the choicest of delicacies, but he will reject them all. He will spread his proud wings and, with his eye on an Alpine cliff, soar away to his own ancestral halls of rock, where storms and waterfalls make their natural music.

Our soul longs to soar as an eagle and will find rest with nothing short of the Rock of Ages. Its ancestral halls are the halls of heaven, made with the rock of the attributes of God. The span of its majestic flight is eternity “Lord, YOU have been our dwelling place throughout all generations” (Psalm 90:1).

NATIVITY FAST: November 15 – December 24

On November 15th the traditional 40 day fast preceding Christmas begins in the Byzantine Rite. This fast is known as the Nativity Fast or Philip's Fast because it starts the day after the Feast of St. Philip (November 14). This period was set aside by the Byzantine Church as a period preparing for the Feast of the nativity of Jesus Christ. A highly developed liturgical structure never evolved for Philip's Fast, nor was the fast ever as strict. In fact, little mention is made at all about preparing for Christ's nativity until two Sundays before Christmas with the Sunday of the Forefathers. With the secular preparations for this feast beginning sooner and sooner every year, it is only fitting that we observe this traditional fast as a way to keep a proper perspective for Christmas. Christ will not be brought back into Christmas with clever slogans, but only with spiritual preparation through prayer and fasting.

MERCY CENTER FOR WOMEN CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Mercy Center for Women serves women & children who may be homeless or need emotional, financial, spiritual, rehabilitative, or life-skills assistance. They house women and children at their facility while women are going through the various programs to get on their feet. This collection will help their Christmas celebration. We will be collecting \$10 and \$20 gift cards to Tinseltown movies, Target, Walmart, or Chick-Fila as well as nicer quality bath & body items, new socks for women and children and postage stamps. Additionally, they are in great need of liquid laundry soap, baby formula, baby food and bathrobes for women. The gift collection will end on November 24.

*Prayer for Veterans**God of compassion, God of dignity and strength,**Watch over the veterans of the United States**In recognition of their loyal service to our nation.**Bless them with wholeness and love. Shelter them. Heal their wounds.**Comfort their hearts. Grant them peace.**God of justice and truth, rock of our lives, bless our veterans,**These men and women of courage and valor,**With a deep and abiding understanding of our profound gratitude.**Protect them and their families from loneliness and want.**Grant them lives of joy and bounty.**May their dedication and honor be remembered as a blessing from generation to generation.**Blessed are You, Protector and Redeemer,**Our Shield and our Stronghold. Amen.*