

SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE 3/2/25

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

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✱ Mary Salchak (req. by Krivonak Family)

11:00 AM (E) ✱ Dariya Dusko (req. by Lesya Bugera & Nadiia Stoliarchuk)

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY

Wednesday: 6:30 PM (E)

Friday: 6:30 PM (G)

1ST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST 3/9/25

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✱ Martin M. Pushchak (req. by Rene Hayes)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✱ Eleanor Simpson (req. by Deborah Antolik)

11:00 AM (E) For the Parish Family

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

02/23/25

\$1630.00**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 revisions for remainder of year)

All students through 8th grade are WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED to attend. E.C.F. classes on Sundays 3/2, 3/16, 4/13 (Palm Sunday) and on Saturdays in social center at 9:00 AM: 4/5, 4/13 and 6/14. The Saturdays are hands-on activities like baking.

LENTEN FAST

In the Byzantine Rite we do not eat meat or dairy products on the first day of Lent, Monday, March 3 and on Good Friday, April 18. During the weeks of the Great Fast, we do not eat meat on Wednesdays and Fridays. Refer to your church calendar for these regulations. In former times, people did not eat meat, eggs, or dairy products for this entire period until baskets of this food were blessed on Easter (Pascha).

GO FORWARD IN FAITH

The Israelites were not to wait in the camp until the Jordan River was opened but to “walk by faith” (2 Corinthians 5:7). They were to break camp, pack up their belongings, form a marching line, and actually step into the river before it would be opened.

If they had come down to the riverbank and then stopped, waiting for the water to divide before stepping into it, they would have waited in vain. They were told to “set foot in the Jordan” before “its waters....will be cut off.”

We must learn to take God at His word and walk straight ahead in obedience, even when we can see no way to go forward. The reason we are so often sidetracked by difficulties is that we expect to see barriers removed before we even try to pass through them.

If we would only move straight ahead in faith, the path would be opened for us. However, we stand still, waiting for the obstacle to be removed, when we ought to go forward as if there were no obstacles at all.

Take Courage

Courage is not the absence of fear, but the willingness to act in spite of it. We will never be completely free of fear because it is often necessary to warn us of danger or to signal a need for a change. We will still encounter trouble in this world, but with Jesus we know that eventually we will emerge victorious.

Courageous people can be fragile, wounded, worried, or weary. However, they will always choose good and do the right thing, no matter what the cost. Even in the face of contempt, rejection, or ridicule, courageous people carry on.

*Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem**Lord and Master of my life**Spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair,**Lust for power, and idle chatter.**Instead, bestow on me, your servant,**The spirit of integrity, humility, patience and love.**Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins**And not judge my brothers and sisters;**For you are blessed forever and ever. Amen.***LENTEN COLLECTION**

This year we are collecting items for the Erie City Mission. The Mission serves the community through their women's, men's and youth ministries as well as serving a free public lunch 363 days/year. The items we are collecting are: diapers, toothpaste, toothbrushes, men's and women's disposable razors and deodorant. We will collect through April 13. If you are unable to donate items, please consider a cash donation. Call Jen Troncone 814-504-6082 with questions.

JESUS PRAYER – Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner