

16 MARCH 2025

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

2ND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST 3/16/25

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✦ Terri Ferko (req. by Mike Ferko)

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

11:00 AM (E) ✦ Margaret Krumpe

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY

Wednesday: 6:30 PM (E)

3RD ALLSOULS SATURDAY 3/22/25

Friday: 6:30 PM (G) Lenten Devotions & All Souls Panachida

Saturday: 9:00 AM (E) All Souls Divine Liturgy

3RD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST – VENERATION OF THE CROSS 3/23/25

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✦ Albert Mihalco, Sr.

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✦ Fr. Paul Tigyer (req. by Victor & Sandra Wheeler)

11:00 AM (E) Health of Bill Klinge (req. by Slavko & Lesya Bugera)

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

03/09/25

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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 Andrijiw (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, 5/10 and 6/14. The Saturdays are hands-on activities like baking.

LENTEN TRANSFORMATION

Lent is not about getting God to change His mind about us; instead, it is about us changing our minds and lives in order to return to God. No amount of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving will alter anything about the Lord; but these tools are useful in helping us see the truth about our sinfulness and in opening our lives to the mercy which Jesus Christ always extends to repentant sinners.

However, we have to be careful here. Some of us hear words like “sinfulness” and “repentance” and immediately think that He wants us to be miserable. So we obsess about our failings, judge ourselves as hopeless cases when we aren’t perfect, and end up taking the joy out of life.

The good news is that God did not create us for a joyless life of despair, but to share in the blessedness of His life. The eternal Son of God became one of us to heal our broken humanity and bring us into joy of the kingdom. We pray, fast, give alms, and forgive our enemies as ways of embracing His healing, of accepting His gracious transformation of our lives.

FROM THE DESERT FATHERS

The shepherd always walked ahead of his sheep. He was always out in front. Any attack upon the sheep had to take him into account first. Now God is out in front. He is in our tomorrows and it is tomorrow that fills people with fear. Yet God is already there. All the tomorrows of our life have to pass through Him before they can get to us.

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 Tronccone 814-504-6082 with questions

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