

# 30 MARCH 2025

## SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST / JOHN CLIMACUS VENERABLE 3/30/25

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✨ Fred Kerecman (req. by Friends)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✨ Andrew C. Simkovitch II (req. by Andrew Simkovitch & Christine Skidmore)

11:00 AM (E) ✨ Ron Riel (req. by Sr. Sylvia & Sr. Margaret Ann)

### *PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY*

Wednesday: 6:30 PM (E)

Friday: 6:30 PM (G)

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST / MARY OF EGYPT, VENERABLE 4/6/25

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

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✨ Kevin and ✨ Juliann Chalmers (req. by Mike Kohan)

11:00 AM (E) ✨ Bonnie Patrick (req. by Duane & Kathy Adams)

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

03/23/25 \$2477.00

### **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, 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), Helen Bauman (Sarah Reed Senior Living Center). If you know of anyone who should be on this list, contact Fr. John

### **EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION**

God with Us Eastern Catholic Formation is the official catechetical apostolate of the Eastern Catholic Bishops of the United States. The website address is: [www.godwithusononline.org](http://www.godwithusononline.org) This website now makes available radio podcasts, online lectures, a monthly newsletter, books and other education materials which serve to promote a better understanding of Eastern Catholics and their expression of the Catholic faith in the United States. The resource material on this website is constantly updated or changed to better meet the needs of its users.

### **E.C.F. CLASSES – 9:15 – 10:30 AM (Note revisions for remainder of year)**

All students through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED to attend. E.C.F. classes on **Sundays 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.

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

### **SEARCH FOR GOD'S WILL**

Corrie ten Boom, a Dutch Christian who helped protect Jews during World War II, said that the "safest place is in the center of God's will." She did not live a "safe" life by any stretch of the imagination – the Nazis arrested her and sent her to a concentration camp. The safety she was talking about is the assurance and peace that come from knowing Jesus and loving and following his ways.

His will is a firm foundation, a mighty fortress, and a protective shield for our souls. This kind of safety is what we all long for. Knowing this, the devil tries to confuse us about right and wrong, good and evil. He wants to destroy our efforts to pursue God's will.

Today, walk in God's will, seek him, and cling to the good. You are safe in his sight.

### *A Lenten Reflection*

We often take pride in the good that we do and this empties the works of their holiness. Prayer, fasting, and acts of charity are good only when done through the grace of God. We must be careful not to promote ourselves, but only the good news of the Lord. Fasting is much more than doing without food. It is fasting from pride, selfishness, sin and greed. What good is it if we abstain from meat, but bite and devour our brothers and sisters with a vicious mouth?

*-St. John Chrysostom*

### *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 Troncione 814-504-6082 with questions