

06 APRIL 2025

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

5TH 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) ✕ Ronnie Patrick (req. by Duane & Kathy Adams)

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY and Confessions

Wednesday: 6:30 PM (E)

SATURDAY OF LAZARUS 4/12/25

Friday: 6:30 PM (G) Lazarus Divine Liturgy and Confessions

PALM SUNDAY 4/13/25

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✕ Martin M. Pushchak (req. by Sipple & Pushchak Families)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✕ Fr. John Onesko (req. by Victor & Sandra Wheeler)

11:00 AM (E) For the Parish Family

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

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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, 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

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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 4/13** (Palm Sunday) and on **Saturdays in social center at 9:00 AM: 5/10 and 6/14**. The Saturdays are hands-on activities like baking.

ST. MARY OF EGYPT (EARLY 5TH CENTURY)

Mary spent seventeen years as a prostitute in Alexandria, Egypt. Out of curiosity, she joined a group who were traveling to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem, she had a conversion experience and renounced her previous sinful life. She crossed the Jordan River and lived as a hermit in the desert for her remaining forty-seven years as an act of penance. A priest named Zosimos would bring her communion once a year in the desert. That is what is pictured on this week’s bulletin cover.

We All Need Support

When the devil tempted Jesus in the desert, he offered him quick fixes. However, when the angel comforted Jesus in his agony in the garden, he did not take away his suffering. Instead, the angel came alongside him and ministered to him, offering comfort and consolation. This image of Jesus in the garden with the angel by his side reminds us that none of us, not even Jesus, can avoid suffering, but we have many means, both heavenly and earthly, to find comfort.

Jesus did not go into the garden alone. He brought friends along, and even though they let him down by falling asleep, he repeatedly went to them for help. The truth is, we need each other, not just during life-and-death situations, but also for the daily trials of life. Do not be afraid to reach out. If your friends disappoint you, keep looking for support. There are no quick fixes, but there will always be someone in heaven or on earth who will walk with you on the way toward peace.

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