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"Good Shepherd parishioners Jack Gladysz, Aeryk McEwen, Connie Santell, Alayna Simmons and Linsey Alsdolf at the Cathedral in Erie after being greeted by Bishop Persico last Sunday.

PARISHIONERS REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK:  New Registration     Change of Address     Moving out of Parish     Want envelopes

Please drop this information into the Offertory basket or mail to the Rectory.

**MASS INTENTIONS**



**MONDAY, MARCH 9TH**  
8:30 AM - Janet Lee Keller  
c/o Janice & David Langdon

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10th**  
8:30 AM – Poor Souls  
c/o Marie Flickinger

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11th**  
7:00 PM - Jerry Stefanak  
c/o Wife, Dottie

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12th**  
8:30 AM – Sara Jones  
c/o Mr. & Mrs. Dale Terrian

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13th**  
8:30 AM – James Cox  
c/o The Servedio Family

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14th**  
6:00 PM – Andrew Stefanak  
c/o Brian & Darla Yamaato

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15th**  
9:00 AM – For Our Parishioners

11:30 AM – Cecilia Macchia  
c/o Joe & Carol Baker

**ALTAR SERVERS**

3/14 6:00 pm Blaze Knight  
Vincent Miller  
Vianna Miller

3/15 9:00 am Rylee Adams  
Sydney Miller  
Chance Miller

**E. MINISTERS**

Phyllis Williams  
Monica Hanrahan  
Cliff Sederland  
Walter Drda  
Michael Drda  
Dan Vellone

Dennis Primerano  
Denise Burger  
David Morelli  
Ken Rogers  
Patti Chupak  
Ron Adams

Arlene Repko  
Kylie Thompson  
Judy Miller  
Jack Pringle

**LECTOR #1**

3/14 6:00 pm James Sobey  
3/15 9:00 am Tonya Morelli  
11:30 am Judy Miller

**LECTOR #2**

Phyllis Williams  
Ken Rogers  
**Volunteer**

**HOSPITALITY MINISTERS**

3/14 6:00 pm Paul Bauer/Kathy Bauer  
Patrick Miller/Pam Esposito

3/15 9:00 am Joe Miller, Jr./Don Kotuby  
Darlene Kotuby/Bonnie & Peter Gibb

11:30 am Don Mattern/Brian Friedrich  
Cyndy Mattern/Aimee Zrile

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS – Week/March 8, 2020**

**Sunday, March 8, 2020**  
Coffee & Donuts after 9:00 am Mass – Social Hall  
10:00 am – Religious Ed Classes – all grades  
11:30 am Mass – Don & Lee Nigro (Special Blessing/70th Wedding Anniversary)

**Monday, March 9th**  
9:30 am – Passion Narratives Scripture Class  
5:30 pm – Passion Narratives Scripture Class  
7:00 pm – Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

**Wednesday, March 11th**  
9:00 am to 2:20 pm - Kennedy Retreat

**Friday, March 13th**  
7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross / Church

**Saturday, March 14th**  
10:00 am – noon (First Reconciliation Retreat)  
6:00 pm – WMVFD Dinner Dance (Social Hall)

**COLLECTION – 2/23/20**

Number of Adult envelopes issued.....520  
Adult Offertory Collection.....\$ 4,982.00  
Children’s Offertory.....\$ 11.00  
Loose Offertory.....\$ 381.00  
# of envelopes used.....202  
Attendance at Mass.....511

**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND, THOSE ON OUR PRAYER CHAIN & HOSPITALIZED**

**2020 HIGH SCHOOL MUSICALS**

Please support our parish students involved in their school musicals during the month of March. These students commit numerous hours of rehearsal in addition to their regular studies.

*Malia Mattern – Hickory H.S.*  
*Kambri Adams, Zoe Belcik, Blaze Knight – West Middlesex, H.S.*  
*Ryan Onestak – Wilmington H.S.*

\*Please visit school websites for more information.\*

**2020 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL COMMITMENT WEEKEND March 7 & 8**

Today is our last Commitment Sunday for the 2020 CSA. On this weekend we ask you to come prepared to make your pledge to this year’s campaign, the theme of which is: *Forward Together...Doing the Work of Christ*. The 2020 CSA runs from March until December and payments can be made over a 10 month period. Sign up stations will be behind the pews for your convenience. Please pray for a successful 2020 appeal. A letter was sent to every parish family informing you of our parish project and the parish’s pledge goal.

A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. You have joined together with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Erie to share of your blessings to help advance the mission of the church. I am grateful.

If you have not yet made a commitment, it is not too late. Your generosity is appreciated.

**MARY GARDEN BRICK ORDERS**

Are once again being taken by the Altar Rosary Society. Order forms are located on the usher stands in the gathering space. Please call Joyce Blanke at 330-448-2426 for questions and to place an order.

**FROM OUR PASTOR**

**Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James and John.** Did you get a chance to see “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood”? Tom Hanks portrays Fred Rogers, the creator of Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood, but Fred isn’t the main character of the film. **SPOILER ALERT!!** The film centers on Lloyd Vogel, a driven, investigative reporter for Esquire Magazine, and in an effort to cool him down, his editor assigns him a “puff” piece profile of Fred Rogers. The producers of the TV show urge Fred not to grant the interview as they are aware of his “take-no-prisoners” approach, but Rogers agrees to the interview and welcomes Vogel to his studio and his home in Pittsburgh.

Vogel is not a happy camper but takes the assignment to get to the “truth” about the minister-turned-TV host, though the interview doesn’t go as planned. Lloyd’s cynicism is no match for Mr. Rogers’ kindness and compassion. Rogers gets Vogel to talk about himself, his new life as a dad and the strained relationship with his own father. His dad walked out on his dying mother, and in his resulting anger has shut down many feelings and emotions in his life. Beneath his hard, skeptical view of the world, Lloyd is terrified that he can’t be an involved dad and attentive husband and forgiving son he should and wants to be. But Fred, being Mister Rogers, patiently and slowly helps Lloyd find within himself the ability not only to move on from his hurt but to forgive his father and reboot his relationship with his wife and son.

There’s a point in the film where the reporter can barely mask his resentment at being forced by his editor to do this piece on Rogers. He is suspicious that another human being – let alone a famous one – can possess such genuine empathy and decency. And so, Rogers responds to his cynical questioning and says something like, “Look at us. We’ve just met, but I’m investing in who you are and who you will be, and I can’t help it.”

Lloyd begins to get it, “You love broken people like me.”

Vogel’s meeting with Fred Rogers was a “transfiguration” moment as Fred brings out of the hardened reporter some of the good will that is buried deep within him. You and I have all experienced such moments of “transfiguration” in our lives. It happens when the love of God that exists within us changes our lives and those of others. It’s that divinity that Peter, James and John see in Jesus. The power of the sacred presence shines through us even though we may be unaware of it. Fred did it for Vogel as well as for the millions of kids who watched his show over the years.

Maybe we’re asked this Lent to transfigure our world into the “neighborhood” of God.

May this second week change us a little! Fr. Glenn

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** Father Stan Swacha of St. John XXIII Home will join me on **Sunday, March 22** after the 11:30 am Mass for our seasonal celebration of the Anointing of the Sick. Anyone feeling the effects of age or anticipating a stay in the hospital or planning some medical tests or simply wanting to encounter the healing power of the sacrament is invited to join us for this liturgy. Again this will take place **AFTER** Mass, at about 12:30 pm.

Perhaps there’s someone who needs a ride to church for this service – and maybe you could offer one. Thanks in advance for helping out with this effort.

**KEEP UP THE PRAYERS** for Connie, Alayna, Linsey, Aeryk and Jack as they move closer to the celebration of the Easter sacraments next month. They and their sponsors, family members and Lauren and I attended the Rite of Election at the cathedral last Sunday afternoon. We stopped near Meadville on the return trip for a dinner at Chovy’s and we recommend the “Three for \$15” special!!

*Our Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 5, 2020. Please plan on attending.*

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY 40 CANS FOR LENT**

Help the Altar Rosary Society fight hunger by giving a little...to feed a lot! Bring canned goods or non-breakable, non-perishable food items with you when you come to Mass during Lent and place them in the grocery cart in the Gathering Space.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS Religious Education Calendar**

**March 14:** Saturday – First Reconciliation Retreat including the Sacrament of First Reconciliation  
**March 15:** Class Grades 1-11  
**March 22:** Class Grades 1-11  
**March 29:** Class Grades 1-6  
**March 29:** Sunday – Teen Shepherds Retreat Grades 7-11. NO class on this day. Retreat will be held at the Villa Maria Retreat Center from 1-4 pm. The retreat includes a 4 pm Mass. Parents must provide transportation.

**Catholic Heart Work Camp/Mr. D’s Easter Food Sale**

Again this year students will be selling kolache and Easter bread from Mr. D’s to benefit the students attending Catholic Heart Work Camp this summer. Orders will be taken from Saturday, March 7th to Sunday, March 22nd in the gathering space.

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE**

Parish Pastoral Council will hold its Annual Spaghetti Dinner on **Palm Sunday, April 5th**. As always, we appreciate the help and support of our parishioners for this event. If you are able to volunteer on either (1) the days leading up to the dinner or (2) the day of the event, please contact the Rectory Office (724-528-3539 ext. 5) or John Moroco (724-699-1903). We will make meatballs and sauce the week before the dinner and welcome any help – please watch the bulletin for dates and times. If you are willing to donate a dessert, please bring it to the Social Hall anytime on Saturday, April 4th or Sunday morning, April 5th. We will begin selling tickets soon and are anticipating another very successful event!

**1:38 WOMEN’S CONFERENCE / March 28, 2020**

Our Lady of Peace Parish, 2401 W. 38<sup>th</sup> St., Erie / 9 am to 3:30 pm / Doors open at 8 am; Adoration, Confession and Mass / Master of Ceremonies: Fr. Larry Richards. Details 814/455-7364 or www.138.women.com.