

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21, 2023



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(Closed 12:00PM - 1:00PM, Saturdays, Sundays, & Holidays)

Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:
Saturday at 4:00PM; Sunday at 9:00AM

*** Daily Eucharist: Call the Parish Office**

*** Reconciliation is celebrated until 15 minutes before Mass
(If the priest is not in the confessional, inform an greeter)**

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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



May 21, 2023
7th Sunday of Easter

Traditionally, the four writers of the Gospels are symbolized by four creatures that make their way into Church art and architecture: Matthew, an angel; Mark, a lion; Luke, an ox; and John, an eagle. These images can be found in churches across the world, a nod to those who recorded the stories of Jesus for us, thousands of years ago.

Today's Gospel was written by John. There are a few reasons why John is symbolized by an eagle, but my favorite explanation is that his writings soar like an eagle into the sky with their beautiful, poetic language. The prayer we hear today is no different — Jesus invokes God in a long discourse that might seem mystifying at times, the same way that a poem can be perplexing to understand when we are unfamiliar with the pacing or format.

Consider holding onto the shortest sentence in this prayer: "I pray for them."

Jesus prays for us. For me. For you.
Let that sink deep into your being.

Jesus is on your side. He is aware of what you are holding at this moment. He is aware of your pain, your faith, your mission. And He's rooting for you. This prayer was recorded thousands of years ago, far before you were born. Since before you were born, you were held in prayer. With that certainty, we live.

— Father John Muir

Readings for the week of May 21, 2023

Sunday: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3-7/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-36/Jn 17:11-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2, 5-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 104:1-2, 24-30, 35/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Sacrament of Baptism: Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation programs are hosted at Saint Luke's Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

Confirmation preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint Luke's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.6920).

Sacrament of Holy Orders: God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Scott Jabo, at 1.814.824.1181.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

Sacrament of the Sick: Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be Anointed.

Leave A Legacy: Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

Bulletin Information Deadline: Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.



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"PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN" MINISTRY

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606).

"PRAYERLINE" MINISTRY

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Kay (825-7328) or Shirley (452.3395) from St. Stanislaus, or Kathy (392-8974) at Holy Trinity.

PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Parishioners interested in serving our worshipping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, music minister, or usher/greeter, please let one of your priests know.

"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Sue (450-2987).

THE "ZABAWA COMMITTEE"

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Ray (882-1032).

PROLIFE COMMUNITY

This ministry advocates through for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death through prayer, education, and action.

"PRAYER CANDLE" MAKING MINISTRY

This ministry makes prayer candles from the church's left over bee's wax. They meet on Wednesdays, from 10AM - Noon in St. Stanislaus Parish Hall. No experience necessary.

ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please Check: ☐ New Registration ☐ Change of Address ☐ Change of Telephone Number

☐ Change of E-mail ☐ Moving out of Parish ☐ Want Envelopes

*Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact you to complete our Census Form.
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

A Community of Faith Built on Tradition, Where Everyone is Welcome

Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., May 22nd - Private Intention
 Tues., May 23rd - Ed Smith (Eleanor)
 Wed., May 24th - Julie Aleksandrowicz (Rose Marie Radomski)
 Thurs., May 25th - Ray Przybyszewski (John Abate)
 Fri., May 26th - Mary Ann Zamieroski (Vargo Family)
 Sat., May 27th, 4:00PM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)
 Sun., May 28th, 9:00AM - Irene Smerick (Helen Zimmerman)



Our sanctuary candle burn in memory of **J. ROY ZIMMERMAN**, as gifted by Family.



THE LOSS OF A LEGEND

We want to inform you of the death of Fr. Joe Gregorek. Fr. Joe generously gave of his time to frequent Saint Stanislaus to hear confessions in Polish, so long as his health would allow. He spent his entire priesthood in higher education, most of those years at Gannon University as a professor of biology. Please keep Fr. Joe, his family, and his colleagues at Gannon, in your prayers.

IN MEMORIUM

A cemetery service was held for Carrie Jaroszewicz on Saturday, May 13th, and a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Donna Ellman on Wednesday, May 17th. Please keep Carrie, Donna, and their family and loved ones in your prayers. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord..."

SOUND SYTEM: UPDATE

Our initial appointment with our sound engineer had to be canceled due to a funeral celebration. We are moving forward and have provided the company with blueprints so that they can begin their preliminary assessment of our space. We will reschedule our in-person assessment as the company's schedule allows.

Many have asked about the financing of this project. We do not intend to run a formal "campaign," but we are pursuing various grants and donations. If you would like to contribute to the project, mark any plain envelope with "sound fund," place it in the collection basket, and we will reserve those monies for this project.

We will continue to keep you updated, especially when we receive initial estimates. Thank you for your words of support and encouragement!

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR MAY 14TH

| | This Week | July 1 to date |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Amount we need | \$4,156.00 | \$191,176.00 |
| Amount Received | \$2,529.00.00 | \$116,495.00 |
| Net over/under | (\$1,627.00) | (\$74,681.00) |

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 52; 9:00AM = 56
 Envelopes: 55/168



WE ARE FAMILY

I am looking forward to an empty nest. It isn't that I do not love my children or that I will not miss them. I am simply looking forward to catching up on life. I look forward to times when there is no one else there except for my wife. It will be a time to ourselves that I hope will be time well spent. I look forward to the days when my children will visit (with grandchildren, I hope!). There will be occasions we visit them as well (to see grandchildren, I hope!). The truth is, even though we will not be living in the same house, we will never be too far from one another. We belong to each other no matter what.

That is how it is with family. When we become disciples of Jesus Christ, we belong to him. We are family. Our greatest gift to give is our very selves to one another. Jesus gave all of himself to us. Even though he ascended to his Heavenly Father, he remains with us in love and grace, especially in the Holy Eucharist. He has shown us how to love and how to be family. Even when we cannot see him, Jesus remains with us. Hopefully, we can follow in that example and give of ourselves fully and be there for those we love whenever they need us, especially if they need us to watch the grandchildren. (It is a ways away, but I want to plant the seeds now!)

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

APRIL LOTTERY RAFFLE WINNERS

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 4/1) Anne Post | 4/17) Rolf Pederson |
| 4/2) Charles Warren, Jr. | 4/18) Elaine Rohrbach |
| 4/3) Carolyn Stone | 4/19) Anne Post |
| 4/4) Rolf Pederson | 4/20) C & J Brocious |
| 4/5) Jeff Schweinfurth | 4/21) Bryce Borkowski |
| 4/7) Chip Rohrbach | 4/22) Corrine Dembski |
| 4/9) Kay Villa | 4/23) Molly Joseph |
| 4/10) George Chilcott | 4/24) Kirk Schneider |
| 4/11) Jessica Overly | 4/25) Sophia Watral |
| 4/12) D.J. John | 4/26) Pam & Doug |
| 4/14) Jeanette Brocious | 4/27) Rich Borkowski |
| 4/15) Bob Brocious | 4/28) Kate Brocious |
| 4/16) George Chase | 4/29) Becky Stankiewicz |

Thank to all who participated!
 July Lottery Tickets are now available!

Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of **CHARLES & THERESA BRASINGTON** as gifted by the Family.



5/25 – Liz Ellison
5/26 – Lauren Brieger

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., May 22nd - All Souls
Tues., May 23rd - Special Intention
Wed., May 24th - Chuck Presor (Marilyn & Children)
Thurs., May 25th - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)
Fri., May 26th - For Newly Ordained Priests
Sat., May 27th, 5:15PM - Lillian Przepierski (Jack & Sandy Kempisty)
Sun., May 28th, 10:30AM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)

WE ARE NEVER ALONE

My children want my help sometimes, and other times, not so much. I remember being a teenager and young adult myself. At times, I thought I knew everything. I didn't need help because I was just so darn smart. Truth is, I needed to find my own way. I needed to stretch my wings and prove to myself and my family I could fly. I assume that is what is happening with my own children as well. It just seems so different now that I'm the parent. Human beings need help. We need community, and we need to rely on one another. At Pentecost, we reflect on Jesus sending to the Church a helper, the Holy Spirit. God interacting with us in this manner means we are never truly alone. We focus most of the time on the Spirit of God as the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure. However, since it is that very same Spirit that turned us into "Church" from a band of people looking to carry on after Jesus' ascension, at Pentecost we gained more than divine help: we gained each other. Today, the Church needs help in a profound way. We need to lean on the Holy Spirit to blow through the Church with a profound renewal. But we cannot forget that we have been given each other to lean on as well. We are a gift to each other, and together with the Spirit's help, we are the Body of Christ here on earth. We must be strong and stand for one another. If we do that, this Pentecost will bear fruit that will be with us for many Pentecost's to come.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

IN MEMORIUM

Sr. Mary Miller died on Sunday, May 14. Sr. Mary lived with Sr. Mary Lou next to Holy Trinity's parking lot. Together, they founded the Trinity Square Foundation to rehabilitate East 22nd St. Sr. Mary lead the Emmaus Ministries for 42 years. We will miss our neighbor. "Rest in peace!"

TRINITY SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 4th, our parish will celebrate our Feast Day Following Mass, we will host a parish day brunch, where we will honor those who have received First Communion, graduates from 8th Grade, High School, and College, as well as significant wedding anniversaries. A good-will offering will be taken to defray the expenses.

Please RSVP by May 22nd.

ZABAWA GRAND RAFFLE

Susan Trochowski, the Zabawa Grand Raffle Chairperson, will have the raffle tickets available for pick up in the back of the church at the May 20 and 21 weekend Masses.

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR MAY 14TH, 2023

Regular Offering: \$1,889.00 (27/130)

| | THIS WEEK | JULY 1 TO DATE |
|-------------------|------------|----------------|
| Dream Goal: | \$4,000.00 | \$173,000.00 |
| Budgeted: | \$2,400.00 | \$105,600.00 |
| Total Offertory: | \$1,889.00 | \$106,345.00 |
| Net (over/under): | (\$511.00) | \$745.00 |

Attendance: 5:15PM = 52; 10:30AM = 64

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

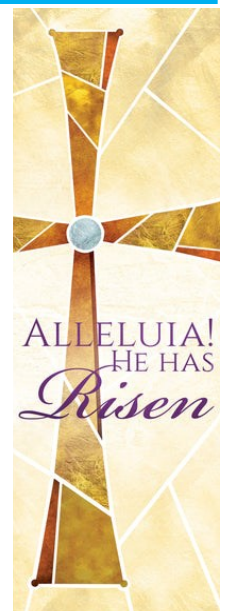
I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.
John 17:9 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 17:6-11 (NIV).



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"...and they have believed that you sent me."

- John 17:8

News for Our Partnership

I am writing with the awareness that many of you heard about a potentially dangerous situation that occurred at Blessed Sacrament last weekend. Fortunately, the situation was diffused and subsequent reporting has downplayed the situation. Nonetheless, the incident is a stark reminder that we live in a contentious world and that our churches are not immune to potential threats and possible harm.

Several months ago, both parishes were offered the opportunity to participate in a "situational awareness" safety seminar. I was gratified that many parishioners at both parishes participated. If there is a growing interest among others to engage in the same seminar, I will gladly make arrangements to host the seminar again.

Be assured that there are safety measures in place at both parishes, and that I will engage both pastoral councils in ongoing conversations about our situational awareness and safety protocol.

If you have continuing concerns, or would like to share any ideas to enhance our safety, do not hesitate to let me know.

- Fr. Jason

Bishop Lawrence T. Persico, JCL Bishop of Erie cordially invites the Faithful of the Diocese of Erie to the Presbyteral Ordination of:

The Reverend Mr. Christopher Alan Beran
The Reverend Mr. Cory Lee Pius
on Friday, May 26, 2023 7:00pm
at St. Peter Cathedral (230 West 10th Street)

RECIPE BOOK

If you recall, prior to the pandemic, we were collecting recipes to organize and publish a recipe book. Unfortunately, then the pandemic hit, that project was stalled. We now have a small committee together to resume that work. If you have recipes that you are willing to share, please place them in the collection basket, drop them off at the parish office, or give them to Michelle Wiley or Fr. Jason. We hope to have the book published by the fall. Thank you!

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations on Sunday, August 6, at Our Lady of Peace Parish, Erie, or Sunday, August 20, at Sts. Cosmas and Damian Parish, Punxsutawney. Celebrations include Mass with Bishop Persico followed by a light reception. To register for either event or to receive a certificate by mail, complete the online registration at <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>, contact your parish office, or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at (814) 824-1210. Registrations are being accepted until July 21 for Erie celebrations, and until August 4 for Punxsutawney celebrations.

A MARRIAGE MOMENT

What's the best argument you've ever had with your beloved? You may have felt mad at each other at the time, but what helped you get past the anger or hurt to deepen your love?



ST. STANISLAUS WOMEN'S SOCIETY



SUNDAY, JUNE 11th

1:00PM (Doors open at Noon)

All CASH prizes!!!

*** Instants * 50/50 Game**
***Kitchen Food Available**

- Polish Falcons Club, 431 E 3rd St.
- \$25 Admission (1pk), \$5 each additional package
- Call 814-882-9835 to reserve your seat!

Walk Ins Welcome

NEXT BINGO: November 5th

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

5/22) Suzanne Sundy & Kathy Wisniewski; 5/23) Heidi Jankowski & Gina Lintelman; 5/24) Len Sebastian, Tom Widomski, & Diane Valahovic; 5/25) Kathy Ciecierski, Jack Kempisty, & Helen Zimmerman; 5/26) Patricia Straub & John Kleiner; 5/27) Sr. Maxine Kaminski & Regina Jaworski; 5/28) Dorothy & Mead Carlson

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

5/22) Fr. Mark Mastrain; 5/23) Fr. Joe Dougherty; 5/24) Fr. Tom Trocchio; 5/25) All in Consecrated Life; 5/26) Fr. John Santor; 5/27) Fr. Stan Swacha; 5/28) Fr. David Baetzold

Sunday, May 21, 2023

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 1:12-14; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11a

"The words you gave to me I have given to them..."

Consume media with care

He couldn't have foreseen the technological advances the 21st century would bring. Yet in 1967, Pope Paul VI appreciated the need for a World Communications Day. He established the Sunday before Pentecost as an annual reflection on the opportunities and challenges of presenting the gospel message to a global society. The press, movies, radio, and television all commanded great attention in his generation. What are we saying and absorbing through all this media? Be a discerning steward of words and images.

Monday, May 22, 2023

MEMORIAL OF RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS

Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33

"... take courage, I have conquered the world."

Support vulnerable women

Rita of Cascia is the patron saint of abused wives because she herself was one. She endured years of verbal and physical abuse from her husband, and after he was murdered by a feuding family member, Rita became a nun. Read the U.S. Catholic Bishops' statement against domestic violence. On the USCCB website, you can also find downloadable "When I Call for Help" resource cards in English and Spanish that list signs of an abusive relationship and include the number of the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a

"They know that everything you gave me is from you."

Peace I leave with you

Twenty-five years ago today, citizens on both sides of the Northern Ireland conflict agreed—by referendum—to honor the Good Friday Agreement of 1998, ending nearly 30 years of bloodshed. For his dogged commitment to the work of peace Catholic politician John Hume was named corecipient of the 1998 Nobel Peace Prize. Hume, who also received both the Gandhi Peace Prize and the Martin Luther King Award—the only person ever to receive all three peace awards—said, "Bloodshed for political change prevents the only change that truly matters: in the human heart." Pray for peace today.

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19

"I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the Evil One."

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us

Today marks the sad one-year anniversary of the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. Let us pray for the 21 people who died that day, including 19 children. Let us pray for their families. Today is also the feast of Mary, Help of Christians—a good day to pray for an end to gun violence. Consider this prayer to Mary, which begins: "Most Holy and Immaculate Virgin, Help of Christians, we place ourselves under your motherly protection. Throughout the Church's history you have helped Christians in times of trial, temptation, and danger. Time and time again, you have proven to be the Refuge of sinners, the Hope of the hopeless, the Consoler of the afflicted, and the Comforter of the dying."

Thursday, May 25, 2023

MEMORIAL OF BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH; GREGORY VII, POPE;

MARY MAGDALENE DE' PAZZI, RELIGIOUS MYSTIC

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26

"Father ... I made known to them your name."

Marching in unison

A doctor, a pope, and a mystic walked into a bar... no, actually, today's trio of saints all lived at different times but landed on the same day in the liturgical calendar. Although the number of saints far outstrips the number of days in the year, each saint is assigned a date to be honored, usually the day of their death. Many saints remain obscure, but the many books, articles, traditions, and websites devoted to saints ensures that somewhere the faithful are taking note. That's the point, to be inspired by saints to be saintly in our own lives in our own way.

Friday, May 26, 2023

MEMORIAL OF PHILIP NERI, PRIEST

Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19

"And when [Jesus] had said this, he said to him, 'Follow me.' "

The saint with an inclusive perspective

We sometimes have a difficult time holding together opposites and contradictions. Either joy or sorrow, good or bad. But what would it be like to replace either/or with the humble conjunction and? And serves to connect things, to show relationship. Saint Philip Neri exemplifies someone who embraced the and. He was deeply committed to individual prayer devotions and to experiencing God at the heart of community. He encouraged people to faith and joy and to persevering in a struggling church. What either/or is becoming a both/and for you?

Saturday, May 27, 2023

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25

"There are also many other things that Jesus did."

Hang in there

There are times in our lives when, facing adversity, we are tempted to throw in the towel, turn back, give up. Augustine of Canterbury, sent by Rome in 596 to evangelize Anglo Saxons in England, turned back after hearing of the dangers ahead. Persuaded by Pope Gregory to persevere, Augustine completed the mission. Though progress was slow and setbacks occurred, Augustine's steadfastness paid off, and he is rightfully called the "Apostle to England." Stay the course!

