

PLEASE REMEMBER Father Bernie in your prayers as he recuperates from his recent knee surgery. May God Bless him during his recovery.

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers THOMAS SARNOWSKI who died this past week. May he rest in the Peace of Christ, Our Risen Savior.

PLEASE NOTE: Because of the concern for avoiding the flu and other "bugs" that are going around, until further notice, we will dispense with receiving the Blood of Christ (sharing the cup).

2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available in the back of Church. Please take yours and if you know of someone who can not attend, please take it to them.

2017 CSA: Parish goal~\$41,919.00. To date-received 110 pledges = \$35,445. Paid to date = \$33,585.00.

2018 CALENDARS are available courtesy of the Edward J. Garr Funeral Home. Please take one.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets every Wednesday from 10 AM - 12 PM, at the Nazareth Center. All are welcome. For information, please call Linda at 864-8476.

CHURCH CLEANERS: **A REMINDER:** new cleaning schedules are available in the vestibule. Please take your copy

CHURCH CLEANERS: TEAM B will clean the church this Tuesday, January 23 at 9:30 AM. If you can not help, trade with someone on the other team or inform your contact person.

FEBRUARY 1ST TICKETS are available. Cost is \$2.00 per ticket. Each prize is \$100.00. Please call Tony Mazzone at 825-4196 to make arrangements to pick up or to purchase tickets. We sincerely thank those who support this raffle.

A REMINDER to those who have a "Super Bowl" pool square for Sun., Feb. 4. Please submit your payment to Val Jaskiewicz as soon as possible.

CURRENT ISSUES of Faith Life Diocesan News are available at the entrances. Please take one.

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS COLLECTION will be taken next weekend, January 27 & 28. Included with this bulletin is a letter from Bishop Persico. Please use the envelope in your box of envelopes. Your generosity will be appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE: The "Val V. Jaskiewicz & Ron Bukoski Memorial Spring Fling" will be held on Sunday, April 15. Watch upcoming bulletins for details.

FISH AND PIEROGI DINNERS

The Parish will host these popular dinners on **FRIDAYS, FEBRUARY 16, MARCH 2 and 16** **We will need plenty of help!** Volunteer forms are available at the entrances. If you are able and willing to help, please take one, fill it out and return it to the Parish Office **as soon as possible!** A delicious meal and enthusiastic volunteers make our dinners a success!

ALL HELP WILL BE APPRECIATED!

WEEKLY OFFERTORY - January 14, 2018

	<u>This week</u>	<u>July 1 to date</u>
amount we need	\$4,563.00	\$132,327.00
weekend collection	<u>\$2,158.00</u>	<u>\$99,729.00</u>
net over/short	(\$2,405.00)	(\$32,598.00)

WOMEN'S SOCIETY: Members are reminded that the next meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, February 11** at **1:00 PM** in the Parish Hall. New members are welcome!

PARISH PRAYERLINE: This Care and Concern group exists so members of the parish might pray for the needs of one another. The people pray together and individually at a time convenient for them. We also share our prayer requests with L'Arche community prayerline. If you have questions or are interested in joining the prayerline, please call Kay 825-7328 or Shirley 452-3395.

SPECIAL SCRIP GIFT CARD ORDERS can be placed on January 27 & 28 with the pick up date - February 3 & 4. Cash and Carry cards are available weekly. Gift cards make wonderful gifts! Your support of this project benefits our parish!

"Wear a smile . . . one size fits all!"



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In his 2017 World Communications Day Message, Pope Francis takes an unblinking look at how information is impacting our culture. While acknowledging that a constant focus on bad news contributes to anxiety and fear, he knows we cannot ignore the challenges of our times.

Yet he still finds room for hope.

"I would like to contribute to the search for an open and creative style of communication that never seeks to glamourize evil, but instead to concentrate on solutions and to inspire a positive and responsible approach on the part of its recipients," he writes. "I ask everyone to offer the people of our time storylines that are at heart 'good news.'"

That is exactly what we try to do in the Diocese of Erie. Overseeing our efforts to evangelize, to teach, to empower and to minister to those in need – not to mention the logistics of interacting with 97 parishes, 43 schools and dozens of ministries and agencies spread out across 10,000 square miles – requires that we share an enormous amount of information. I am committed to transparency, and work closely with our Communications Office to make sure we use every avenue possible to keep you informed.

But it's about more than information. We prioritize inspiration as well. As *Faith* magazine begins its 13th year of publication, it's clear there will never be any shortage of stories about people in our diocese who are living out the Gospel with creativity and generosity. This year, we also are preparing to launch an updated website, designed to be welcoming, engaging and user friendly. And I have been enjoying reaching out to you with my new Twitter account in recent months.

Each of these efforts is important to our lifelong journey as disciples. That's why I'm asking you to please support the ***Help Spread the Faith*** collection **January 27-28**.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Lawrence T. Persico*

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

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There will not be a second collection.