

Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope

Celebrating the Holy Year 2025 Together

Diocese of Erie

August 2025



YEAR OF JUBILEE



As we reflect on family this month, this group was all smiles after the Natural Family Planning Mass at St. Peter Cathedral on Sunday, July 20. (Photo/Diocese of Erie)

Welcome to the *Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope* monthly newsletter. Join us each month for ways to stay connected and to celebrate this Holy Year.

CALLED TO CONNECT

This month we honor the family, the domestic church. Our families are where many of us live our most ordinary and our most profound joys and sorrows. From stubbed toes to long-awaited weddings, our joyful, sorrowful, glorious and luminous mysteries play out in the domestic Church.

*The theological virtue of hope orients and sustains us through all these mysteries. In Christian art, hope is often symbolized by an anchor—a reminder that the hope of the Gospel is not wishful thinking. Instead, it is a deep and grounding desire for God's promises combined with the trust that he will fulfill them. It assures us of our heavenly home, that God's love never fails, that evil and suffering do not have the final word and that God cares for those we love even more than we do. **At times, life's struggles can challenge our hope, but it is God himself who renews that hope within us, giving us the strength to trust him until his promises are fulfilled.***

In this Jubilee year, may your family be a place where hope flourishes, rooted in the assurance that God is always near, always at work and always up to something good.

Kate Wilson

Director for Marriage and Family Life (Faith Formation Office, Diocese of Erie)



As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

According to the Scriptures Joshua 24:15



PRAYER

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY FROM POPE FRANCIS'S "AMORIS LAETITIA" ("THE JOY OF LOVE"):

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love; to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer Amen.

CELEBRATIONS

Key events: Feast of the Transfiguration; Assumption of Mary; Queenship of Mary

Mass with the Holy Father/Event location:

- **August 3** - Jubilee of Youth, Tor Vergata
- **August 15** - Feast of the Assumption, Castel Gandolfo

HEY, KIDS OF CHRIST!

Jubilee vocab: Domestic Church - A special name for your family at home when you pray together, love each other and live like Jesus. It means your home is a little church where God's love grows every day!

Hey, Kids of Christ! I'm Luce, the Jubilee mascot, and I'm so excited to help you celebrate the special gift of family—the people God gave us to love and care for! Ask a grown-up to help you plan a **"Family Blessing Day"** at home!



Do one kind thing for each person in your family—like setting the table, drawing them a picture or giving them a big hug. Then, ask everyone to sit together and say one thing they love about each other and end by praying together. Don't forget—**every time you show love at home; you're spreading God's light!**



Saint Monica is the patron saint of mothers, wives and families known for her unwavering faith and prayers for the conversion of her son, St. Augustine.

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FAITHFUL FACTS!

The Church sees marriage and family life as a vocation—just as sacred as priesthood or religious life. In *Familiaris Consortio*, Pope St. John Paul II wrote that spouses and parents are called to be "the first and foremost evangelizers." The daily work of raising children, loving a spouse and staying faithful is also a true path to holiness.

LIVING THE MISSION

How do I respond to moments of tension, frustration or hurt within my family—with silence, anger or with the mercy of Christ?

Prayerfully reflect on a recent moment of conflict or misunderstanding in your family. Ask God to help you see it through his eyes. Is there someone you need to forgive—or ask forgiveness from? Take a small but meaningful step toward healing: write a note, offer a hug, say a prayer together or simply listen.



**PRAY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR
August 2025**

Pope's Intention: For faith-filled young people. We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Parish Prayer for the week of August 3

Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that , for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Parish Prayer for the week of August 10

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Parish Prayer: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15

O God, who, looking on the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary, raised her to this grace, that your Only Begotten Son was born of her according to the flesh and that she was crowned this day with surpassing glory, grant through her prayers, that, saved by the mystery of your redemption, we may merit to be exalted by you on high.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Parish Prayer for the week of August 17

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Parish Prayer for the week of August 24

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Parish Prayer for the week of August 31

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER LIST

August 2025

Pat Aaron	Vicki Ferringer	Regis Orbich	Bob Smith
Joe Balough	Pat Fletcher	Kaleb Pheiff	Brian Spoonhoward
Dolores Beichner	Liz Frontino	Pat Radaker	Airman Alex Stitt
Karen Bigley	Sharon Fye	Thomas Radaker	Samantha Stitt
Laura Burris	Angelo Gehenio	Jean Raker	Judy Urbain
Richard E. Bowser	Jackii Hajjar	Jeb Rapp	Tom Urbain
Bernice Defilippi	Crystal Hargenrader	Joyce Rapp	Brandon Walters
Jim Delaney	Darl Henry	Alice Reiner	Amber Wochob
Bob DelGreco	Diane Justice	Greg Rhoades	Sue Wolbert
Joe DelGreco	Brenda Kapp	Thomas Schulte	Marge Yeany
Patte DelGreco	Vicki Kennedy	Braiden Schwartz	
Deacon Michael	Brenda Kleman	Donald R. Shelatree	
Dittman	Chuck Lutz	Sara N. Smerkar	
Shari Distler	Billy O'Malley	Marlene Smerker	
Joe Doran	Christine Orbich		

PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS AND NURSING HOME RESIDENTS:

Rita Amsler	Thelma Gatesman	Nancy McCann	Melinia Scalise	Rosemary Van
Darlene Bailey	Beulah Groner	Don McCleary	Kate Schmader	Ruiten
Kathryn Curran	Mary Groner	Mary Jane	Patsy Strohmyer	BeeDee Walters
Judy Cuyjet	Eleanor Hajduc	MacKinlay	Kathleen	
Grace Distler	Marge Hargenrader	Sarah Nickerson	Thompson	
Larry Eisenman	Betty Hepinger	Aldo Scalise	Joan Torkeo	
Linda Ganoe	Helen Hewlett			

If you would like someone's name added to the Prayer List, either complete the form on the parish website or mail a request to the Parish Office with the person's FULL NAME, your name and phone number. Names must be submitted by the 25th of the month to be included on following month's prayer list. **The list is edited quarterly.** Names can be resubmitted.