## **Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope**

Diocese of Erie
October 2025

Celebrating the Holy Year 2025 Together



The theme for the month of October is *Living the Rosary: A Pathway to Peace.* Pictured above is the 2024 Rosary March in downtown Erie. This year's rosary march is on October 12 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Peter Cathedral. (*Diocese of Erie file photo*)

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**

Praying the mysteries of the rosary has a calming, tranquil and harmonious impact on one's soul, creating an inner sense of peace from within that flows outward towards others. Praying 20 decades covers the whole world with a Hail Mary for each of the 197 countries. Uniting in prayer with people around the world becomes a world prayer for peace. The rosary transforms lives, rejuvenates the spirit and captures a true sense of peace. Call it Mary's mantle of protection.

The Rosary is a dynamic, contemplative, repetitive and meditative prayer for world peace.

Reflecting on the mysteries helps bring it to life in our own lives, for they are as much about us as they were about Jesus and Mary. This spiritual practice helps prevent wars, rid the world and people's lives of hatred, violence, selfish ambitions and self-seeking pursuits.

October focuses on Mary as Our Lady of the Rosary and the Queen of Peace. If you want peace, pray the Rosary! With each Hail Mary you are empowered to live the rosary each day.

Fr. Jerry S. Priscaro, Priest in Residence: St. Ann Church, Erie Diocesan Spiritual Director; World Apostolate of Fatima (Diocese of Erie Division)



Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."

According to the Scriptures Philippians 4:6

#### **PRAYER**

#### PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

#### **CELEBRATIONS**

#### **Key dates:**

- October 4-5 Jubilee of Migrants
- October 4-5 Jubilee of the Missions
- October 8-9 Jubilee of Consecrated Life
- October 11-12 Jubilee of Marian Spirituality
- October 31- November 2 Jubilee of the World of Education

#### **HEY, KIDS OF CHRIST!**

**Jubilee vocab:** Decade - In the Rosary, a decade means ten Hail Marys with one Our Father. Each decade helps us think about a mystery—a special story from the lives of Jesus and Mary.



Hey, Kids of Christ! October is the Month of the Rosary, and Luce has a special craft to help you pray in a new way. Gather a string or pipe cleaner and some beads. You'll need ten smaller beads to remind you of the Hail Marys, and one larger bead to remind you of the

Our Father. Together, those beads make a "decade" of the rosary!

As you slide the beads onto your string, pause to whisper the prayer each one stands for. When you wear your bracelet, it becomes more than just decoration—it's a little rosary you can keep with you, ready to help you pray anytime.



Our Lady of the Rosary, also known as Our Lady of Victory, reminds us of the power of praying the Rosary. It began as thanksgiving for victory at the Battle of Lepanto, but today it invites us all to trust in prayer as our greatest strength.

#### **FAITHFUL FACTS!**

Pope Leo XIV celebrated his 70th birthday on September 14 by reflecting on how his Chicago upbringing in a household split between Cubs and White Sox fans shaped his diplomatic style. "We learned, even in sports, to have an open, dialogical, friendly and not angry competitive stance," he said.

#### LIVING THE MISSION

Teachers, parents and students often face heavy burdens in education like limited resources, distractions and discouragement. How is God calling us to bring the light of Christ into the work of education, so that learning becomes not just about knowledge, but about leading souls closer to truth and holiness? This week, choose one concrete way to support faith-filled education. You can pray for a teacher, encourage a student or offer your time and gifts to help a school or parish program.







# PRAYER LIST October 2025

Pat Aaron
Thomas Amato
Dolores Beichner
Karen Bigley
Laura Burris
Richard E. Bowser
Bernice Defilippi
Jim Delaney
Bob DelGreco
Joe DelGreco
Patte DelGreco
Deacon Michael
Dittman

Joe Doran

Vicki Ferringer
Pat Fletcher
Sharon Fye
Angelo Gehenio
Jane Griebel
Jackii Hajjar
Crystal Hargenrader
Darl Henry
Tyler Jack
Diane Justice
Brenda Kapp
Brenda Kleman
Marsha McLendon
Billy O'Malley

Christine Orbich
Regis Orbich
Kaleb Pheiff
Pat Radaker
Thomas Radaker
Jean Raker
Jeb Rapp
Joyce Rapp
Alice Reiner
Greg Rhoades
Braiden Schwartz
Sara N. Smerkar
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Bob Smith
Brian Spoonhoward
Airman Alex Stitt
Samantha Stitt
Judy Urbain
Tom Urbain
Brandon Walters
Amber Wochob
Sue Wolbert
Marge Yeany

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

Rita Amsler
Darlene Bailey
Delores Beichner
Kathryn Curran
Judy Cuyjet
Grace Distler
Larry Eisenman
Linda Ganoe

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Marge Hargenrader
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Kate Schmader
Kay Siegworth
Patsy Strohmyer
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Thompson
Joan Torkeo

Rosemary Van Ruiten BeeDee Walters

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 <u>FULL</u> NAME, your name and phone number. Names must be submitted by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included on following month's prayer list. **The list is edited quarterly**. Names can be resubmitted.

## PRAY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR October 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 October 5

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.

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 October 12

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works.

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 October 19

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.

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 October 26

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise.

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.** 



We give thanks and praise to all our priests and deacons who shepherd and guide the faithful in our diocese.





# WE PRAY:

# Clergy Appreciation Month

Almighty God, thank You for the gift of the priests and deacons of the Diocese of Erie. We are grateful for their "yes" to You; for the Masses they celebrate, the confessions they hear, the comfort they bring to the sick, and the ways they guide and serve our parishes with love.

We thank You, too, for our retired priests whose quiet witness still blesses our communities. Their lives remind us what it means to follow Jesus with faith and joy.

Lord, give them strength when they are tired, peace when they are stretched thin, and encouragement in times of struggle. May they always know how much they are loved and appreciated.

Keep calling new vocations in our diocese. Open the hearts of young men to serve You as priests and deacons, and give them the courage to say, "Here I am, Lord, send me."

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



### FALL FLOWER MEMORIALS

#### IN MEMORY OF...

Walt & Celia Schaeffer, Dorothy Stahlman & Clinton McCall

**Deceased Family Members** 

Bill & Millie Schmader, Billy Schmader, Chuck & Ruth Beichner, Rick Beichner

Betty Cherico & Ken Ferringer

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Leona Heinrich

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