



March 20, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Over the course of my lifetime, I have met many priests who have given their lives to the service of our Lord and His people. By their ministry, they have made a positive impression on me and inspired me in my vocation as a priest and now as your Bishop. I imagine that, like me, many of you have feelings of gratitude for the ministry of the priests who have served you so well over the years in the Diocese of Erie.

On the weekend of April 20 – 21, the annual Good Shepherd Collection for retired diocesan priests will be taken in our parishes. This is your opportunity to express your gratitude with your financial gift to help these priests who spent their lives in service to the Church. We look to you, the members of our Diocese, to help us with the care of our priests who are retired now and those who will retire in future years.

I know first-hand how generous our people are in responding to the needs of the Church in the Diocese of Erie. I thank you in advance for your generosity also to the Good Shepherd Collection to support our retired diocesan priests.

Finally, I ask you to remember all our priests in your prayers. Pray for those who are currently serving you and those who have retired and those who have died. Pray for vocations to the priesthood, that others may follow in the footsteps of those who have given their lives as good shepherds leading you, the People of God, through their ministry.

I wish you and your families a blessed Easter Season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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GREENE TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB NEWS/

THREE LIONS SCHOLARSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE 4-8-24

The Greene Township Lions is both humbled and proud to present three \$1,000 scholarships to deserving high school seniors from the Wattsburg Area School District! Any high school senior from our district regardless of school attended is eligible to apply. Applications are available from the Wattsburg Area School District website. Go to www.wattsburg.org. From there, select "Seneca HS", then "Guidance", then "Financial Aid", then double click "Greene Township Lions" for the application which may then be printed. Applications have a return date of Friday, 5-3-24 so we will be able to select the winners at our May 8th meeting. Applications have return information on them. They can be returned to the Seneca HS guidance office, St. Boniface Church Office, and the Greene Township Municipal Building Office at 9333 Tate Rd, Erie, PA. 16509 or mailed to myself. This represents funds collected from the generous supporters of our 16th Annual 100/100 Football Raffle from last fall! With past help of the St. Boniface Ushers Club (\$26,000!) and our 16 raffles, these 3 students will make 75 scholarships or \$75,000 given by your Greene Township Lions Club! And with other monies provided from these raffles and \$500 from the Lutheran Thrivent Organization, we were again able to provide, at cost, nearly \$1,000 worth of health and beauty aids to the patrons of the St. Boniface Food Pantry at last year's Christmas distribution! In total nearly \$176,000 was collected and will be distributed over these past 16 years! YOU HAVE MADE THIS POSSIBLE! For our loyal participants, we have begun our 17th Raffle with tickets to be prepared and distributed soon. Finally, we cordially invite any members of the community over 18 years of age to join our Lions Club. Our Club is part of LIONS INTERNATIONAL who has members and clubs all over the world! Husbands and wives receive discounted memberships. Anyone interested may contact any Lion or myself. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT!

Secondly, an Easter Miracle happened-our nephew 6 year old Jonah Allgeier received his heart transplant on Easter Sunday! Your prayers have helped make this happen! Prayers are still needed for his continued rehab for complete healing as well as the generosity of his donor and his donor's family for their direct Gift of Life! In an effort to help defray his medical expenses which exceed \$360,000 the Greene Township Lions Club, the Greene Township Giving Circle, local quilters, and our family are supporting a Pancake Breakfast with a large Chinese Gift Auction Sunday, 4-21-24, at the St. Boniface Coleman Center from 8 am to 1 pm. Jonah's website for contributions is www.COTAforJonahsJourney.com for which COTA is the Children's Organ Transplant Association. They apply 100% of contributions to Jonah's account with 10% added up to \$100,000. COTA is a 501©3 nonprofit organization with contributions being tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Thank you ALL for your continued support!

Respectfully yours in Lionism,

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