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So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king." - Jn 18:37a

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“Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.” Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

**Changes to the Communion Rite**

Since 2003, the posture of the people during the Communion Rite in the Diocese of Erie has differed from the practice of most dioceses in the United States. Since that time, much has changed. After much reflection, Bishop Lawrence Persico has determined that the time is opportune for us to return to the practice of kneeling after the singing of the Lamb of God. Once the people return after receiving Holy Communion, they may kneel or be seated. All will stand at the “Let us pray” for the prayer after Communion. This restored practice is intended to help to unify posture and assist those parishioners who are unable to stand for long periods of time, as well as bring our practice into union with our neighboring dioceses. Those who are unable to kneel should feel free to sit instead.

This directive goes into effect the First Sunday of Advent, 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 27, 2021.

Your prayers are requested for the soul of Genevieve (Gen) Anderson who passed away November 1 and for the soul of Francis (Franny) Coccimiglio who passed away November 4. May they rest in peace. Amen.



Cemetery Memorials Removal: To begin preparing the cemetery for the winter months, Monday, November 29th all memorials you have placed on the graves of your loved ones are to be removed. Since the Christmas season follows so closely, any memorials you would like to place for this season can replace the items of the prior seasons. The **deadline to remove all items except for the solar lighting must be removed by Tuesday, February 1, 2022.**

All men 18 years or older are encouraged to come to our information and formal Knights of Columbus meeting on Sunday, November 21 at 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the social hall. We look forward to seeing you. — Deacon Paul



Reminder: Wednesday, November 24 Thanksgiving Eve Mass will be at 7:00 pm. Boxes will be provided for the non-perishable food donations to be given to the Christian Food Bank.

An evening of Inspirational Music Sunday, November 21 at 7 pm at **St. Bernard Church**, Falls Creek. Bart Foradora and Charlie Prescott in concert. All are welcome.

Sacred Heart Church —Interparish Celebration “Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe” Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament Sunday, November 21 from 11:00 - 4pm. See insert.

2022 Lectors: The new liturgical year begins on the weekend of November 27-28. Your 2022 Lector’s Workbook is on the table in the vestibule.

**Re-membering Our Sunday Story**

(Part 2)

Excerpts of the Pastoral Letter in Pandemic

One of my favorite stories in the Gospel of Luke is the Emmaus story. This event is centered around how the two disciples: Cleopas and a friend had encountered the Risen Christ while they were walking on the road to a village called Emmaus which was seven miles from Jerusalem. They realized it was the Risen Lord walking with them only after they encountered Jesus at meal with them in the Breaking of the Bread. At this time, please read the Gospel of Luke 24:13-35.

Bishop Persico in his recent pastoral letter to all entitled “Re-member Our Sunday Story” uses this Emmaus story at the beginning of his letter. The reason for this is because the Emmaus story is similar to our story in our faith journey and walk with Jesus our Lord. The Emmaus disciples were saddened by the news of Jesus of Nazareth’s Death. Yet, these disciples did not lose hope.

The Bishop writes, “In many ways the Emmaus story is our story as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic. However, it has also been our story every time we have gathered in our parish communities for the celebration of the Eucharist. Therefore, it is **our Sunday story**, and it is good for us to find in it glimmers of hope and new life in Christ.” (Paragraph 2 of his pastoral letter)

Also, the Bishop says that the Eucharist is the place where we can bring our struggles, especially all the distress, the inconveniences and the losses that many people and even we ourselves have experienced during the pandemic. His pastoral letter is to encourage us to remember our Sunday story of our participation at Mass and to take the Emmaus story as our own journey with the Risen Christ.

We, at St. Joseph Church, can learn more about the Eucharist and share our Sunday story by the following goals now and into 2022:

- **Bringing people back to Mass.**
Invite a family member or neighbor.
- **Attending the Adult Faith Formation class — “A Biblical Walk with the Eucharist.”**
- **Attending Faith Formation Family events in our social hall.**
- **Preparing for our 150th Anniversary.**
- **Sharing faith on a one-day field trip during the summer.**

In conclusion, read Bishop Persico’s pastoral letter in its entirety by going to <http://www.eriecd.org/SundayStoryPastoralLetter.html>

God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, November 22, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory		Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday, November 23, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Matthew P. Levanduski (2nd anniversary)	Family	Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr	Dn 2:31-45 Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday, November 24, 2021 Thanksgiving Eve Mass 7:00 p.m.	Francis (Francie) Coccimiglio	Angie Russell	Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest; and Companions, Martyrs	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Lk 21:12-19
Thursday November 25, 2021 No Mass	Thanksgiving Day		Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr	Dn 6:12-28 Lk 21:20-28
Friday, November 26, 2021 No Mass	No Mass and No Communion Service		Weekday	Dn 7:2-14 Lk 21:29-33
Saturday, November 27, 2021 No Mass			Weekday	Dn 7:15-27 Lk 21:34-36
Saturday, November 27, 2021 5:30 p.m. Mass	Terry Asalone	Family	Vigil of the 1st Sunday of Advent	(See below)
Sunday, November 28, 2021 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		First Sunday of Advent	Jer 33:14-16 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.; **Sunday:** 9:15 a.m.; **Holy Days:** 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; **Daily:** Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 a.m., No Mass Wednesday

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Groups or individuals wishing to have information published in the bulletin are asked to submit the information in writing, by email or by phone by Monday at 10:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Baptism – A baptism preparation session is required of all parents wishing to have their child(ren) baptized. Parents must be registered parishioners. Sessions are held periodically at parishes throughout the Deanery. It is always preferred that baptisms be celebrated during a regular Sunday Liturgy. Call the Parish office for more information.**Eucharist** – Children preparing for Eucharist (Gr. 3) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.**Confirmation** – High School youth who are entering the 11th grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School since 9th grade are eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation sessions.**R.C.I.A.** – Rite of Christian Initiation for adults are initiated into the Church through this process. Any individual who may be interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church is invited. Please call the Church office.

SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION

Priesthood/Permanent Diaconate – Men who feel that they may be being called to the vocational life of Priesthood or Diaconate can contact the pastor at any time or call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 814-824-1111.**Matrimony** – There is a required preparation process which normally includes 3 sessions with the pastor and an Engagement Encounter or Nova experience. Please notify the pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick—Celebrated for all who are seriously ill annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available upon request.**Reconciliation** – The sacrament is celebrated weekly on **Saturday from 4:45 – 5:15 p.m., or anytime by request.** Parish Penance services are celebrated during Advent and Lent. Children preparing for Reconciliation (Gr. 2) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

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