

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2020

Love and Labor: We recently spent a weekend at a bed and breakfast remodeled from an old barn. The barn was built more than one hundred fifty years ago when the land became a grape vineyard. We ran each morning through the rows of vines filled with grapes at harvest time. The sweet smell filled my senses, leaving me with feelings of warmth. Everything was right with the world. I couldn't help but wonder, however, what those vines had seen over the past hundred and fifty years. For sure they'd seen hard work. Certainly not many days had passed without hard work and strife, but surely there had been love and healing too. It's true that few things can last very long without love and labor.

We are the workers entrusted with the care of God's vineyard; we are stewards of the earth. The decades of concern and "save the earth" alarms may have grown old to our ears, but what progress have we made? We have raised awareness and try to use only bio-degradeables. We recycle and even check products for their "friendliness" to the earth. Is there one more step we can take today? Something we've thought about but convenience, laziness, or carelessness has caused us to wait one more day? Do that one thing today while you are still keenly aware of your responsibility.

1. Look around your church. Is there something that needs attention regarding the care of God's earth?

PARISH NEWS

Saturday Mass: October masses will be held at St. Joseph's.

(SJP & SMP) Parish website: stjoseph-stmichaelparishes.org

Funerals: All funerals are at 10 am (unless it conflicts with daily mass).

Weddings: All weddings are at 1:00 pm at both churches with no exceptions. Permission is needed before having a visiting priest perform the ceremony. Anyone preparing for a wedding needs to contact the office at least 6 months prior.

Rosary: The rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin...If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors. Pope Pius XI

St. Joseph School is in need of school supplies for the 2020-21 school year. They are in need of colored dry erase markers, reams of white copy paper, and colored copy paper. If you are able to help with this please either drop them off in the box at the back of St. Joseph Church or at the school. Thank you!

The Fryburg Knights of Columbus are looking for sponsors for their 26th Annual Sporting Raffle (to be held April 18, 2021). Each sponsorship is \$200 and are available to businesses and /or individuals. With each sponsorship you'll receive: Two tickets to the 26th Annual Sporting Raffle (\$50 value), your name on multiple wall posters the day of the raffle, you will be recognized orally the day of the raffle as the main raffle progresses, and a chance to win a Henry Golden Boy (a special sponsor raffle will be held during the main raffle. We will draw one Henry Golden Boy 22LR for every ten sponsors that we receive.). If interested in sponsoring, please contact Matt Gilara at 814-516-3305.

PARISH NEWS

Office: Contact the office at St. Joseph with any questions or concerns you may have from either Parish. (814)226-7288. Thank you!

Hall rental for St. Joseph's: If you would like to rent the hall, you will now need to contact the church office.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held at St. Michael's Church on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 7:00 am.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held at St. Joseph Church on the First Friday starting at 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. We need 2 people per hour to sign up to be there, so altogether we will need 12 people. There will be a sign up sheet at the back of church.

St. Michael Church Roof Update: So far, our total available monies for the project are \$519,192 (does not include Labor Day \$50,000). The contractor's estimated cost for the entire project is \$642,000.00. Please consider joining your fellow parishioners in supporting this effort by donating to this fundraiser. St. Michael Church also has 2 crosses and 2 hearts handcrafted from pieces of broken glass from our steeple windows available for a donation of \$10,000.00. Please contact Cathie Zacherl at 814-782-3938.

St. Michael Cemetery Fall Clean-up: Please remove all artificial flowers, ornaments, and stands from St. Michael Cemetery before October 15th. Thank you.

All Souls Day 2020: Masses will be on Monday, November 2nd. Mass will be at 8:00 am at St. Michael's and at 5:15 pm at St. Joseph's. If you had a loved one who passed away between November 1st, 2019 and October 31st, 2020, you will need to bring the candle that you received from the funeral home up to your parish's church before November 2nd, 2020.

St. Joseph Religious Education: Judy Wolbert will be retiring as Religious Education Coordinator for St. Joseph's at the end of this school year. A new coordinator will be needed. Please contact Judy Wolbert at 226-8399 or stjoercd@yahoo.com.

Liturgy Schedule October 10th & October 11th

5:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church

Lector: Al Lander
Euch Min: Father only
Altar Server: Eliza Datko
Ushers: None
Rosary: Karen Schmader

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph Church

Lector: Morgan Jones
Euch Min: Father only
Altar Server: Gwen Griebel
Ushers: None

10:30 a.m. St. Michael Church

Sacristan: None
Lector: David Smerkar Jr.
Euch Min: Father only
Altar Server: Braxton Cyphert
Ushers: None
Rosary: Cathy Longacre

Mass Schedule October 5th - October 11th

Monday, October 5th

5:15 p.m. - (SMP) William, Mary, & Donald
Hargenrader by Peg Wolbert & Family

Tuesday, October 6th

8:00 a.m. - (SMP) Ed George by The Beal Family

Wednesday, October 7th

8:30 a.m. - (SJP) Marian Ochs by Punk & Joe Griebel

Thursday, October 8th

8:00 a.m. - (SMP) Mary Duncan by Vance

Friday, October 9th

8:00 a.m. - (SJP) Anna E. & Arthur E. Lutz &
deceased family members by The Family

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Saturday, October 10th

Confession at St. Joseph, 4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. — (SJP) Margaret Carroll by Pete & Lynn
Judy

Sunday, October 11th

8:00 a.m. — (SJP) Parish Family

10:30 a.m. — (SMP) Larry Beary by Kate Miller

Collection Counters

SJP: Mike O'Neill, Ritz Ochs
SMP: Eric Schmader, Ray Beichner, Jen Detar

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE burning in memory of

SJP: Jeff Weiser by Bernie & Deb Lauer
SMP: Hermes B. Ditz by Ted & Susanna Kurtzhals

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Parish Family, All Special Intentions

Service People on Active Duty

Sluggar Wagner, Steve Phillips, Jayleigh Ochs, Brendan & Terry George,
Punkie & Joe Griebel, Jim Pfaff, Barb Wigton, Traci Kumer, Chuck Zacherl,
Fr. Daniel Prez, Roxanne Miller, Adam Lutz and a special intention
All victims of disasters and violence

If you'd like to add someone, call the office or drop a note in the collection
basket.

School News (814) 226-8018

—You can register your children now for the '20-'21 school year.
Call the school for more information. (814) 226-8018.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Special Thanks to all who sacrifice to support St. Joseph's

DATE: September 26th & September 27th

Sunday Collection: \$1,472

Loose Collection: \$312

Special Thanks to all who sacrifice to support St. Michael's

DATE: September 26th & September 27th

Sunday Collection: \$2,927

Loose Collection: \$597

SJP: St. Joseph assessment to Diocese: \$29,345

Parishioners Pledged: \$37,488

Parishioners Paid to Date: \$34,268

Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$0

Roof money: \$4,928

SMP: St. Michael assessment to Diocese: \$36,015

Parishioners Pledged: \$35,923

Parishioners Paid to Date: \$33,218

Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$2,797

Roof money: \$0

Roof Money to Date: \$519,192



LIVE THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

"to imitate Christ and follow in his footsteps"

The Gospel of Life 51

Twenty-five years ago, Pope St. John Paul II wrote that the Gospel of life is at the *heart* of Jesus' saving message to the world (*Evangelium vitae* 1). In taking on human flesh, dwelling among us, and sacrificing his very life for our redemption, Christ reveals the profound dignity of *every* human person. This God-given dignity does not change with our stage of life, abilities, level of independence, or any other varying circumstance.

Rather, it is rooted in the permanent fact that each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, created to share in the very life of God himself. The human person is a "manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory" (EV 34). And we must reflect this truth in how we act and how we treat one another.

The truth of the Gospel of life is at the foundation of who we are as followers of Christ. In his earthly life, Jesus provided the perfect model for how we are to love our neighbor and live out the Gospel call: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt. 25:40).

Jesus calls each of us to "care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible" (EV 87). The Gospel of life is intrinsic to the whole Christian life and foundational to the decisions we make on a daily basis. For, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and

the Gospel of life are a *single and indivisible* Gospel" (EV 2, emphasis added).

In his encyclical on the Gospel of life, Pope St. John Paul II recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. He places particular emphasis, however, on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the "least of these" in our world's estimation. Practices such as abortion and assisted suicide tragically reject the truth that human life is always to be cherished and defended with loving concern.

As the Church celebrates the 25th anniversary of Pope St. John Paul II's prophetic encyclical, let us reflect on how we personally live out the Gospel: *Do I talk about and act towards others as I would talk about and treat Jesus himself? Do I inform myself of the Church's teachings and engage in the civic arena as first a follower of Christ? Do I support and advocate for laws and policies that protect and defend human life? Do I help pregnant and parenting mothers in need? Am I ready to support a loved one nearing death?*

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of life.

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October 4th

My dearest daughter, May Jesus always be everything to you. May he watch over you with a benevolent eye, and may he always help you with everything through his vigilant grace. May he always and in all things be your escort, your support, and your guide, and may he make you holy! With these sincerest prayers that I regularly lift up to Jesus for you, I am replying to your message sent through Miss Serritelli. I am happy to know that you are still full of good intentions, and I give heartfelt thanks to God for that. Always make more of an effort to use the talents you have received from God. Earnestly labor for the salvation of our brothers and sisters, and make everyone aware of the spirit of St. Francis, which is the spirit of Jesus Christ. Society needs to be reformed, and I do not know of a more effective method than having everyone become members of the Third Order of St. Francis and live according to his spirit. (To Elena Bandini, January 25, 1914) ~Padre Pio's Spiritual Direction for Every Day by Gianluigi Pasquale~

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - Diocesan

Code of Conduct: The Diocese of Erie is committed to protecting the children and youth who are entrusted to its care and to ensuring that those in ministry with our young people are in right relationship with the children/youth receiving services. To share in the ministry of Christ is a great privilege as well as a tremendous responsibility. The privilege is the joy of sharing in the mission of Jesus Himself. The responsibility is acting in a way that conforms to the attitude and actions of Christ. In this spirit, the diocese has issued a ministerial Code of Conduct. The code is included in the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children. To read the Code of Conduct, go to:

<https://www.eriecd.org/images/sections/childprotection/pdf/CURRENTPolicy.pdf>. For more information, contact Mrs. Cindy Zemcik, in the diocesan Office for the Protection of Children at 814-824-1195.

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Sunday, October 11, 2020

(Lec. 142)

- I. Isaiah 25:6-10a
- II. Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
- III. Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Liturgy of the Word

The prophet Isaiah tells of the great banquet the Lord will prepare for his people at the end of time.

Paul writes to the Philippians, assuring them that he knows how to live in different sets of circumstances, and that *I can do all things in him who strengthens me*.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable likening the kingdom of heaven to a king hosting a wedding feast for his son.

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