

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5, 2021

**Crystal Clear:** Crystals are so clear, you can get six pure colors from them. As children we may have been surprised the first time light broke into six colors refracted through a small prism or crystal through mist after rain. This surprising turn delights us, even though we now understand the physics. The surprising turn of events in this Sunday's readings reaches beyond delight. It draws us into the mystery of God's dealings with us.

God touches each one of us and heals our wounded weaknesses. We don't always notice God's touch, however, and sometimes we even do things that prevent that touch from reaching us. In our lameness, we find other directions to go instead of running toward God. Where has God touched you this week? Have your ears been touched, but you didn't hear? Have your eyes been opened, but you didn't see? Did God heal your lameness, but you didn't go anywhere anyway? Is there one segment of the world that you have ignored? Try today to begin a plan to see and hear the cry of someone else and then move toward him or her in a loving response.

1. Who are some people you know, or know of, who live according to today's Gospel? Who uses their gifts as God intends and sees people as neither rich nor poor?

### PARISH NEWS

**Saturday Mass:** September masses will be held at St. Michael's.

**(SJP & SMP) Parish website:** [stjoseph-stmichaelparishes.org](http://stjoseph-stmichaelparishes.org)

**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.

**Funerals:** If there is a funeral scheduled on a day that there is daily mass, Father Mike will still have the regular daily mass.

**Rosary:** The Rosary is the Weapon. St. Pio

**St. Joseph School** is in need of regular copy paper and dry erase markers. If you donate, please put them in the box between the doors of St. Joseph Church. Thank you and God Bless!

**St. Joseph Religious Education** will begin on September 12<sup>th</sup> after the 7:30 am Mass. Please plan on attending mass as a family. After Mass, here will be a short parent meeting in the social hall with donuts and coffee provided. There is still time to register new students. Please contact Judy & Norm Wolbert, [stjoercd@yahoo.com](mailto:stjoercd@yahoo.com) or 814-226-8399. At this time we are in need of catechists for 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades. Thank you!

**St. Michael's Religious Education** begins on September 12<sup>th</sup> with a parent meeting. All families please meet at the Hall at 8:45 am. Classes will begin the following week.

**Pennsylvania March for Life** will be held on Monday, September 27, 2021 at the Pennsylvania State Capitol. The rally will start at 11:00am at the capital. A FREE bus will leave from Clarion. Please contact Beth Uckert at Next Step Pregnancy and Solutions Services at 814 226-7007 or Ron Ackerman at 724-659-3178.

**The 8:00 am Mass at St. Joseph Church on September 19<sup>th</sup>** will be livestreamed through the Diocese of Erie.

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**Church Office Hours:** Monday through Friday 9 am-12pm

**Sister Monica Steiner** is now staying at the Caring Heights Skilled Nursing and Rehab Facility. There are no visitations allowed, but she would enjoy receiving cards. If you would like to send her a card, send it to, Sr. Monia Steiner, OSB, Caring Heights Skilled Nursing and Rehab Facility, 234 Coraopolis Rd., Room 229, Coraopolis, PA 15108. Thank you!

**The Lucinda Area Fall Sportsman's Raffle** will be held at St. Joseph Parish Social Hall on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. We are currently seeking volunteers to sell 50/50 chances. If you would like to help or need raffle tickets, please call Jim Kaltenbach at 814-319-3309. Raffle tickets are also available at local businesses. This fundraiser benefits The Antler Club of Lucinda and St. Joseph School.

**To my parish family:**

Every year we celebrate birthdays. Some love them, some do not! At Christmas we celebrate the birthday of Jesus on December 25. Do you know what day the church celebrates Mary's birthday? This is Catholic Trivia 101! Think about when the church celebrates Mary's Immaculate Conception, December 8. Exactly nine months to the day is September 8. That's the answer!

This week September 8, the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Wednesday, that's the day St. Joseph School has their Mass. Let's pray that our children will always keep their birthdays, Jesus' birthday, and Mary's birthday, as important moments in their lives.

Have a blessed week!  
Fr. Mike

**Liturgy Schedule September 11<sup>th</sup> & September 12<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 p.m.  
St. Michael Church**

Lector: Theresa Seitz  
Euch Min: Theresa Seitz  
Altar Server: None  
Ushers: None  
Rosary: Mary Caye Stecki

**8:00 a.m.  
St. Joseph Church**

Lector: Linda Steiner-Mander  
Euch Min: Betsy Ochs  
Altar Server: Gwen Griebel  
Ushers: None

**10:30 a.m.  
St. Michael Church**

Lector: Carol Kiser  
Euch Min: Stan Montana  
Altar Server: Mason Hooper  
Ushers: None  
Rosary: Cathy Longacre

**Mass Schedule August 30<sup>th</sup> - September 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. - (SMP) Tom Smerkar by Dave & Janet Smerkar

**Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. - (SJP) Pete & Ardelle Lander by The Family

**Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. - (SJP) Thomas Carroll by Vance Duncan

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

Confession at Michael, 4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. — (SMP) Ray & Flo Fescenmyer & Family by The Wiant Family

**Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. — (SJP) Parish Family

10:30 a.m. — (SMP) Norman Kinch by The Family

**Collection Counters**

**SJP: Linda & Barry Ida  
SMP: Eric Schmader, Ray Beichner, Jen Detar**

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE burning in memory of**

**SJP: Marvin Cussins by Dave & Gerry Weaver  
SMP: Fred Fiscus by Peg & Mike Siegel**

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

Parish Family, All Special Intentions

Service People on Active Duty

Sluggar Wagner, Steve Phillips, Jayleigh Ochs, Brendan & Terry George,

Jim Pfaff, Barb Wigton, Traci Kumer, Chuck Zacherl, Roxanne Miller,

Branden Bauer, Doug Smerkar, Janet Friday McVeigh, Eva Schill, Jessie

Hoover 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 '21-'22 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: August 28<sup>th</sup> & August 29<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday Collection: \$2,591

Loose Collection: \$301

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

**DATE: August 28<sup>th</sup> & August 29<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday Collection: \$2,467

Loose Collection: \$513

**SJP: St. Joseph assessment to Diocese: \$29,224**

Parishioners Pledged: \$39,955

Parishioners Paid to Date: \$35,252

Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$20,000

Paint & Plaster money: \$6,028

**SMP: St. Michael assessment to Diocese: \$36,874**

Parishioners Pledged: \$39,970

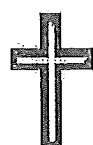
Parishioners Paid to Date: \$38,480

Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$20,000

Roof money: \$1,606

Roof Money to Date: \$526,837





St. Michael's of Fryburg

# Labor Day Picnic

Over 120 Years of Tradition

September 6<sup>th</sup> 11 am to 4 pm

Parish Grounds – 18765 Route 208, Fryburg, PA  
Easy Access from I-80 and US Route 322

Serving All You Can Eat Homemade Chicken & Ham Dinners  
With Homemade Noodle Soup and Pies  
Available 11 am to 3 pm (Dine In or Take Out)  
**Rain or Shine – Grounds Covered!**

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- 100 Item Chinese Auction
- Games of Skill & Chance and Raffles Held Throughout the Day
- FUN for the whole family!
- Farm to Table Raffle with over 40 prizes
- **PLUS Online-Only QUILT AUCTION** featuring handmade quilts of the St. Michael Rosary Society!

*Online raffle ticket purchases and Quilt Auction are available at [www.biddingowl.com/SMPLaborDayPicnic](http://www.biddingowl.com/SMPLaborDayPicnic).*

Labor Day Loot, Farm to Table Raffle, and Dinner tickets are available for advance purchase online AND in-person at the parish office as well as various local businesses!

**All proceeds benefit St. Michael Parish**



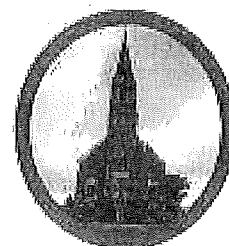
For more information  
contact 814-226-7288 or  
visit [stjoseph-stmichaelparishes.org](http://stjoseph-stmichaelparishes.org).

Find us on Facebook at  
St. Michael's Labor Day Picnic – Fryburg!

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### September 5<sup>th</sup>

If you are scorned by the world, rejoice because its hatred is primarily directed to the Author of life, the divine Master. If you are dismayed and afflicted with all kinds of deprivations, temptations, and trials from the devil and his followers, lift up your gaze and increase your courage. The Lord is with you, so there is no room for fear.

The enemy will wage war against you, but he will never be able to bite you. Fight back hard. Always fight against the appetites of the flesh, worldly vanity, and the seduction of gold and high social standing—the things the enemy is always using against us. The conflict is hard, of course, and the battle is painfully won, but *sursum corda!*—"Let us lift up our hearts" [Lamentations 3:41]—and keep your gaze fixed on high. (To Maria Gargani, September 4, 1916)

*Padre Pio's Spiritual Direction for Every Day*  
By Gianluigi Pasquale.

**Safe Environment Training:** Our religious education/formation program is mandated by the Bishop of the United States to provide Safe Environment Training to all students annually. The training will take place sometime during the 2021-22 catechetical year. If you DO NOT want your child/children to participate, please contact the religious education office in writing and your child/children will be withheld from the program when it is presented.

**Samuel Group:** If you are a young adult are wrestling with big questions about your future, don't worry – you are not alone! The Samuel Group is for young adults ages 20-30 who seriously desire to discern God's will for their lives. The Samuel Group is a seven-month journey that includes: monthly gatherings at Saint Mark Catholic Center, spiritual direction, prayer, talks, small group discussion, and accompaniment. The goal of the Samuel Group is for each participant to grow in self-knowledge and to hear and respond to God's call with an open heart. Applications are due September 1<sup>st</sup>. Please visit our website for our informational video and application details:

[www.eriercd.org/youth/samuelgroup.html](http://www.eriercd.org/youth/samuelgroup.html). For more info contact Director of Vocations, Fr. Scott Jabo at [SWJabo@eriercd.org](mailto:SWJabo@eriercd.org), or Jillian Zaczyk, Director of Young Adult & Youth Ministry at [jzaczyk@eriercd.org](mailto:jzaczyk@eriercd.org).

**A NEW SERIES:** St. Titus Church and Catholic Rural Ministry will host Season 1 of the series "The Chosen". This is a new original series based on the life of Jesus Christ and seeing a glimpse of his life through those who knew Him. The series will begin on Thursday, September 9 at St. Titus Church from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM and will continue each Thursday evening through October 28. A short discussion will follow each week led by Sister Tina Geiger and Sister Marian Wehler. ALL ARE WELCOME.

## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 12, 2021

(Lec. 131)

- I. Isaiah 50:4c-9a
- II. James 2:14-18
- III. Mark 8:27-35

### Liturgy of the Word

In the first reading, Isaiah declares his trust in God to uphold him.

In the second reading, James explains the necessity of works to accompany and demonstrate faith.

In the Gospel, Peter confesses his faith in Jesus as the Christ. Jesus predicts his passion, then explains to Peter and the disciples that they must follow him.

### AROUND THE DIOCESE

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