6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 17, 2019

Rich and Poor When we listen to debates about welfare or are asked to contribute to the cause of the poor, we often hear, "Just how much do the poor need?" as if their need were a bottomless well. Seldom do we hear, "How much do the rich need?" We seem to more accepting that their needs are and should be endless. We are reminded of the saying, "You can never be too rich or too thin." To which Jesus might have replied, "Oh, really?"

The Sermon on the Mount has Jesus telling us how blessed are certain ways of living that are sure to meet with disapproval from the rest of society. Jesus also stated: "Woe to you when all speak well of you!" It's a difficult Gospel to accept because we often do all sorts of things to impress our neighbors. We need to ponder how far we'll go for the sake of our neighbor's approval.

1. What are some of the ways people have compromised themselves or their Church for the sake of popularity?
2. Have there been times we've held something back for fear of looking strange?
3. Describe when it's right or wrong to be thought well of by others.

PARISH NEWS

Saturday Mass: February Masses will be held at St. Joseph's.

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

Office Position: Is now closed. Thank you to everyone who applied, it was wonderful knowing how many people care about their Church.

Palms: Please bring your old palms to mass with you and place in baskets at the back of church for burning.

Lent: Please see the insert in next weekends bulletin for Lenten schedules

SJP Rosary Society: meeting is held March 5th at 7pm in hall

Rosary is prayed every Wednesday morning at 9 am in the church at SJP, weather permitting.

(SMP) Quilters: There will be quilting all day Tuesdays with covered dish and on Wednesday mornings following morning Mass, until further notice. Everyone welcome to either day.

Please mark your calendar! The Lucinda K of C is hosting a blood drive at St. Joseph Parish hall on Friday, February 22nd, 2019, 12pm thru 5:30pm. The American Red Cross is facing a blood emergency and needs your help.

St. Joseph School Presents:

$10,000 CASH RAFFLE

Grand Prize is $5,000 & 5 other cash prizes!
$100 per ticket, Only 200 tickets sold,
Prize drawn *April 12, 2019* @ St. Joseph Social Hall
Benefits St. Joseph School, Please contact the school for more information.

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By Junno Arocho Esteves Catholic News Service

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

Come with us to a Weekend Conference at Franciscan University of Steubenville!!

Join us for a weekend encounter with Jesus Christ. Be refreshed and renewed with inspiring talks and dynamic worship sessions. Come to the Power and Purpose Conference June 7, 8, and 9. Register by February 28 for up to a $70 discount for Early Bird Registration. A small group will be attending from our local parishes. For more information call Patti Bauer, Conference Ambassador, at 744-8076. Visit steubenvilleconferences.com

Show Us Your Glory, Lord!

'GREATER THINGS' ANNUAL CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE:
Join us on Saturday, March 9, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Joseph/Bread of Life Center, 147 W 24th St , Erie, PA 16502 (sponsored by Word of Life Catholic Charismatic Renewal Center). We are honored to present our very own phenomenal speaker and worship leader Jaci Phillips, PhD., with special guest violinist Louis Nicolia. $25.00 per person including lunch. Scholarships available. Register online at www.eriercd.org/wordoflife/conference.html (or call 814-833-9717)

Charitable Deeds: Garage Sale, Feb 21,22,23rd from 8 – 2. 260 Highpoint Rd across form Wolfs Den Camp ground, Knox Exit

Hunter Safety Course: will be held at March 2nd from 8 am to 3:30 at the Antler Club in Lucinda. Sign up on Pa. Game Commission. www.pagamecommision.gov

6th Annual 2232 Men's Conference will be held March 2, 2019 at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie. See information at entrance of church doors.

5th Annual 1:38 Women's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie. See more information at entrance of Church doors.

Liturgy Schedule February 23 & 24

4:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Church

Lector:	Sue Baumcratz
Euch Min:	Norm & Judy Wolbert, Linda McCloskey
Altar Server:	Norm Wolbert
Ushers:	Tim McCloskey, Jerry Lutz, Jerry Wolbert, George Carroll

7:30 a.m.
St. Joseph Church

Lector:	Mike O'Neill
Euch Min:	Morgan & Donna Jones, Kristie Schmader
Altar Server:	Logan Swanson
Ushers:	Dale Gatesman, Brad, Dana & Luke Ochs

10:00 a.m.
St. Michael Church

Sacristan:	Jody Guth
Lector:	Jody Guth
Euch Min:	Jane Schmader, Jody Guth, David Nasky
Altar Server:	Owen Kerle
Ushers:	Matt Gilara Daniel Brooker, Todd & Tyler Beichner
Rosary:	Ron Ackerman
R.S. Cleaner:	

Mass Schedule Feb. 18th - Feb. 24th

Monday, Feb. 18
7:45 a.m. - (SJP) No Mass

Tuesday, Feb.19
8:30 a.m. - (SJP) Art Lutz by Jean

Wednesday, Feb. 20
8:00 a.m. – (SMP) Sherry Gilligan by Tom & Elaine Fesenmyer

Friday, Feb. 22
8:00 a.m. - (SMP) Freda Ditz by K of C #11387

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, Feb.23
Confession at St. Joseph, 3:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. — (SJP) Delmar Lauer by Estella & Family

Sunday, Feb 24
7:30 a.m.—(SJP)Wally Bauer by Rusty & Karen

10:00 a.m.–(SMP) Parish Family

Collection Counters Feb. 24th

SJP: Mike O'Neill & Rita Ochs
SMP: Mary Dechant, Andrew Gilara, Nicholas Banner

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE burning in memory of

SJP: Charles & Grace Wolbert
SMP: Robert & Mildred Groner

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Parish Family, All Special Intentions

Service People on Active Duty

Slugger Wagner, Bill & Steve Phillips, Adam Lutz, Diane Ochs, Jayleigh Ochs, Brendan George, Punkie Griebel, Jim Pfaff, Melissa Johnson, Deacon Mike, Cheryl Hockman Rogers, 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 '19-'20 school year. Call the school for more information. (814) 226-8018.

Fish Fry's starting March 8th, 4 - 7

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Special Thanks to all who sacrifice to support St. Joseph's
DATE: Jan.
Sunday Collection: $3,426
Loose Collection: $261

Special Thanks to all who sacrifice to support St. Michael's
DATE: Jan.
Sunday Collection: $2,981
Loose Collection $463

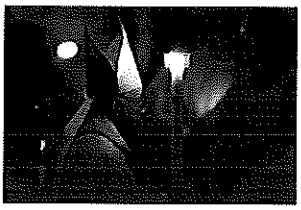
2019-2020 CSA will start March 30th

CSA donations are designated to fund the projects, ministries and departments of the Diocese of Erie. NO funds donated to the CSA have been OR will be used to defray expenses related to the sexual misconduct scandal. The CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic family and that the work of the Diocese is the work of the church.

Thank you,
The Diocese of Erie

Following Jesus is a daily choice, pope tells religious at Vatican

By Junno Arocho Esteves Catholic News Service
2.4.2019 10:17 AM ET



CNS photo/Remo Casilli, Reuters
Pope Francis holds a candle as he arrives to lead a Mass during the World Day for Consecrated Life in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Feb. 2, 2019. (CNS photo/Remo Casilli, Reuters) See POPE-MASS-PRESENTATION Feb. 4, 2019.

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- **The choice to follow God in life is not just a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity but a decision that is made every day, Pope Francis said.**

Christians truly encounter Jesus through concrete events in life that occur "every day; not every now and then," the pope said in his homily for the feast of the Presentation of the Lord and the World Day for Consecrated Life.

"When we welcome (Jesus) as the Lord of life, the center of everything, the beating heart of everything, then he lives and relives in us," the pope said at the Mass Feb. 2 in St. Peter's Basilica.

The feast commemorates the 40th day after the birth of Jesus, when Mary and Joseph presented him to the Lord in the temple.

Thousands of consecrated men and women belonging to religious orders attended the Mass, which began with the traditional blessing of candles.

Beginning the celebration in the vestibule of St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis blessed the candles and prayed that the Lord may guide all men and women "on the path of good" toward his son, "the light that has no end."

After the blessing, dozens of consecrated men and women processed down the main aisle, where thousands more were gathered, holding lighted candles that illuminated the darkened basilica.

In his homily, the pope reflected on the Gospel reading from St. Luke, in which the young Mary and Joseph, along with baby Jesus, meet the elderly Simeon and Anna, an encounter between young and old that is not dissimilar to the experience of religious men and women.

"If we remember our fundamental encounter with the Lord, we realize that it did not arise as a private matter between us and God," the pope explained. "No, it blossomed in the believing people, alongside so many brothers and sisters, in precise times and places."

The vocation to consecrated life "blossoms and blooms in the church" when young people find their roots and give fruit when encouraged by the elders. However, when a person is isolated, he warned, that calling "withers."

God, he continued, also calls religious men and women to him through "concrete things," especially through the sacraments, daily prayer and closeness, "especially to those spiritually or physically most in need."

Pope Francis said consecrated life is a prophetic vision in the church that is needed in today's world that is "a call for everyone against mediocrity."

Consecrated life, he added, is not a path of survival in the face declining vocations but rather a new life. "It is a vision of what is important to embrace in order to have joy: Jesus."

February 17

I AM THE RISEN ONE who shines upon you always. You worship a living Deity, not some idolatrous, man-made image. Your relationship with Me is meant to be vibrant and challenging, as I invade more and more areas of your life. Do not fear change, for I am making you a new creation, with old things passing away and new things continually on the horizon. When you cling to old ways and sameness, you resist My work within you. I want you to embrace all that I am doing in your life, finding your security in Me alone.

It is easy to make an idol of routine, finding security within the boundaries you build around your life. Although each day contains twenty-four hours, every single one presents a unique set of circumstances. Don't try to force-fit today into yesterday's mold. Instead, ask Me to open your eyes, so you can find all I have prepared for you in this precious day of Life.

FROM JESUS CALLING; Enjoying Peace in Hs Presence
by; Sarah Young

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 24, 2019

(Lec. 81)

- **I. 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23**
- **II. 1 Corinthians 15:45-49**
- **III. Luke 6:27-38**

Liturgy of the Word

In the first reading, David does not allow anyone to harm Saul when they have the opportunity to do so, and makes it clear to Saul's troops what he did.

In Corinthians, Paul describes Jesus as the second Adam, the spiritual man.

Jesus, in the Gospel, explains to his disciples all that the commandment "to love" entails.

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