

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 27, 2020

Family: The concept of family is so strong, it gets called into service for every kind of human gathering. We speak of religious communities as families. We speak of the family of nations, the Christian family, the parish family. Whenever the word is used, we imagine an ideal. We imagine warmth and love and generosity. We all want this to be the story of our family of origin. We all want the families we found to be these centers of mutual love and responsibility. We all know what we want, what we long for, when we hope and pray to build. This is a good start.

Throughout the Christmas season, you've probably seen lots of beautiful advertisements and greeting cards that show perfect families in perfect homes with perfect clothes and perfect smiles. Whenever I see one of those ads or cards, I look at my family and say, "Get real!" Maybe that's what you say, too. Let's face it, our families aren't perfect. But they don't have to be--thank God! They just have to be "real." And real families are those that allow one another to be understood and understood all at once. That's the sort of family today's liturgy celebrates.

1. What's the most important value you learned from your family?
2. What value or values do you want to pass on to your family?

PARISH NEWS

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

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

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

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: One day, St. Dominic prayed to Our Lady that she would force the devils who possessed a man to reveal the truth about devotion to her. The devils were forced by Our Lady to reveal: Listen to what the devils said, "Now that we are forced to speak we must also tell you this: Nobody who perseveres in saying the Rosary will be damned, because she obtains for her servants the grace of true contrition for their sins and by means of this they obtain God's forgiveness and mercy."

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph - December 27th: It is a Roman Catholic religious festival falling on the first Sunday after Christmas. Although major feast days dedicated to each member of the Holy Family - Jesus, Mary, and Joseph - also exist, the Feast of the Holy Family commemorates their life together, and the celebration focuses on religious family life. Because of the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt, a feast for the Holy Family has been observed by the Copts from early times. In Western Christianity, however, a cult of veneration for the Holy Family as a group, rather than as individuals, did not arise until the 17th century and was not officially recognized until the feast day was formally instituted in 1921 under Pope Benedict XV. Originally celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany, the Feast of the Holy Family was moved to the Sunday after Christmas in 1969, bringing it within the Christmas season.

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!

St. Michael's Religious Education classes remain in homeschool until January 1st. Students are encouraged to make a good confession before Christmas.

Mona Rita Guth is convalescing at the home of her daughter, Diane Williams, in California. If you would like to send her a card or anything else her address is: 5324 Indian Wood Drive, Redding, CA 96001.

St. Michael 2021 Loot Lotto Calendar tickets will be available for purchase at the back of the church following Sunday Mass throughout December. Tickets are \$10 each - see flyer insert for more information!

St. Joseph School is selling January Lottery Calendar tickets. There are two chances to win every day. One \$20 donation gets you 62 chances to win between \$50 and \$500. Payout is based on the Pick 3 PA Daily Lottery at 7:00 pm. St. Joseph School will mail out each winner to the address on the ticket stub at the end of the month. Tickets may be purchased from St. Joseph School, Kelly's, Lander's General Store, Ochs Building Supply, and School Families.

St. Michael Church Roof Update: So far, our total available monies for the project are \$604,370. 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 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.

All Lectors and Altar Servers: Please pay attention to the bulletin for the exact weekend you are to be reading or serving. Thank you!

Liturgy Schedule January 2nd & January 3rd

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

Lector: Bill Schupp
Altar Server: None
Ushers: None
Rosary: Mary Caye Stecki

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

Lector: Linda Steiner-Mander
Altar Server: Eliza Datko
Ushers: None

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

Lector: Jack Lauffer
Altar Server: Mason Hooper
Ushers: None
Rosary: Walter Jakopac

Mass Schedule December 21st - December 27th

Monday, December 28th

12:00 p.m. - (SMP) Rose Marchand Lowman by The Parish

Tuesday, December 29th

8:00 a.m. - (SMP) Jay Obenrader by Jim & Helen Obenrader

Wednesday, December 30th

8:30 a.m. - (SJP) Wally Bauer by Rusty & Karen Bauer & Family

Thursday, December 31st

5:00 p.m. - (SMP) Dolores Weaver by The Family

Friday, January 1st - Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

9:00 a.m. - (SJP) Parish Family

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 2nd

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

5:00 p.m. - (SMP) Sally Hockman by The Parish

Sunday, January 3rd

8:00 a.m. - (SJP) Parish Family

10:30 a.m. - (SMP) Rita Schmader by Dolores Beichner & Family

Collection Counters

SJP: Mike O'Neill, Rita Ochs

SMP: Bernie Beichner Jr., Jack Lauffer, Judy Eisenman

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE burning in memory of

SJP: Ben & Rita Lander by Fran & Dot Allio

SMP: Tom Weaver by John & Betty Cyphert

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, Sally Hockman 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: December 12th & December 13th

Sunday Collection: \$1,265

Loose Collection: \$352

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

DATE: December 12th & December 13th

Sunday Collection: \$2,613

Loose Collection: \$1,282

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

Parishioners Pledged: \$38,838

Parishioners Paid to Date: \$37,228

Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$0

Roof money: \$7,883

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

Parishioners Pledged: \$37,973

Parishioners Paid to Date: \$36,568

Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$0

Roof money: \$553

Roof Money to Date: \$604,370

St. Michael's Church 2021 Loot Lotto Calendar

\$10,000 in Potential Winnings!!!

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Winning Number Based on PA Lottery Pick 4 Evening Drawing

Payouts

**Solemnity of Mary (Jan 1), \$50
Easter (Apr 4), \$50
Ascension (May 13), \$50
Memorial Day (May 31), \$35
Independence Day (Jul 4), \$35**

**Assumption (Aug 15), \$50
St. Michael Day (Sept 29), \$500
All Saints Day (Nov 1), \$50
Immaculate Conception (Dec 8), \$50
Christmas (Dec 25), \$50**

All Other Days, \$20

Monday, September 6th, Labor Day, \$2,000

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!

\$10 Donation Each – 4 different numbers per ticket

- **Calendar runs from 01/01/2021 through 12/31/2021; you can only win prizes during that time frame!**
- **Each ticket contains four different 4-digit numbers.**
- **Winning numbers are based on the PA Lottery Pick 4 Daily Evening Drawing!**

GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA!!!!

To purchase tickets, please contact the following sellers:

Janet Fesenmyer, 814-428-2328

Becky Vickers, 814-657-2656

Jill Foys, 814-229-6004

Emily Weaver, 814-673-1623

Tim Gilara, 814-657-3393

Cathie Zacherl, 814-227-7139

Parish Office, 814-226-7288

Tickets are ONLY available for purchase through the sellers listed above!
No online sales!

All proceeds benefit St. Michael's Parish of Fryburg

December 27th

I urge you to join with me and approach Jesus to receive his embrace, his kiss that sanctifies and saves us...The prophet Isaiah spoke about a son: "For to us a child is born,/to us a son is given" [Isaiah 9:6].

This child, Raffaelina, is the loving brother, the very loving Bridegroom of our souls whose companionship the bride in the Song of Solomon--who is a metaphor for the faithful soul--was seeking and whose divine kisses she was pining for: "O that you were like a brother to me./.../ If I met you outside, I would kiss you" [Song of Solomon 8:1]; "O that you would kiss me with the kisses of your mouth" [Song of Solomon 1:2].

This son is Jesus, and the way for us to kiss him without betraying him, to hold him without imprisoning him, the way to kiss him and embrace him with the grace and love that he expects from us and that he promises to return, says St. Bernard, is to serve him with genuine affection and to enact through our holy deeds the heavenly doctrines that we confess with our words. (To Raffaelina Cerase, September 7, 1915)

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

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (January 1st)

This feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's fiat, or sanctioning of God's plan with her words, "Be it done to me according to thy word". Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace". New Year's Day is also designated as the "World Day of Peace", further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world.



The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 3, 2020

(Lec. 20)

- I. Isaiah 60:1-6
- II. Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
- III. Matthew 2:1-12

Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah joyfully foretells of the light that emerges from darkness at the coming of Christ.

In the second reading, Saint Paul reminds his listeners that, whether Gentile or Jew, they are all a part of the one body of Christ, the Church.

In the Gospel, the three wise men visit the Christ-child, bearing gifts to pay him homage.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Catholic Rural Ministry (814) 677-2032

7 Pulaski St., Oil City, PA 16301

Sister Tina Geiger, RSM ~~ Sister Marian Wehler, OSB
srtinag@gmail.com or marianwehler@yahoo.com

24 Hour Emergency

Pregnancy (814) 459-3103

Community Counseling (814) 793-6602

Tri-County Homes