

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2021

Creativity: Prize-winning novelist Toni Morrison once told an interviewer that raising children nourished her creativity. The interviewer was startled. Surely, he thought, spending time with helpless infants, needy children, unsure adolescents would squelch creativity and occupy the time Morrison could spend instead at her desk creating yet another novel. But no, her children knew her as mother, as the creator and sustainer of their lives. They brought out the best in her. They freed her so that she could create even more.

The poet Theodore Roethke says in his poem *The Waking*, "I learn by going where I have to go." We ask God to show us the way and guide the steps we must take. We lean heavily on God's compassion. We ask God to show us the way and guide the steps we must take. We lean heavily on God's compassion. We ask the lord who is good news to remember Jonah, to remember Ninevah, to remember us as we responds to God day by day.

1. Consider a choice you must make in the near future. Set it against the sure knowledge that you are God's chosen and beloved one who has been given a grace and a task.
2. What have you witnessed lately that reminds you that your notion of God is too small?

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: When you give a sermon, urge people to say my Rosary, and in this way your words will bear much fruit for souls. Our Lady to St. Dominic

St. Michael Church Roof Update: So far, our total available monies for the project are \$615,637. 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.

St. Joseph and St. Michael Parishes are in need of mass intentions and sanctuary lamps for the New Year. You are able to have 2 masses said per loved one for the year. Please call the office at 226-7288 to schedule.

Prayer for Renewed Strength: O Lord, my God, Please give me the grace to maintain my hope in you through all of life's changes and to taste and see your goodness. I praise you for the gifts you have showered on me for so many years. Help me find joy in a renewed strength of spirit. Please bless me with good health, and inspire me to be a good example to others. For you are Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

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!

SMP Religious Education: The February 7th Family Program will be Stations of the Cross in the Holy Land along the Via Dolorosa, the path Jesus actually walked during His Passion. All students and families will meet at the hall at 8:45 am. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED to join this beautifully filmed devotion!!!!

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

St. Mary's Parish in Crown is in need of a secretary/bookkeeper. This is a part-time paid position. Applicants should have accounting and bookkeeping experience in addition to computer knowledge in Microsoft Excel, Word, QuickBooks, and Publisher with five years working experience in general office duties. St. Mary's also has an opening for a maintenance person to perform general repairs, cut and trim grass, including the cemetery, and level and reseed graves in the cemetery. This is a part-time paid position, which is available immediately. If you are interested in either position, please contact Father James Power or call the church office at 814-744-9919.

Antler Club Members, starting February 10th, our monthly meeting will start at 7:00 pm. Spring Raffle tickets are now available. Please call the club at 814-227-2830 and leave a message if you would like to sell tickets. They may also be purchased at local businesses. This fundraiser benefits The Antler Club of Lucinda and St. Joseph School. Thank you for your continued support.

St. Joseph Parish is in need of volunteers to help with the Confirmation Dinner on May 18th, 2021. There will be 8 guests including Bishop Lawrence Persico. Confirmation is for both Parishes. If you are able to help, please call the office at 226-7288.

Liturgy Schedule January 30th & January 31st

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

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

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

Lector: Donna Jones
Altar Server: Eliza Datko
Ushers: None

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

Lector: Emily Weaver
Altar Server: Mason Hooper
Ushers: None
Rosary: Marie Fletcher

Mass Schedule January 25th - January 31st

Monday, January 25th

12:00 p.m. - (SJP) Mike O'Neill by The Family

Tuesday, January 26th

8:00 a.m. - (SMP) All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, January 27th

8:30 a.m. - (SJP) Alice & Jerome Schill by Ben & Nancy Ochs

Thursday, January 28th

8:00 a.m. - (SMP) George Daum by Bill & Pam Schupp

Friday, January 29th

8:00 a.m. - (SJP) Delmar Lauer by Rusty & Karen Bauer

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 30th

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

5:00 p.m. — (SMP) Dorothy Weaver & Marvin Cussins by Gerry & Dave Weaver

Sunday, January 31st

8:00 a.m. — (SJP) Parish Family

10:30 a.m. — (SMP) Victor Beichner by Bob & Cathie Zacherl

Collection Counters

SJP: None

SMP: Eric Schmader, Ray Beichner, Jen Detar

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE burning in memory of

SJP: Dick F. Schill by Barb & Dennis Huffman

SMP: Dorothy Weaver & Marvin Cussins by Gerry & Dave Weaver

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Parish Family, All Special Intentions

Service People on Active Duty

Slugger 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: January 16th & January 17th

Sunday Collection: \$4,525

Loose Collection: \$227

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

DATE: January 16th & January 17th

Sunday Collection: \$2,347

Loose Collection: \$76

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

Parishioners Pledged: \$40,328

Parishioners Paid to Date: \$39,138

Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$0

Roof money: \$9,793

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

Parishioners Pledged: \$38,163

Parishioners Paid to Date: \$36,783

Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$0

Roof money: \$768

Roof Money to Date: \$615,637

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**
- **All tickets are retroactive: If you purchase tickets AFTER January 1st or any time throughout 2021, you are still eligible to receive prize money if your numbers were drawn prior to the date of your ticket purchase.**
- **Each ticket contains four different 4-digit numbers.**
- **Winning numbers are based on the PA Lottery Pick 4 Daily Evening Drawing!**

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

January 24th

The apostle rejoices at the thought that he will not be ashamed of anything and will not in any way neglect his duty as an apostle of Jesus Christ. He rejoices, even in the midst of the chains of his imprisonment, that Jesus will always be exalted in his body. If he lives, he will exalt Jesus Christ through his life and his preaching, even while he is in prison. He had always preached until that time, and now he preaches to the Praetorian Guard. If he will be martyred, then he will glorify Jesus Christ by offering the supreme testimony of his love.

Thus he declares openly that for him his life is Christ, who is the heart and center of his entire life, the motive for all his actions, the ultimate goal of all his aspirations. Paul then adds that death would be a gain for him, because through his martyrdom he would give solemn testimony to Jesus by his love. It would make his union with Jesus even more indissoluble and would increase the glory that awaits him. (To Raffaolina Cerase, February 23, 1915)

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

Charitable Deeds and Services: The schedule for the 2021 food bank will be as follows: January 28th, February 25th, March 25th, April 22nd, May 27th, June 24th, July 22nd, August 26th, September 23rd, October 28th, November 9th, December 16th. If you know of anyone in need of food, they must pre-register by calling 814-797-0286. There was an anonymous donor who donated money to the food bank. With this money they were able to provide turkeys and chicken breasts for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you would like to donate to the Clarion County Food Distribution-Charitable Deeds, you can send your donation to C/O Dave Rivers PO Box 414, Knox, PA, 16232. Charitable Deeds monthly garage sales are as follows: January 21st, 22nd, & 23rd; February 18th, 19th, & 20th; March 18th, 19th, & 20th; April 15th, 16th, & 17th; May 20th, 21st, & 22nd; June 17th, 18th, & 19th; July 15th, 16th, & 17th; August 19th, 20th, & 21st; September 16th, 17th, & 18th; October 21st, 22nd, & 23rd; November 18th, 19th, & 20th; December 9th, 10th, & 11th. They are in need of beds, couches, tables, chairs, refrigerators, stoves, etc. If you would like to donate please call 814-221-9966. They can pick up the items if needed.

The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (January 25th)



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 31, 2021

(Lec. 71)

- I. Deuteronomy 18:15-20
- II. 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
- III. Mark 1:21-28

Liturgy of the Word

Moses tells the people that God will raise up a prophet and put his own words in the prophet's mouth. This prophet will speak all that God commands him to.

Saint Paul encourages the Corinthians to be free from anxieties and be *without distraction* so that they may be fully devoted to the Lord.

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches in a synagogue in Capernaum. As he speaks, and as he drives out an unclean spirit, the crowd is amazed by his authority.

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

Sporer Masonry & Restoration