

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2020

R.S.V.P: Most people can't invite the whole class to their child's birthday party, so choices have to be made. Some classmates will receive invitations while others won't. Most parents caution their children not to discuss the plans at school or around those not invited in order to avoid hurt feelings. Word gets out anyway. What do the uninvited do? Sometimes they sulk, sabotage, cry, or complain. Once in awhile they get creative and all the uninvited head to one of their backyards and have a great time of it themselves. Even when we're feeling left out, God always invites us. There's always a "backyard" to go to with God.

At God's banquet we are offered a buffet of delicacies. We are offered forgiveness, love, fairness, trust, faith, hope, compassion. Look at the menu. Consider each entrée in your own life. How has God offered each one of these at the banquet of life? How have you received each one? Now think of that one person in your life who is difficult--the one who gives you the most indigestion. Consider each entrée in that person's life. How have you offered the food of forgiveness? Have you loved unconditionally? Have you always been fair in your dealings with this person? Do they see God's love reflected in you? If you have a twinge of heartburn at any of these, what will you do today to improve just one entrée?

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 the Weapon. St. Pio

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.

St. Michael Church Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14th at 6:30 pm.

St. Joseph Church Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21st at 6:30 pm.

Confirmation will be on Monday, October 12th at 6:30 pm at St. Joseph Church. There will be no Mass that day at 5:15 pm.

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 Oktoberfest: It is with a heavy heart that Oktoberfest has been cancelled for this year. We have been closely monitoring the restrictions surrounding COVID. Because of the enclosed space and not being able to take our event outside (typically we have inclement weather), the committee felt it would be safest for all to cancel for this year. BUT, we are very hopeful that next year we will be back and ready to celebrate more than ever! Hold the date Saturday, October 16, 2021! More details will follow next year closer to the event.

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 Care and Concern: Each October volunteers usually sign up for a new year of Care and Concern, but because of the unusual situation this year, there won't be a Commitment weekend. Instead, each volunteer will get a letter in the mail with information about the new year. If you aren't a volunteer and would like to be one, there are volunteer forms in the back of St. Joseph Church. Please fill one out and place it in one of the collection baskets in the church. Because of the virus, our committees are pretty much limited to the prayer network and card-sending at this time. Thank you to all volunteers. God Bless and stay safe! Linda McCloskey 226-6075.

Liturgy Schedule October 17th & October 18th

5:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church

Lector: Sue Baumcratz
Euch Min: Father only
Altar Server: Eliza Datko
Ushers: None
Rosary:

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph Church

Lector: Kristie Schmader
Euch Min: Father only
Altar Server: Braden Ochs
Ushers: None

10:30 a.m. St. Michael Church

Sacristan: Casey Rapp
Lector: Carol Kiser
Euch Min: Father only
Altar Server: Mason Hooper
Ushers: None
Rosary: Marie Fletcher

Mass Schedule October 12th - October 18th

Monday, October 12th

5:15 p.m. - (SMP) John Craig by Bob & Ginny Aaron

Tuesday, October 13th

8:00 a.m. - (SMP) George Evanek by Terry & Susan Moore

Wednesday, October 14th

8:30 a.m. - (SJP) Dian Ochs by Dave & Gerry Weaver

Thursday, October 15th

8:00 a.m. - (SMP) John Weaver Sr. by The Family

Friday, October 16th

8:00 a.m. - (SJP) Wick & Grace Ochs by Jeff & Vicki Judy

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Saturday, October 17th

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

5:00 p.m. — (SJP) Dave Wolbert by Ione & Cindy Lauer

Sunday, October 18th

8:00 a.m. — (SJP) Marvin Cussins & Dorothy Weaver by Gerry & Dave Weaver

10:30 a.m.—(SMP) Parish Family

Collection Counters

SJP: Annette & Robert Wielock, Ken Lander
SMP: Sue & Todd Beichner, Judy Weirich

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE burning in memory of

SJP: Ryan Hartle by Bill Hartle

SMP: George A. Karg Sr. 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: October 3rd & October 4th

Sunday Collection: \$2,907

Loose Collection: \$163

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

DATE: October 3rd & October 4th

Sunday Collection: \$1,575

Loose Collection: \$55

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

Parishioners Pledged: \$37,548

Parishioners Paid to Date: \$34,553

Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$0

Roof money: \$5,208

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



September 28, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The weekend of October 18-19 marks this year's World Mission Sunday, our annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration of our shared call to mission. With 2020 being an extraordinarily difficult year, our awareness of this call is needed more than ever.

During the month of October, Pope Francis invites all baptized Christians to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ through prayer, meditation on the Word of God, and pilgrimage. What, then, does our Lord ask of us during this encounter? World Mission Sunday reminds us that we are all the "Church of Christ on Mission in the World," and we are all called to share the good news of the gospel with others.

I invite you to please continue to encourage all in our diocese to take this opportunity to revitalize our ardor, passion, and zeal for the faith with loving missionary hearts. One way we can respond to our missionary call is through charity, giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday.

Your financial gift helps to sustain priests, religious, and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, and the Pacific Islands as well as parts of Latin America and Europe. Additionally, your prayer and support help them to proclaim the Gospel, build the Church, and serve the poor.

Thank you for your continuous commitment to mission and for your generous response to this collection, and throughout the Mission Month, as you are able. Let us join our hearts in prayer with our Holy Father for this special moment for the missions. You and your families remain in my prayer.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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October 11th

My dearest daughters, I tell you that your well-disposed wills are the vineyard. Your cistern consists of the holy inspirations for perfection that God rains down from heaven. Your tower is holy chastity, a tower made of ivory like the tower of David. Your winepress is obedience, which brings great merit for the actions that it presses out. Your fence consists of your vows and aspirations. May God preserve this vineyard that he has planned with his own hands, my daughters. May God always pour out an abundance of the life-giving waters of his grace into your cistern. May God always be the one to protect your tower. May God be the one who always turns the winepress to press out your vineyard impenetrable and shut, and may make the angels be its eternal vinedressers. (To the Ventrella sisters, May 1, 1918)

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

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - Bullying

Prevention Month: Relational bullying is unwarranted, persistent, unwelcome behavior in the form of criticism, isolation, or fabricated allegations that can damage relationships. Examples include social exclusion ("You can't be with us"), spreading rumors ("Did you hear...?"), and withholding friendship ("I won't be your friend if you...?"). Though relational bullying can often seem ambiguous to outside observers and often garners less attention than physical bullying or verbal bullying, it should not be discounted simply as normal, adolescent behavior. In fact, several recent studies suggest relational bullying is more strongly related to emotional distress and teen depression than any other form of bullying. To see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments, visit

<https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/>

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Sunday, October 18, 2020

(Lec. 145)

- I. Isaiah 45:1, 4-6**
- II. 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b**
- III. Matthew 22:15-21**

Liturgy of the Word

In the first reading, the Lord says to his anointed, *Cyrus...I have called you by your name*. Through Cyrus, all will know there is no God besides the Lord.

In the second reading, Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy greet the Thessalonian Church with thanksgiving and affirmation.

In the Gospel, Jesus' opponents question him about the lawfulness of paying taxes. Jesus sees their hypocrisy and answers, *repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God*.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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