

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 19, 2021

Success: People who have “come up the hard way” and are now rich or famous or both are successful according to many. Well, maybe so. Jesus has another idea about success, and it’s a better one. It’s more inclusive, too.

Our greatness as Christians will not be measured by our power and possessions. As we used to hear in the old song, “They’ll know we are Christians by our love.” Without regard for how we measure up to the rest of the world, or how the rest of the world sees us, we need to align ourselves with the victims. Jesus challenges us to stand with them, welcome them among us, and serve them. We are called to take this action with the unencumbered freedom of a child.

1. When have you trusted in God’s ways to the extent that you had to reject the world’s ways? How did others view your stand? How did you feel about the way others responded to you?
2. What crosses do we carry in our lives? How can these crosses become opportunities to serve others?
3. What is your favorite characteristic of a child? How does this behavior appear before God? What can you do to emulate this behavior in your relationship with God?

PARISH NEWS

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

(SJP & SMP) Parish website: 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 my favorite prayer. St. Pope John Paul II

The St. Joseph Rosary Society will be holding a meeting on Monday, September 27th at 7:00 pm.

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!

The St. Michael’s Family Program will be on October 3: Bill Sockey, “Message of Fatima.” Begins 8:45 at St Michael Hall. All from both parishes are welcome!

Join us for a Public Square Rosary Rally in front of St. Michael School at noon, October 16th. Any questions, contact Elizabeth Beal (814) 221-4163. Please come pray for America!

40 Days for Life is an international pro-life organization that seeks to end abortion through prayer, fasting and peaceful witness. Please prayerfully consider participating in their fall campaign, beginning September 22. Over 350,000 abortions were committed by Planned Parenthood in the US in fiscal year 2020. On September 30, a group of parishioners from our parishes will be traveling to Pittsburgh to stand vigil from 1-3 pm on the sidewalk at Planned Parenthood, where abortions are performed regularly. If you would like to come, please contact Ann Huebert, 814-229-4441 or annhuebert@gmail.com.

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

Installation Mass: Bishop Persico will be holding an installation mass for Fr. Mike on Sunday, September 26th at the 10:30 am mass at St. Michael’s. Everyone is welcome to attend. This mass is the Diocese of Erie’s way to officially declare Fr. Mike as our pastor.

To My Parish Family:

Two items this week:

1. Once a year priests are required to make a week long retreat. I will be taking mine this week, Monday (9/20) – Friday (9/24). Please pray for me and I will be praying for you!
2. Next Sunday (9/26) Bishop Persico will be officially installing me as your pastor! This will take place at St. Michael Church at the 10:30am Mass. Everyone is able to attend. The following happens at an Installation Mass:
 - Mass is usual through the Gospel reading.
 - The letter of appointment that the Bishop gave me will be read and then the Bishop will preach the homily.
 - The Bishop will ask the parish staff, parish councils, and finance councils to please stand and be recognized as I address them as their pastor.
 - I will lead everyone in the Creed and take an Oath of Fidelity.
 - I will then sign the Creed and Oath of Fidelity on the altar and Bishop Persico will sign them as well.
 - After this, the intercessions are read, and Mass continues as usual.

We will have a reception at St. Michael Hall afterward. Please come!

I am happy to be your pastor! Have a blessed week!
Fr. Mike

Liturgy Schedule September 25th & September 26th

**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: Morgan Jones
Euch Min: Lori Callihan
Altar Server: Gwen Griebel
Ushers: None

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

Lector: Stan Montana
Euch Min: Mark Beichner
Altar Server: Mason Hooper
Ushers: None
Rosary: Marie Fletcher

Mass Schedule September 20th - September 26th

Tuesday, September 21st

8:00 a.m. - (SMP) NO MASS

Wednesday, September 22nd

8:30 a.m. - (SJP) NO MASS

Thursday, September 23rd

8:00 a.m. - (SMP) NO MASS

Friday, September 24th

8:00 a.m. - (SJP) NO MASS

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 25th

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

5:00 p.m. — (SMP) Ralph & Marian Lander by George & Lisa Carroll

Sunday, September 26th

8:00 a.m. — (SJP) Parish Family

10:30 a.m. — (SMP) Timothy Cyphert by Mom and Dad

Collection Counters

SJP: Ed Carroll, Steve Hoover, Rita Ochs
SMP: Susan & Terry Moore

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE burning in memory of

SJP: Ray Judy by Julie Schill
SMP: Bill & Brenda Zacherl by Peg Zacherl

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: September 4th & September 5th

Sunday Collection: \$2,988

Loose Collection: \$316

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

DATE: September 4th & September 5th

Sunday Collection: \$3,612

Loose Collection: \$196

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

Parishioners Pledged: \$40,300

Parishioners Paid to Date: \$36,687

Paid to Diocese of Erie: \$25,000

Paint & Plaster money: \$7,463

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

Parishioners Pledged: \$39,980

Parishioners Paid to Date: \$38,490

Paid to Diocese of Erie: \$25,000

Roof money: \$1,616

Roof Money to Date: \$527,006

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Saint of the Week

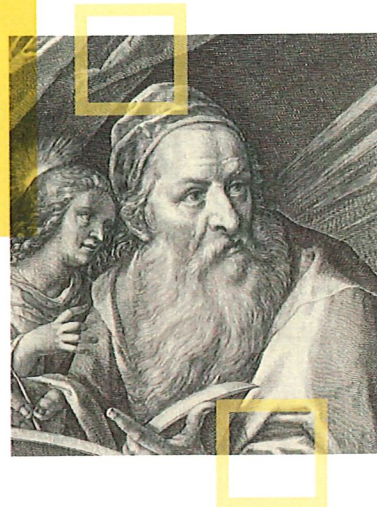
Matthew

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Feast Day—September 21

One of the Twelve Apostles, this tax collector is called Matthew in one Gospel (Mt 9:9) and Levi in two others (Mk 2:14 and Lk 5:27). Scripture scholars believe they are the same man because the call and shared meal with Jesus are similar in all three accounts. He

sometimes is credited with writing the Gospel of Matthew, but most scholars think this unlikely. And there is no evidence for early church traditions that Matthew evangelized in Judea, Parthia or Ethiopia, or that he was martyred in Persia.



“ Matthew 9: 9-13

*As Jesus passed by,
he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the
customs post.
He said to him, “Follow me.”
And he got up and followed him.
While he was at table in his house,
many tax collectors and sinners came
and sat with Jesus and his disciples.*

*The Pharisees saw this and said to his
disciples,*

*“Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors
and sinners?”*

He heard this and said,

*“Those who are well do not need a physician,
but the sick do.*

Go and learn the meaning of the words,

I desire mercy, not sacrifice.

I did not come to call the righteous but sinners.” ”



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Image: *De evangelist Matteüs*, Crispijn van de Passe, Rijksmuseum

September 19th

It seems to me that the more a soul has been enriched, the more reason it has to humble itself before the Lord. As the gifts from the Lord increase, the soul can never fully repay the giver of every good. So then, what in particular do you have to boast about? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you have received everything, what do you boast about as though it were something that belonged to you?

Oh, repeat to yourself whenever the tempter wants you to swell with pride, "All the good that is in me I received from God as a loan. I would be a fool to boast about what is not mine." Deal with it that way, and do not be afraid. (To Raffaelina Cerase, January 30, 1915)

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

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.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP CONTINUED

Special Thanks to all who sacrifice to support St. Joseph's
Date: September 11th & September 12th

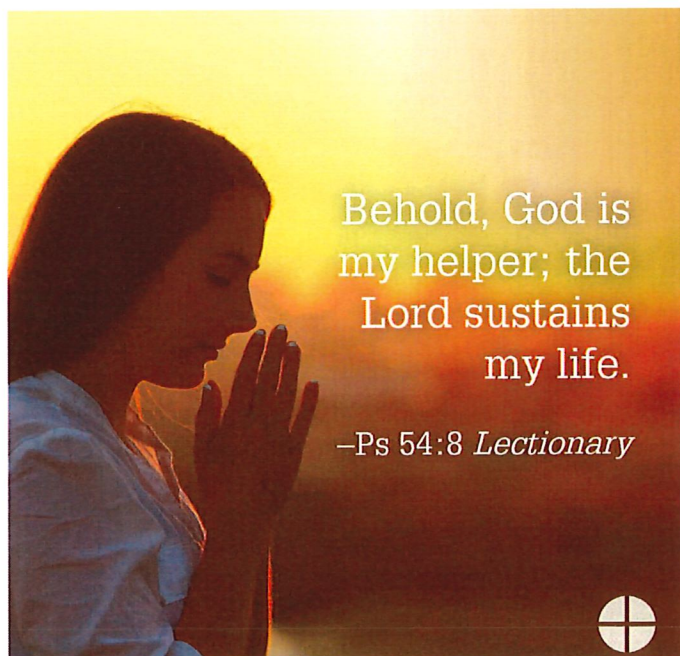
Sunday Collection: \$2,148

Loose Collection: \$242

Special Thanks to all who sacrifice to support St. Michael's
Date: September 11th & September 12th

Sunday Collection: \$2,467

Loose Collection: \$737



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 26, 2021

(Lec. 137)

- I. Numbers 11:25-29
- II. James 5:1-6
- III. Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Liturgy of the Word

In the first reading, the Lord takes some of the Spirit that was on Moses and bestows it on the elders, and they begin to prophesy.

James writes to warn the rich of the judgment coming to those who seek luxury and pleasure, while shortchanging their workers.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks against intolerance, referring to someone who is not a follower who is driving out demons. He says: *Whoever is not against us is for us.*

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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