

## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 12, 2021

**The Hard Work of Discipleship:** On the streets of Calcutta, many people saw faith in action. Mother Teresa and the Missionaries of Charity did all they could for the starving people of India. They fed the hungry, cleaned their sores, and even picked maggots from their faces. When there was no more they could do, they held and loved the infirm until they died. When others thought they took foolish risks, Mother Teresa told them that she preferred the sisters to make mistakes from kindness rather than work miracles in harshness.

How often do we meet or know someone who suffers some kind of hardship? Often as we leave that person we say, "I'll pray for you." But is it enough to promise a prayer? Take the person by the hands and face him or her. Look at him or her in the eye and say, "May I pray with you now?" Unless they come right out and say, "No," then start praying. Ask God to show you the way you can help and to give the person courage until you have completed the action God leads you to perform.

1. Satan tried once again to get Jesus by using Peter. How can Satan use someone's trusted friends and loved ones to do harm? How can we respond to friends in this situation?
2. Peter recognized Jesus as Messiah. Where do we recognize Jesus as the Messiah in our world today?

### PARISH NEWS

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

**(SJP & SMP) Parish website:** [stjoseph-stmichaelparishes.org](http://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:** If you say the Rosary faithfully until death, I do assure you that, in spite of the gravity of your sins, you shall receive a never fading crown of glory. For even if you are now on the brink of damnation, even if you have one foot in hell, even if you have sold your soul to the devil...sooner or later you will be converted and will amend your life and save your soul. If you say the Rosary devoutly every day of your life. St. Louis Montfort

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

**July 4<sup>th</sup> update:** The July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee thanks Tylersburg Auto Repair, for donating their July 4<sup>th</sup> prize winnings back to the festival and St. Joseph School. The committee is completing its final audit of the event and a bulletin insert will be forthcoming.

**Middle School Youth Ministry!!** We invite all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to Edge Nights EVERY Tuesday from 6-8pm starting this Tuesday, September 14. Edge is a Catholic middle school youth ministry program. It provides a safe fun place for youth to find solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith, and, most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. The communities of Fryburg, Lucinda, Crown, and Marienville are excited to come together for this effort! Please contact our Religious Education Directors with any questions.

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

**Sister Monica Steiner** is now staying at the Caring Heights Skilled Nursing and Rehab Facility. There are no visitations allowed, but she would enjoy receiving cards. If you would like to send her a card, send it to, Sr. Monia Steiner, OSB, Caring Heights Skilled Nursing and Rehab Facility, 234 Coraopolis Rd., Room 229, Coraopolis, PA 15108. Thank you!

**Installation Mass:** Bishop Persico will be holding an installation mass for Fr. Mike on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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!

**To My Parish Family:**

Thank you all who assisted with the Labor Day Picnic! I am glad we were able to come together in-person!

This coming Tuesday (9/14) is our first Edge Night. Edge is our new youth ministry effort for middle school students. We are working with St. Mary/St. Ann Parish in Crown. The goal for starting Edge is that our younger generation have a place to experience Jesus and the Catholic faith in new, dynamic ways! Please invite families that may benefit from this and pray for our Edge Nights that will gather every Tuesday from 6-8pm at St. Joseph Hall.

Have a blessed week!  
Fr. Mike

**Liturgy Schedule September 18<sup>th</sup> & September 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

Lector: Bill Schupp  
Euch Min: Theresa Seitz  
Altar Server: None  
Ushers: None  
Rosary: Mary Caye Stecki

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

Lector: Kristie Schmader  
Euch Min: Pete Judy  
Altar Server: Eliza Datko  
Ushers: None

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

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

**Mass Schedule September 13<sup>th</sup> - September 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. - (SMP) Ryan Dunlap by Bob & Cathie Zacherl

**Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. - (SJP) Don & Mary Bauer by Jim & Kim Pfaff

**Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. - (SMP) John, Mary, & Mike Lauer by Rusty & Sandy Weaver

**Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. - (SJP) Clara "Punk" Griebel by Stella Lauer

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

5:00 p.m. - (SMP) Rita C. Schmader by Bernie & Jane Hoover

**Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. - (SJP) Donna Hartle by Bill

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: Living Members of the Gaylord & Norma Mealy Family by Greg & Sue Mealy**

**SMP: Susan G. Obenreder 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,  
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

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

Parishioners Pledged: \$39,955

Parishioners Paid to Date: \$35,252

Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$20,000

Paint & Plaster money: \$6,028

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

Parishioners Pledged: \$39,970

Parishioners Paid to Date: \$38,480

Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$20,000

Roof money: \$1,606

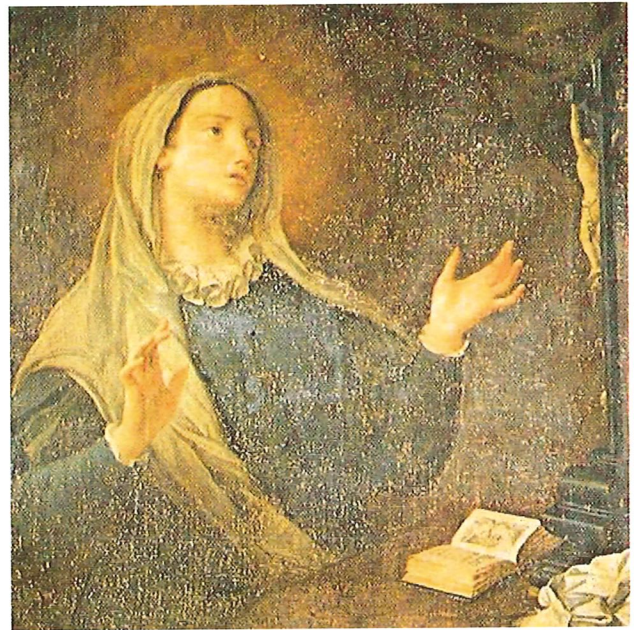
Roof Money to Date: \$526,837



# Saint Catherine of Genoa

DATES: 1447-1510 | FEAST DAY: SEPTEMBER 15

Caterina Fieschi wanted to be a nun like her older sister, but instead was married at 16 to Giuliano Adorno. Their arranged union was not happy for Caterina; her husband had a child with his mistress and wasted much of their fortune. But in 1473 Caterina had a vision of Christ carrying his cross which changed her life. Thereafter, she devoted her life to prayer and caring for the poor in the slums of Genoa, Italy. Giuliano also changed, becoming a Franciscan tertiary. They both worked at the largest charity hospital in Europe, with Caterina advancing from volunteer to director. She also wrote about mysticism and was canonized in 1737.



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SAINT OF THE WEEK

September 12<sup>th</sup>

Your Holiness,

...The Capuchin Order has always been foremost in love, faithfulness, obedience, and devotion to the Apostolic See. I pray to the Lord that this will continue to be the case and that our order will continue in its tradition of religious conscientiousness and austerity, evangelical poverty, faithful observance of its rules and constitutions, renewing itself in its inner vitality of spirit according to the directives of Vatican Council II so as to be ready at all times to respond quickly to the needs of mother church, when Your Holiness calls on us.

I know that your heart is suffering deeply these days about the future of the church, about peace in the world, about people's needs, but especially about the failure even by some Catholics to obey the profound teaching that you, assisted by the Holy Spirit and in the name of God, give us. I offer you my daily prayers and sufferings, a small but sincere offering from the least of your sons, so that the Lord may comfort you with his grace to continue on the straight but difficult path of defending eternal truth, which never changes with the passing of time. (To Pope Paul VI, September 12, 1968)

*Padre Pio's Spiritual Direction for Every Day*

*By Gianluigi Pasquale.*

#### **Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments-Diocesan Child**

**Protection Policies:** The Diocese of Erie, along with all other dioceses in the United States, has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse and to aid in maintaining safe environments. The three main components of the Policy for the Protection of Children are" screening of all employees and volunteers who work with minors, training of all youth, parents, employees and volunteers, and reporting all suspected child abuse. The diocese is committed to promptly reporting any suspected child abuse directly to ChildLine or law enforcement. The diocese requires on-going screening and training of all personnel, paid or unpaid, who have regular contact with our children and youth under the age of 18. The diocese also requires yearly safe environment training of our children, youth and parents regarding touching-safety and safe environment. Visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/> to read the policy and learn what the diocese requires for all personnel who work with children and youth in parishes/school/agencies.

**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.

## **25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sunday, September 19, 2021

(Lec. 134)

- I. Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
- II. James 3:16-4:3
- III. Mark 9:30-37

### **Liturgy of the Word**

In Wisdom, the wicked speak of testing *the just one* until he sins or until God intervenes.

In the second reading, James says that *the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace*.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus teaches about his passion but the disciples do not understand; he then demands humble service of his followers.

### **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

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