

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

**Where We Are:** A common sense saying reminds us that wherever we find ourselves, there we are. We tend not to believe this, of course, much less act on it. When we are in trouble or anguish we ignore it or wish out way out of it. When we are on the bus, we think about the office. When we are at our computer, we think about the evening commute. We barely enter Advent, and our heads are full of Christmas plans. This Sunday we are asked to be where we are as we light a single bright candle to break up the darkness. We are asked to consider God's salvation, which dawns on us right here where we are.

We are asked to wake up and smell the coffee. To stand in the full light of God's new day and shed the petty work of the anxious ego, the consuming, hollow heart. We, who long ago put on Christ in our baptism, are asked to live and act that way. Wherever we find ourselves, there we are. And there Christ is, for we are in Christ. Or we should be. WE need to ask ourselves, does this show? Looking in the mirror, do I see someone alive in Christ, or trying to be? In me, is God's salvation nearer than ever before?

1. The season of Advent invites our quiet reflection, rather than our noisy celebration. What things or spaces or places most help you enter into the quiet reflection of this season?

## PARISH NEWS

**Saturday Mass:** December masses will be held at St. Joseph's.

**(SJP & SMP) Parish website:** [stjoseph-stmichaelparishes.org](http://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:** Never will anyone who says his Rosary every day be led astray. This is a statement that I would gladly sign with my blood. Saint Louis de Montfort

**Looking for Volunteers!** St. Michael's Parish is looking for a few volunteers (4 to 5) to help hand out hot chocolate and candy canes throughout Light the Night on December 5, 2020. Light the Night, presented by the Washington Township Community Association, is scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic; this year's event is a drive-thru Christmas Lane and will be situated in the lower parking lot at St. Michael's Parish. In addition to providing the space for this fun community event, the parish is also providing free hot chocolate and candy canes to all event guests (through social distancing). If you are interested in helping, please contact Emily Weaver at (814) 673-1623 or send her a Facebook message!

**Please remember with the holiday season approaching, the bulletin will need to be in early to the printer.** The December 27<sup>th</sup> bulletin will need to be in to the printer by Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> and the bulletin for January 3<sup>rd</sup> will need to be in to the printer by Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you have anything that needs in the bulletin during these times, please have it in to the office before the above dates.

## 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!

**Wreaths Across America:** Central Clarion Wildcats football team, comprised of North Clarion, Clarion and Clarion Limestone students in grades 7-12 is once again participating in the Wreaths Across America (WAA) annual campaign. WAA is committed to teaching younger generations about the value of their freedoms, and the importance of honoring those who sacrificed so much to protect those freedoms. Each December on Nation Wreaths Across America Day, wreath-laying ceremonies occur at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 2,100 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad. Our local wreath laying ceremonies will be held on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Central Clarion Wildcats are proud to promote the WAA's mission of: Remember, Honor, Teach. Central Clarion Wildcats are supporting this campaign by encouraging others to sponsor wreaths to our designated locations: the St. Joseph Cemetery in Lucinda, PA and The Clarion Cemetery in Clarion, PA. By sponsoring a wreath, you will be honoring our veterans as well as showing support to our local football team. For each wreath sponsored, the Central Clarion Wildcats' Booster Club receives \$5.00. The students of the Central Clarion Wildcats thank you. Forms to sponsor a wreath(s) may be found at the back of St. Joseph Church. You may also sponsor wreaths online at: <http://wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/159261>.

**2020 Giving Tree:** The giving trees will be at the entrances of both churches the weekend of November 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>. Please return gifts by December 8<sup>th</sup>. In the event the church is closed, the gifts may be dropped off at Kelly's Store, Route 66 in Lucinda or Leeper Red and White in Leeper.

**St. Michael's CCD:** No religious education classes for students until December 6<sup>th</sup>. Please check email for details and updates.

**Liturgy Schedule December 5<sup>th</sup> & December 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

Lector: Sue Baumcratz  
Altar Server: Eliza Datko  
Ushers: None  
Rosary: Marge Bauer & Marion Lutz

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

Lector: Kristie Schmader  
Altar Server: None  
Ushers: None

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

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

**Mass Schedule November 30<sup>th</sup> - December 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

5:15 p.m. - (SJP) Bonnie Carroll Judy by Joe & Punk Griebel

**Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:00 a.m. - (SMP) The Parents of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Ackerman

**Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30 a.m. - (SJP) Don & Mary Bauer by Regis & Carol Lenhart

**Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8:00 a.m. - (SMP) Rusty Bean by Steve & Diane Banner

**Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. - (SJP) Joseph Judy Jr. by Mary Alice Schmader

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

5:00 p.m. — (SJP) Parish Family

**Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. — (SJP) Ryan Gatesman by Tom & Sue Gatesman

10:30 a.m. — (SMP) James Schwabenbauer by Lida and Kids

**Collection Counters**

SJP: Mike O'Neill, Rita Ochs

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

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE burning in memory of**

SJP: Roy Wolbert by Peg & Family

SMP: Henry & Adeline Karg by The Family

**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: November 14<sup>th</sup> & November 15<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday Collection: \$2,637

Loose Collection: \$958

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

**DATE: November 14<sup>th</sup> & November 15<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday Collection: \$2,290

Loose Collection: \$216

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

Parishioners Pledged: \$38,278

Parishioners Paid to Date: \$35,958

Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$0

Roof money: \$6,613

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

Parishioners Pledged: \$37,523

Parishioners Paid to Date: \$36,093

Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$78

Roof money: \$0

Roof Money to Date: \$580,895



# SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH & SAINT MICHAEL CHURCH

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## DECEMBER 2020

SATURDAY MASSES - 5:00 PM ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 SMP 8:00 am Lucinda K of C Meeting 7:00 pm	2 SJP 8:30 am	3 SMP 8:00 am	4 SJP 8:00 am	5 SJP 5:00 pm
6 SJP 8:00 am SMP 10:30 am	7 SMP 5:15 pm	8 SMP 8:00 am	9 SJP 8:30 am	10 SMP 8:00 am	11 SJP 8:00 am	12 SJP 5:00 pm
13 SJP 8:00 am SMP 10:30 am	14 SMP 5:15 pm	15 SMP 8:00 am	16 SJP 8:30 am	17 SMP 8:00 am	18 SJP 8:00 am	19 SJP 5:00 pm
20 SJP 8:00 am SMP 10:30 am	21 SMP 5:15 pm	22 SMP 8:00 am	23 SJP 8:30 am	24 SJP 4:00 pm SMP 6:00 pm	25 SJP 8:00 am SMP 10:30 am 	26 SJP 5:00 pm
27 SJP 8:00 am SMP 10:30 am	28 SMP 5:15 pm	29 SMP 8:00 am	30 SJP 8:30 am	31 SMP 8:00 am		

**November 29<sup>th</sup>**

Let us stir up our faith more and remember that resounding victory of the Israelites over the Midianites recorded in sacred Scripture. We read that in the middle of the night, when the enemy had come out of their trenches and were resting in the camp, suspecting nothing, they were silently surrounded by just three hundred of Gideon's warriors. Each man had a trumpet in one hand and a jar with a lit torch in the other hand. At their captain's signal, they broke the jars with a loud crash and blew their trumpets. After every blast they lifted up their war cry: "For the LORD and for Gideon" [Judges 7:18] At their tremendous cry, the loud noise of the trumpets, and the immense flash of light in their faces, great terror came upon the enemy camp, and they all began to run in a confused fashion, still heavy with sleep, while the trumpets continued to send out their grim sound. A great number of the enemy, in the indescribable confusion of their hurried flight, massacred one another, leaving mounds of dead bodies in the camp. The Israelites obtained this victory, as we saw, not with weapons but through a very unique war strategy. Well, we also are sustaining a difficult war as long as we are alive. Let us win this war with Gideon's very unique strategy. Let us make the light desire for God's work go before us in this battle. Let us also fight to the sound of hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs as we sing and lift up loud voices to the Lord. In this way we too will be made worthy to win the victory in Jesus Christ Our Lord. (To Raffaolina Cerase, October, 14, 1915)

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

**St. Michael Church Roof Update:** So far, our total available monies for the project are \$580,895. 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 1 cross and 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.

**Armstrong Indiana Clarion Drug and Alcohol Commission:** There are many faith based organizations for alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, and gambling/gaming that offer presentations that you can utilize free of charge. Here are some of the programs: Naloxone, Gateway Drugs & Gambling, Had I Only Know Drug Trends, Vaping Awareness, Teen Scene, Why Animals Don't Smoke, Why Athletes Don't Smoke, Peer Pressure, and Healthy Choices. Special presentations may also be requested, but not limited to alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, fetal alcohol spectrum, and/or gambling. Presentations can be customized based on each school, organization, or community needs. To schedule prevention programs, please contact Armstrong Indiana Clarion Drug & Alcohol Commission at 814-226-6350 ext. 106

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday, December 6, 2020**

**(Lec. 5)**

- I. **Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**
- II. **2 Peter 3:8-14**
- III. **Mark 1:1-8**

### **Liturgy of the Word**

The prophet Isaiah speaks for the Lord in giving comfort to his people, proclaiming the service of Jerusalem at an end - and that her guilt is expiated. They are to *prepare the way of the Lord, for the glory of the Lord shall be revealed*, and he will shepherd them with care.

In the second reading, Peter writes to his community that *the day of the Lord will come like a thief*. Therefore, they ought to conduct themselves *in holiness and devotion ... eager to be found without spot or blemish before him*.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist heralds the coming of Jesus as he exhorts his listeners to turn away from sin and be baptized.

### **AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**Catholic Rural Ministry** (814) 677-2032

7 Pulaski St., Oil City, PA 16301

Sister Tina Geiger, RSM ~~ Sister Marian Wehler, OSB  
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#### **24 Hour Emergency**

Pregnancy (814) 459-3103

Community Counseling (814) 793-6602

**Shippenville Healthcare & Rehabilitation**