

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

## October 18, 2020

**Give God Glory:** It's a frustrating feeling I get all too often. I'm in a situation that requires just the right response ... and that response lives somewhere in my brain. Only trouble is, I don't find it until the next day! Have you ever said to yourself, "I should have said..." or "Why didn't I think of that one yesterday?" Jesus was always quick on his feet and knew the right thing to say. Even when his enemies tried to trick him, the exact right words came out. He left their dignity intact while still making a pivotal point.

Sometimes our government leaders make decisions contrary to the laws of God. There are a number of opportunities we have to compensate for these decisions. We can actively protest, volunteer our time to work for organizations that speak out against harmful decisions, or write letters that encourage our elected officials to vote according to the laws of God. To take a stand and work actively in one of these ways may leave us vulnerable to the opinion of others and impair our popularity and acceptance among our friends. When Jesus said, "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God," he challenged the Pharisees and us to deal directly with our consciences. What does our conscience say about taking an unpopular stand, but a stand we know is right with God? How hard is that for us to do? Perhaps a better question is, "How costly is that for us not to do?"

### PARISH NEWS

**Saturday Mass:** October 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:** The Rosary is my favorite prayer. St. Pope John Paul II

**Catholic Rural Ministry New Fall Offering:** Sr. Marian and Sr. Tina are offering two book discussions this fall **BEGINNING OCTOBER 20th and 22<sup>nd</sup>**. 1.) Tuesday evenings are "I'm Still Here (Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness) by Austin Channing Brown, a leading speaker/writer on racial justice America. 2.) Thursday morning and/or evenings is "A spirituality of aging using "The Gift of Years, Growing Older Gracefully", by Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB and a new publication by St. Pat's native: Fr. Ronald D. Witherup, PPSS, STL, PhD "What does the Bible say about Old Age." These will be held in person at St. Patrick's School Building as well as from the comfort of your own home by using ZOOM. You can call in with your own home landline phone or call in with your cell phone or use a cell phone, tablet, laptop, or computer to video conference. We have a limited number of tablets for those who would like to learn how to ZOOM and do not have a cell, laptop, or computer. The sisters will teach you how to use it. We also have a limited supply of the regular paper books. The books are also available for download online. Please call the sisters at 814-677-2032 or email Sr. Tina at [srtinag@gmail.com](mailto:srtinag@gmail.com) to register as soon as possible - at the very latest Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. There is no fee for either program; however, a free will offering is always accepted.

### 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. 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.

**St. Joseph Religious Education:** Judy Wolbert will be retiring as Religious Education Coordinator for St. Joseph's at the end of this school year. A new coordinator will be needed. Please contact Judy Wolbert at 226-8399 or [stjoercd@yahoo.com](mailto:stjoercd@yahoo.com).

**St. Joseph Rosary Society Meeting:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the hall. Members of the quilt committee and all members are strongly asked to attend. This will be the last meeting of 2020.

## Liturgy Schedule October 24<sup>th</sup> & October 25<sup>th</sup>

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

Lector: Judy Wolbert  
Altar Server: Eliza Datko  
Ushers: None  
Rosary: Jody Guth

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

Lector: Anne Ochs  
Altar Server: Logan Swanson  
Ushers: None

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

Sacristan: Casey Rapp  
Lector: David Nasky  
Altar Server: Owen Kerle  
Ushers: None  
Rosary: Karen Wolbert

## Mass Schedule October 19<sup>th</sup> - October 25<sup>th</sup>

### Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

5:15 p.m. - (SMP) Tom Smerkar by Randy & Susan Miller & Family

### Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. - (SMP) Helen C. Smerkar by Norb & Marie Bauer

### Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

8:30 a.m. - (SJP) Don & Mary Bauer by Joe & Punk Griebel

### Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:00 a.m. - (SMP) Janet Eisenman by Norb & Marie Bauer

### Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:00 a.m. - (SJP) Leonard & Choletta Schupp & Family by Tom & Dee & Family

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### Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

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

5:00 p.m. — (SJP) Parish Family

### Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. — (SJP) Living & Deceased Members of Maurice & Catherine Bauer Family by Susan Larrow

10:30 a.m.—(SMP) Ruthie Bruce by Mom & Dad

### Collection Counters

SJP: Ed Carroll, Steve Hoover

SMP: Mary Dechant, Terry & Susan Moore

### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE burning in memory of

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

SMP: Lawrence, Helen, & Sonny Fasenmyer by Bill &  
Dolores Kapp

### 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 10<sup>th</sup> & October 11<sup>th</sup>

Sunday Collection: \$1,746

Loose Collection: \$0

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

DATE: October 10<sup>th</sup> & October 11<sup>th</sup>

Sunday Collection: \$2,417

Loose Collection: \$0

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

Parishioners Pledged: \$37,908

Parishioners Paid to Date: \$35,433

Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$0

Roof money: \$6,088

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

Parishioners Pledged: \$36,678

Parishioners Paid to Date: \$34,673

Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$1,342

Roof money: \$0

Roof Money to Date: \$579,478



## World Mission Sunday 2020



EVERY YEAR, SOMETHING SPECIAL HAPPENS on the next-to-last Sunday of October. WORLD MISSION SUNDAY joins all Catholics of the world into one community of faith. At Mass this Sunday, we recommit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. This year, Pope Francis addresses his World Mission Sunday message to us as we live out our baptismal call to be sent forth to evangelize the world. This is the mission that all Christians have received, and God gives us the grace to live it out wherever we may be. As we pray and respond on World Mission Sunday here at home, we share in those celebrations taking place in every parish, seminary, school and convent all over the world. Together with the Church of Christ on mission in the world, we are baptized and sent, providing the prayerful and financial support necessary to bring the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. "May the love for the Church's mission, which is a passion for Jesus and a passion for his people 'grow ever stronger!'" In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism. And it provides an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses.

## October 18<sup>th</sup>

How well my soul in its current state understands what is written in the Psalms: "My spirit faints" [Psalm 77:3], and, "My soul languishes for your salvation" [Psalm 119:81]. You alone see what grief this is for the soul that is seeking you, my Lord. Yet my soul could bear that grief peacefully out of love for you if only I knew that in this current state I am not abandoned by you, Oh Fountain of eternal happiness!...Oh! You know what cruel martyrdom it is for my soul to see the great offenses that people commit in these very sad times, to see the horrifying ingratitude with which you are repaid for your loving promises, to see the little thought, if any, that these truly blind people give to their loss of you. (To Fr. Agostino of San Marco in Lamsi, October 17, 1915)

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

**St. Michael CCD:** October Family Program is rescheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 am. Parents will meet in the dining room for a talk by State Trooper Blaine Henderson on internet safety and human trafficking. Students in grades 7-11 will meet upstairs in the hall for Child Protection in-service. Grades K-6 will meet in their regular classrooms since they have completed their Child Protection in-service. November Family Program will be November 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:45 am in the hall. It will be a video on St. Padre Pio for all students and parents. Members of both parishes are invited; please join us to learn about this great saint.

**Wreath Across America 2020:** Once again St. Joseph Cemetery will be participating in this event. This year part of your purchase will go toward the Central Clarion Wildcats football team. Students from North Clarion, C-L and Clarion participate on these teams. There are order forms at the back of church. Any questions or for more information, contact Jerry or Gretchen McCord-Wolbert at 221-4311 or 226-9091.

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Sunday, October 25, 2020

(Lec. 148)

- I. Exodus 22:20-26
- II. 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
- III. Matthew 22:34-40

### Liturgy of the Word

In the first reading, the Lord tells the Israelites the laws regarding treatment of aliens, widows, and orphans, and the lending of money to the poor.

Paul compliments the Thessalonians for their faith and for becoming a *model for all the believers ... not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth.*

In the Gospel, a scholar of the law tests Jesus, regarding the greatest *commandment in the law*. Jesus answers with two commandments, concerning love of God and love of neighbor.

### AROUND THE DIOCESE

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