

The Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

God's Favor: We have all experienced being chosen or favored in some way, large or small. Whatever the size of the favor, we know both the inherent excitement and fear. We quickly recognize that we have work to do or risks to take. If we are favored by being chosen as a member of a team or named to the first position, we know we carry a new responsibility and take on a new task. Sharing in God's favor is both a gift and a commission, a grace and a task. Since much is given, much will also be expected--but not too much! The challenge is to recall who has favored us and then to get on with it.

Once baptized, we remain always beloved sons and daughters of God. The sundered, torn-open heavens have yielded the presence of God among us, and the Incarnation celebration of this Christmas season comes to a rather startling close. We who have been born in the waters of Baptism remain God's beloved. God, like the best possible parent, cannot cease caring about and for us. Heaven awaits our response.

1. When do you pray that God rend the heavens and come to your side and to your aid?
2. In her recent book *Traveling Mercies*, Anne LaMotte notes that her prayer is often "please, please, please" and "thank you, thank you, thank you." Is this true of your prayer? How? When?

PARISH NEWS

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

(SJP & SMP) Parish website: 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: Pray very much the prayers of the rosary. I alone am able to save you from the calamities. Mary in Akita, Japan

St. Michael Church Roof Update: So far, our total available monies for the project are \$609,877. 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 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.

St. Joseph School News: We are happy to inform you that the Diocese recently awarded St. Joseph School funds to reimburse costs to purchase eBooks and digital online resources for remote faith formation. These funds are made available by Bishop Persico from the Religious Education Enrichment Fund (REEF) as a result of the generosity of the faithful people of the Diocese of Erie who regularly contribute to the annual Catholic Education Collection.

St. Joseph and St. Michael Parishes are in need of mass intentions and sanctuary lamps for the New Year. You are able to have 2 masses said per loved one for the year. Please call the office at 226-7288 to schedule.

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 2021 Loot Lotto Calendar tickets will be available for purchase at the back of the church following Sunday Masses. Tickets are \$10 each - see flyer insert for more information!

Prayer for people suffering from the Coronavirus: Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus. May those who are infected receive the proper treatment and the comfort of your healing presence. May their caregivers, families and neighbors be shielded from the onslaught of the virus. Give solace to those who grieve the loss of loved ones. Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure, that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health. Help us to rise above fear. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, and in the name of your Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

St. Mary's Parish in Crown is in need of a secretary/bookkeeper. This is a part-time paid position. Applicants should have accounting and bookkeeping experience in addition to computer knowledge in Microsoft Excel, Word, Quickbooks, and Publisher with five years working experience in general office duties. St. Mary's also has an opening for a maintenance person to perform general repairs, cut and trim grass, including the cemetery, and level and reseed graves in the cemetery. This is a part-time paid position, which is available immediately. If you are interested in either position, please contact Father James Power or call the church office at 814-744-9919.

A New Year's Prayer: Lord, you make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our spirits to be born again. Thank you for this new year for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise your glorious name. Amen.

Liturgy Schedule January 16th & January 17th

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

Lector: Bill Schupp
Altar Server: None
Ushers: None
Rosary: Mary Caye Stecki

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

Lector: Morgan Jones
Altar Server: Eliza Datko
Ushers: None

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

Lector: Carol Kiser
Altar Server: Mason Hooper
Ushers: None
Rosary: Marie Fletcher

Mass Schedule January 11th - January 17th

Monday, January 11th

12:00 p.m. - (SJP) Edward J. Hoover by The Family

Tuesday, January 12th

8:00 a.m. - (SMP) Sally Hockman by Dolores Beichner & Family

Wednesday, January 13th

8:30 a.m. - (SJP) Ruth Lander by Patty Schmader & Mike Lauer

Thursday, January 14th

8:00 a.m. - (SMP) Bob Anderson by Kim & Marie Fletcher

Friday, January 15th

8:00 a.m. - (SJP) Robert Hoover by Punk & Joe Griebel

The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 16th

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

5:00 p.m. - (SMP) Robert Gentile by Dave & Gerry Weaver

Sunday, January 17th

8:00 a.m. - (SJP) Parish Family

10:30 a.m. - (SMP) Grace & Bus Wolbert by Judy Eisenman & Family

Collection Counters

SJP: Ed Carroll, Steve Hoover
SMP: Sue & Todd Beichner, Judy Weirich

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE burning in memory of

**SJP: Pete Reisinger & Deceased Family
Members by The Estate**

SMP: Tom Weaver by Dick & Judy Struthers

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: December 26th & December 27th

Sunday Collection: \$2,790

Loose Collection: \$80

DATE: January 2nd & January 3rd

Sunday Collection: \$1,585

Loose Collection: \$244

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

Parishioners Pledged: \$40,328

Parishioners Paid to Date: \$39,138

Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$0

Roof money: \$9,793

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

Parishioners Pledged: \$38,163

Parishioners Paid to Date: \$36,783

Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$0

Roof money: \$768

Roof Money to Date: \$609,877

St. Michael's Church 2021 Loot Lotto Calendar

\$10,000 in Potential Winnings!!!

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Winning Number Based on PA Lottery Pick 4 Evening Drawing

Payouts

**Solemnity of Mary (Jan 1), \$50
Easter (Apr 4), \$50
Ascension (May 13), \$50
Memorial Day (May 31), \$35
Independence Day (Jul 4), \$35**

**Assumption (Aug 15), \$50
St. Michael Day (Sept 29), \$500
All Saints Day (Nov 1), \$50
Immaculate Conception (Dec 8), \$50
Christmas (Dec 25), \$50**

**All Other Days, \$20
Monday, September 6th, Labor Day, \$2,000**

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!

\$10 Donation Each – 4 different numbers per ticket

- **Calendar runs from 01/01/2021 through 12/31/2021**
- **All tickets are retroactive: If you purchase tickets AFTER January 1st or any time throughout 2021, you are still eligible to receive prize money if your numbers were drawn prior to the date of your ticket purchase.**
- **Each ticket contains four different 4-digit numbers.**
- **Winning numbers are based on the PA Lottery Pick 4 Daily Evening Drawing!**

To purchase tickets, please contact the following sellers:

Janet Fesenmyer, 814-428-2328

Becky Vickers, 814-657-2656

Jill Foys, 814-229-6004

Emily Weaver, 814-673-1623

Tim Gilara, 814-657-3393

Cathie Zacherl, 814-227-7139

Parish Office, 814-226-7288

Tickets are ONLY available for purchase through the sellers listed above!
No online sales!

All proceeds benefit St. Michael's Parish of Fryburg

January 10th

The darkness that surrounds your souls is actually light, but you are correct to say that you can see nothing despite finding yourselves in the middle of a burning bush. The bush burns, the air is full of storm clouds, but you do not see or understand any of it. Nevertheless, God is speaking and is present to the souls that hear, understand, love, and tremble. My daughters, take heart. Do not wait for Tabor to see God. Contemplate him even not on Sinai...

The awareness of your unworthiness and inner defects is a very pure, divine light that is given to you so that you can see what your lives could be--what your potential is to omit any kind of sin--apart from grace. (To the Ventrella sisters, December 7, 1916)

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



The Baptism of the Lord

Today we celebrate the baptism of Christ in the Jordan. This is the second epiphany, or manifestation, of the Lord. The past, the present, and the future are made manifest in this epiphany.

The most holy one placed Himself among us, the unclean and sinners. The Son of God freely humbled Himself at the hand of the Baptist. By His baptism in the Jordan, Christ manifests His humility and dedicates Himself to the redemption of man. He takes upon Himself the sins of the whole world and buries them in the waters of the Jordan. (The Light of the World by Benedict Baur, O.S.B.)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP continued:

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DATE: December 26th & December 27th

Sunday Collection: \$1,401

Loose Collection: \$274

DATE: January 2nd & January 3rd

Sunday Collection: \$5,463

Loose Collection: \$80

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 17, 2021

(Lec. 65)

- I. 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
- II. 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
- III. John 1:35-42

Liturgy of the Word

The Lord keeps calling Samuel, who does not answer him, until Eli advises him how to respond the next time he hears the Lord. Samuel is to say, *Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.*

Saint Paul writes the Corinthians, telling them that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and they ought to therefore glorify God in their body.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist sees Jesus and declares him to be the *Lamb of God*. Andrew leaves John to follow Jesus, and brings his brother Simon Peter.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Catholic Rural Ministry (814) 677-2032

7 Pulaski St., Oil City, PA 16301

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srtinag@gmail.com or marianwehler@yahoo.com

24 Hour Emergency

Pregnancy (814) 459-3103

Community Counseling (814) 793-6602

Knights of Columbus Event Facility