

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 22, 2020

Power: The word reminds us of kings, dictators, generals. We speak of the red button that sets off unimaginable destruction. We speak as if the most awesome power is this spectacular, explosive kind.. Standing against this is the power of Christ the King. His is the power that draws us near.

Welcome to the kingdom! Of all people on earth, there are no lesser or greater. There are no "least ones"; there are only those whom others consider least. Pope John Paul II reminded us that when we are called to choose whom to help, we should turn first to the poorest. This is in keeping with the characteristics of the kingdom first outlined by Jesus. It defines our work on earth.

1. How can we as members of the Church help others in ways that retain their dignity?
2. At one time or another, we all experience being the least. Tell about one time. Tell about who helped you without embarrassing you in the process.
3. Do you believe, with Paul, that "all shall be brought to life"? Explain.

PARISH NEWS

Saturday Mass: November 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: One day, through the Rosary and the Scapular, Our Lady will save the world. Saint Dominic

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 5th 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 weekend of Thanksgiving, which is November 29th, the bulletin will need to be in by Wednesday, November 18th. If you have anything for the bulletin that weekend, please have it in by Monday, November 16th. Thank you!

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 19th, 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://wreathsassamerica.org/pages/159261>.

The Antler Club of Lucinda Open House on November 27th, 2020 is cancelled this year due to COVID. Thank you!

2020 Giving Tree: The giving trees will be at the entrances of both churches the weekend of November 14th/15th. Please return gifts by December 8th. 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.

Liturgy Schedule November 28th & November 29th

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

Lector: Theresa Seitz
Altar Server: None
Ushers: None
Rosary: Theresa Seitz

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

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

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

Lector: Becky Vickers
Altar Server: Owen Kerle
Ushers: None
Rosary: Karen Wolbert

Mass Schedule November 23rd - November 29th

Monday, November 23rd

5:15 p.m. - (SJP) Rose Rapp Geramita by Tim & Linda McCloskey

Tuesday, November 24th

8:00 a.m. - (SMP) Helen Smerkar by Mary Ellen (Smerkar) Hopkins

Wednesday, November 25th

8:30 a.m. - (SJP) John Siegel by The Family

Thursday, November 26th

8:00 a.m. - (SMP) Joseph, Ruth, & Ronald Moore by Terry Susan Moore

Friday, November 27th

8:00 a.m. - (SJP) Cyril & Phyllis Wolbert & Deceased Family Members by The Family

1st Sunday of Advent

Saturday, November 28th

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

5:00 p.m. — (SMP) Parish Family

Sunday, November 29th

8:00 a.m. — (SJP) Edward, Warren, & Frances George by Ruth & Family

10:30 a.m.—(SMP) Diane Schettler by Joe & Marge Hargenrader

Collection Counters

**SJP: George & Lisa Carroll
SMP: Eric Schmader, Ray Beichner, Jen Detar**

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE burning in memory of

**SJP: Bine Lutz by Marion
SMP: Thad Droast by Ted & Susanna Kurtzhals**

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Parish Family, All Special Intentions

Service People on Active Duty

Slugger 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 14th & November 15th

Sunday Collection: \$2,637

Loose Collection: \$958

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

DATE: November 14th & November 15th

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

November 22nd

Oh Raffaelina how comforting it is for you to know that we are under the care of a celestial spirit who never abandons us (how wonderful!), even when we act in a way that displeases God! How sweet that great truth is for a believing soul! Can the devout soul who makes an effort to love Jesus fear anyone then, when it is always accompanied by such an illustrious warrior? Could he perhaps be one of the many angels who, with the angel St. Michael, defended God's honor in the empire above against Satan and all the other rebellious angels who were dispatched to perdition and relegated to hell?

Well, you need to know that this angel is still powerful against Satan and his satellites. His love has not failed and will never fail to defend us. Cultivate the habit of always thinking about him and realizing that a heavenly spirit is always right next to us. He does not leave us for one instant from the cradle to the grave. He guides and protects us as a friend or a brother would. (To Raffaelina Cerase, April 20, 1915)

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

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.

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

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.

A Big Thank You to everyone who helped with repairs at the St. Joseph Rectory!



1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 29, 2020

(Lec. 2)

- I. **Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7**
- II. **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**
- III. **Mark 13:33-37**

Liturgy of the Word

The prophet Isaiah speaks of the longing of the people of Israel for God's return and help in times of trouble: *That [he] would rend the heavens and come down*, such that mountains would quake and awesome deeds take place.

Paul gives thanks for the grace of God bestowed on the Corinthians, and assures them that they *are not lacking in any spiritual gift*.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, *Be watchful! Be alert! For they do not know when the Lord of the house is coming*.

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