



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 16, 2017



SEEDS OF A FRUITFUL HARVEST:

In a garden shop I looked through packets of seeds. I came across some morning glories. "Morning glories!" I wondered. I didn't know people actually planted them! I thought they just wildly wrapped around my flowers, trees, shrubs, corn stalks, tomato plants, and delicate herbs. Their roots are easy enough to pull from the ground, but you can get dizzy trying to unwrap them from hundreds of stems. They threaten to suffocate and choke out everything that grows. We are the soil in which God plants the seeds. Are we fertile soil or does our sinfulness or righteousness make us thorny?

Consider the many things in life that choke out the good seed. Maybe it's driving kids from one activity to the next or maybe we work long hours that take us away from those who need us. It could be that we avoid doing what is difficult— writing a letter to someone who needs to hear from us or visiting someone who's not a lot of fun to visit. Possibly we give into our own wants and go shopping or watch a lot of needless television.

There may be someone in our own family, our neighborhood, at work or in our parish community who needs our help. Try a little gardening and loosen up the soil for yourself and someone else!

1. When has God's word been returned void because of your actions (or lack of actions)? Did you do something to rectify the situation at the time? Or looking back on the situation, what might you have done?
2. Paul compares life to the labor pains of the childbirth and compares the glory to heaven to the joy of holding a new baby. What do you think Paul means by these comparisons? What are your "labor pains" in life? What joy do you hope for?
3. What challenges you in keeping the soil fertile to receive the seeds of God's Word? Is there something you can do to better "prepare the soil"?

Mark your Calendar:

Farmington TWP Volunteer Fire Co. Chicken BBQ
August 13, 2017

Dinner, Bingo, Games, Chinese Auction, Fire Truck Rides and
lots of Fun for all ages!!

Adult Meals: \$9 Children's Meal: \$5

Whole Chicken To Go: \$9.00

Starts at 11 a.m.

Leeper, PA—Intersection of Rt. 66 and Rt. 36

Seneca Allegany Casino:

Sponsored by: Immaculate Conception Church
August 9, 2017

Trip Includes: R/T Coach Transportation, \$25 Slot Dollars, \$5
Food Voucher and Snacks

Price of Trip \$35 per person

Schedule: 8:30—Check in, 9—Depart from Church lot, 11—

Arrive at Casino, 5 pm Depart Casino, 7pm In Clarion

Reserve your Seat, Call: Parish Office 226-8433.

Your Help Is Needed:

Men & Women of the parish your help is needed to be a server
at funeral masses during the summer. If you are able to help,
please call the rectory 226-7288 God Bless;

Office:

St. Joseph Church office is now located in the Convent. The
phone number and mailing address will stay the same. Also all
money counters will now be counting in the convent.

NCC Basketball:

Your help is needed; the NCC Basketball is in need
of Coaches and an Athletic Director for the 17-18 school year.

Athletic Director duties: Registration for the Boys and
Girls Program, Organizing Clothing Orders, Communicating
with the Diocese of Erie, Organizing the year End Award
Banquet, Organizing the Spring Fundamental Program and
other basic duties. It is not an overwhelming job but rather
very rewarding. Experience is not necessary. If interested call
Marcia at St. Joseph Rectory: 814-226-7288 Thank you!!

We would like to Thank all the people who sent
flowers, gave food, donated to St. Joseph's Church and School,
gave masses and all the many cards we received. Also for the
condolences you gave myself and the children during the diffi-
cult time of losing Lee. A special Thanks to Father Joe, the
Choir and the Funeral Committee for the wonderful guidance,
help and dinner. Lee is and will continue to be sadly missed by
all who knew him and loved him.

Bonnie Kriebel and Family

Parish News

One person needed to help count money
with Mike O'Neill & Rita Ochs

Parish Council Meeting: July 20th
7pm Fryburg

Parish Picnic : July 23rd—Antler Club

Wedding Banns:

I Katie Delaney & David Watson

School News

Car Cruise—July 30, 2017

School Board Meeting: July 19th @ 6:30

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

July 22, 2017 and July 23, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Altar Server: Kayla & Sara Aaron
Euch Min: Norm & Judy Wolbert, Linda McCloskey
Lector: Gina Fernandes
Ushers: Chip Wolbert, Tom Wolbert, Greg Ochs

7:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Morgan Minich & Mella Baumcraz
Euch Min: Kristie Schmader, Robert & Annette Wielock
Lector: Donna Jones
Ushers: Wayne Wolbert, Pete Judy, Dick Schill, Bill Schmader

**Collection Counters 23rd,
Annette & Robert Weilock, Ken Lander**

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday, July 23, 2017

Lec. 106

- Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
- Romans 8:26-27
- Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Liturgy of the Word:

In the Book of Wisdom, we hear that God is both mighty and lenient.

The second reading reminds us that the Spirit helps us in our weakness, and intercedes for us according to God's will.

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches about God's kingdom, and offers parables of grain and weeds to explain it.

Welcome into the parish family Dean Robert Neely, son of Casey and Meagan Neely who was baptized June 18th.
Patti & Roger

St. Joseph Church
As of June 30, 2017

Income month of May: 13,374

Expenses month of May: 32,967.57

Expenses include 12,283 to seal parking lot

CSA

As of July 10, 2017

St. Joseph assessment to Diocese of Erie: 32,706

Parishioners Pledged: 45,779

Parishioners Paid to Date: 33,279

Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: 0

Monies towards Seal Coat: 573

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday, July 17th

7:45 a.m.—(SJP) Frank Lauer by Gerry, Gretchen & Family

Tuesday, July 18th

7:45 a.m.—(SJP) Evelyn Reisinger by Rosary Society

Wednesday, July 19th

8:00 a.m.— (SMP) John Kaye by Family

Thursday, July 20th

No Mass

Friday, July 21st

8:00 a.m.—(SMP) Steve Cohlhepp by Mom & Dad

Saturday, July 22nd

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Confession at St. Michael 3:00 p.m.
Confession at St. Joseph 7 p.m.

4:00 p.m.—(SMP) Mr & Mrs Joseph Banner by Chuck & Carol Schettler

6:00 p.m.—(SJP) Norma Jean Baker by Darrin & Dana

Sunday, July 23rd

7:30 a.m.—(SJP) Parish Family
10:00 a.m.—(SMP) Living & Deceased Members of the Banner Family

Parish Family Masses are for the living and deceased members of St. Joseph and St. Michaels Parish

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE is
burning in memory of:

Leonard & Choletta Schupp by Family

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Parish Family, All Special Intentions

Service People on Active Duty

Brendan & Edward George, Nelson Ochs and Punkie Griebel

Please call the Rectory or drop note in collection basket if you would like to have someone added to the Prayer list.

How St. Monica Can Help Our Children Return to the Church

"St. Monica, We need your prayers. You know exactly how we are feeling because you once felt it yourself. We are hurting, hopeless, and in despair. We desperately want our parish children to return to Christ in his Church but we can't do it alone. We need God's help. Please join us in begging the Lord's powerful grace to flow into our children's lives. Ask the Lord Jesus to soften their hearts, prepare a path for their conversion, and activate the Holy Spirit in their lives. Amen."

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