

The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 18, 2018

End Times As the liturgical year draws to a close, this Sunday propels us even further forward to the end time—to the second coming of Christ. For most of us, thinking about the end times is not a favorite topic. Let's face it, the thought is scary. However, our faith isn't geared to scare, but to save. Today's readings call us to faith and draw on our faith to help us face the end times without trepidation.

A great change is coming. We have been told in many ways that the event is inevitable; and in some accounts, we have seen previews of what that change will look like. Besides living an obedient life, loving God and our neighbor, we are told to be watchful and ready. Does our experience of change hold hope for the way we will accept the change of God's plans? How do we face change in our lives? Do we try to control things to keep them as they are, or are we open to the new growth that often comes with change? These readings today call and challenge us to be open to the promise of the new life God offers us today and in the end time.

1. Who are some people you have known who have experienced overwhelming pain? How have they met that pain? How does their response correspond with the words of today's Scriptures?
2. Who are the people in your life who have helped you accept change? What have they said or done to help you? How can their example lead you to help others?
3. What changes will you make in your life to be sure that each day you are ready for Jesus' return?

PARISH NEWS

Saturday Mass: November Masses will be held at St. Michael's. *Please continue to watch the bulletin for further notices.*

We would like to take a moment to wish you and your loved ones a very Happy Thanksgiving. May the joy of the holiday extend to you and yours as you are eating and spending your time with your families. Please remember the poor, the shut in's, and those who may not be as fortunate this holiday season. Say a blessing for those whose lives have been affected by violence, disasters and hardship. May God Bless each of you and keep you safe on your travels. —St. Joseph's & St. Michael's Office

NOW HERE!! – St Michael Church will be having a Catholic jewelry and rosary fundraiser sale to benefit the roof/steeple project. We will be offering beautiful rosaries and jewelry such as necklaces, bracelets and medals that are expressive reminders of our faith. These items would make wonderful Christmas gifts. Our display will be set up after all St Michael's Masses the weekends of November 17-18 and 24-25. We will also be offering these items for sale after the 7:30 AM Mass at St. Joseph's on November 18. The pieces are reasonably priced and our parish will make 50% profit on all sales. This is a great way to both support our parish and share our faith!

(SJP) ST. Joseph Rosary Society Christmas Party will be on Thursday, December 6th. Social Hour begins at 6p and dinner will be served at 6:30p. \$10 gift exchange and entertainment.

(SJP & SMP) We are asking that if you go away for the winter, to please let us know so we can cancel your envelopes just for the time you're away. They will begin again when you get back. Call Maggie (226-7288) or leave a note in a collection basket. Thanks.

(SMP) Attention St. Michael's Rosary Society: If you are interested in participating in the Christmas Party on Dec. 3rd, please contact Kathy Barklow @ 814-755-4080 by Nov. 26. This way she will get a final count for the caterer.

December 3: Rosary Society Christmas Party in the hall @ 5:30 with dinner being served at 6.

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!

Parishes Plan Listening Session with Bishop Persico:

Do you have questions about the Grand Jury Report or about this challenging moment in the church across the globe? Father Joe has invited Bishop Lawrence Persico to meet with our parishioners from St. Joseph's and St. Michael's, **TODAY** (Sunday, Nov. 18th), from 2:00p-3:30p at St. Michael's Church. Bishop Persico plans to make brief comments followed by a question and answer session. All parishioners are welcome at the private meeting with the bishop. Please, come join us.

The true meaning of Thanksgiving focuses upon relationship. Thanksgiving is a relationship between God and man. Upon their arrival at New Plymouth, the Pilgrims composed The Mayflower Compact, which honored God. Thanksgiving begins with acknowledging God as faithful, earnestly giving Him thanks, in advance, for his abundant blessings, "In everything by prayer or petition, with Thanksgiving, present your requests to God," (Philippians 4:6). Thanksgiving is an attitude of the heart that reinforces an intimate relationship with God.



Thanks to everyone who sent cards, food, had masses said; but mostly thank you to everyone for all your prayers, kindness, & compassion since the tragic loss of our precious Rob.

Gob Bless all of you,
Mary Helen Snyder & Family

Liturgy Schedule November 24th & 25th

4:00 p.m. St. Michael Church

Sacristan: Theresa Seitz
Lector: Bill Aaron
Euch Min: Theresa Seitz, Darla Smerkar, Bernice Strauser
Altar Server: Jamie Bauer
Ushers: Bill Barklow, John Weaver Jr., Andrew Gilara,
Michael Beichner
Rosary: Theresa Seitz

7:30 a.m. St. Joseph Church

Lector: Morgan Jones
Euch Min: Lori Callihan, Janice Johnson, Pete Judy
Altar Server: Maddie Homan
Ushers: Wayne Wolbert, Pete Judy, Dick Schill, Bill Hartle

10:00 a.m. St. Michael Church

Sacristan: Jody Guth
Lector: Jody Guth
Euch Min: Jane Schmader, Jody Guth
Altar Server: Owen Kerle
Ushers: Matt Gilara, Daniel Brooker, Todd & Tyler Beichner
Rosary: William Ditz
R.S. Cleaner:

Mass Schedule November 19th - 25th

Monday, Nov. 19th - Wednesday, Nov. 21st

No Masses

Thursday, Nov. 22nd - Thanksgiving

8:30 a.m. (SMP) Henry & Adeline Karg by the family

Friday, Nov. 23rd

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Confession is at St. Michael's @ 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 24th

4:00 p.m. - (SMP) Charles & Mildred Barklow & George & Katharine Lorch by Kathy & Bill Barklow

Sunday, November 25th

7:30 a.m. - (SJP) Parish Family

10:00 a.m. - (SMP) Bob Strauser by Bernice & family

Collection Counters Nov. 24th & 25th

SJP: Mike O'Neill & Rita Ochs

SMP: Mary Dechant, Andrew Gilara, Nichols Banner

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE burning in memory of

SJP: Guy & Louise Lutz & deceased members by Marion Lutz

SMP: Susan Obenrader by Ted & Suzanna Kurtzhals

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Parish Family, All Special Intentions

Service People on Active Duty

Mary Miller, Diane Ochs, Jayleigh Ochs, Jim Sherbine, Tim Nicewonger, Brendan & Edward George, Punkie Griebel, Patty Ochs, Jim Pfaff, Jake Siegel, Melissa Johnson, Deacon Mike, Cheryl Hockman Rogers, 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 still register your children now. Call the school for more information. (814) 226-8018.

—Thanksgiving Break- Nov. 22nd - Nov. 27

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Special Thanks to all who sacrifice to support St. Joseph's
November 11th

Sunday Collection \$1,529

Loose Collection \$1,157

Special Thanks to all who sacrifice to support St. Michael's
November 11th

Sunday Collection \$5,053

Loose Collection \$1,197

CSA: St. Joseph assessment to Diocese: \$31,342

Parishioners Pledged: \$46,291

Parishioners Paid to Date: \$43,511

Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$0

Money towards Steps & Chimney: \$12,169

CSA: St. Michael's assessment to Diocese: \$33,808

Parishioners Pledged: \$49,035

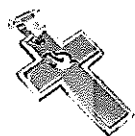
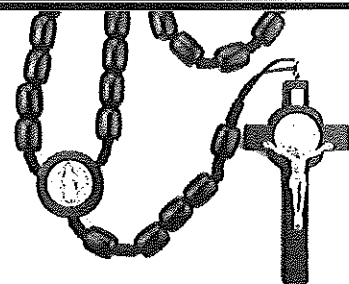
Parishioners Paid to Date: \$45,440

Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$0

Money towards Steeple: \$11,632

Dear Parishioners,

It is our privilege to offer you an opportunity to purchase beautiful imported hand-made Italian, Mexican, and Holy Land rosaries, as well as a large variety of Catholic medals, crucifix necklaces, bracelets and other faith inspired necklaces.



Wearing Catholic jewelry, medals and crucifixes is an outward sign of faith and hope.

There are beautiful, time-tested and traditional articles, as well as contemporary pieces that are very popular all across the country. You will find we truly have something for everyone!



We are presenting you with a wide variety of these religious items at reasonable prices. Even as you are blessed by the beauty of these sacramentals, our parish will be blessed by your generosity.

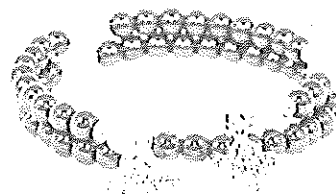
Please stop by our display after Mass and see what we are offering. We will be set up in the back of St Michael Church after all Masses the weekends of November 10-11, 17-18 and 24-25. We will also be set up at St Joseph Church after the 7:30 AM Mass on November 18 and at the Turkey Dinner at St Michael Hall on Sunday, November 11. Whether you need a new rosary for yourself or as a gift, or want a crucifix to wear, saint medal, bracelet, necklace or other expressive reminder of your faith, we have a variety to meet your needs. These items would also make wonderful Christmas gifts.



Your purchase of these quality items supports the St Michael roof/steeple project. We need to raise a large amount of money and appreciate your help. Our fundraiser offers a way for you to show your support of our parish and share your faith!



Thank you for your support!



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! The Lucinda Area Antler Club will be hosting an Open House and Running Deer Shoot on Sunday, November 25th at 1:00pm. The Running Deer Shoot will take place at the Club Rifle Range. All are invited to the Open House at the Antler Club, which also starts around 1:00pm. There will be food, beverages, and side raffles throughout the day. A buffet dinner will be available at 4:00pm. Come and enjoy the deer stories! Thanks, and hope to see you there!

"God, sometimes life gets me down and I find it hard to see things to be thankful for. Open my eyes to see the gifts you've given me in my life. I'm going to start by thanking you for loving me enough to come to earth and die so we can live together forever. Amen."



"Lord, I pray that the message of Christ and his sacrifice is the root of gratitude in my heart; that His gracious gift leads me to thankful living, setting an example for my children, that they will have their own relationship with Jesus one day, and that You would grow gratitude in their hearts out of the acceptance of Jesus as their Savior. Lead us to do everything in the name of Jesus and give thanks to You through Him. AMEN.

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday, November 25, 2018

(Lec. 161)

- I. Daniel 7:13-14
- II. Revelation 1:5-8
- III. John 18:33b-37

Liturgy of the Word

All of today's readings address the idea of kingship. Daniel's vision sees the king in everlasting glory being served by all nations. The second reading names the King as Jesus Christ and affirms his reign as absolute and everlasting. John's Gospel relays the exchange between Jesus and Pilate before his crucifixion, where Jesus confirms his kingdom is not of this world.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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24 Hour Emergency

Pregnancy (814) 459-3103
Community Counseling (814) 793-6602

The Gospel of Luke, "Jesus the Compassionate Savior" Chapters 1-11 by Stephen Binz has begun and will be held twice a day for your convenience: 10:15am - 11:45am and 6:30pm - 8:00pm. Future dates will be: Nov. 29th, Dec. 6th, 13th, 20th, & Jan. 3rd. Books will be provided by Sister Marian & Sister Tina. Questions? Call 814677-2032. All are welcome, and we'd love you to bring a friend!

Sponsor of the Week

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