

**Holy Spirit** There is no capturing the Holy Spirit. That is the good part. It sweeps us away, transcends us, enlivens us. There is just no end to this. The one of the two Gospels we can choose this day offers us a complementary story of the coming of the Spirit on the first Easter evening. This quiet Spirit is a commissioning Holy Spirit, a peace-bearing, forgiving Spirit.

Pentecost stood Babel on its head (Gen. 11:1-9). The Holy Spirit favors a universal Church that honors diversity. Even cursory attention paid to the crowds who greet the pope testifies to this. The song sung from nation to nation attests to the human spirit flooded by the power of the Holy Spirit. It falls to us to take the responsibility to welcome the Spirit into our lives and so to sing the harmony set first in heaven and that comes to us this day.

1. The Holy Spirit is called the Paraclete or Advocate. How is the Holy Spirit your advocate when you are called to choose and act?
2. Isolate a time or event that stands for you as a sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life. Can you tap that experience and use it as a source of energy when you need it?
3. How do you see the Church (universal or your parish) working to honor diversity and create the harmony that is a hallmark of the Spirit's presence?

**PARISH NEWS**

**Saturday Mass:** Saturday, May 26 Mass will be held at St. Joseph due to Mayfest.

*Please continue to watch the bulletin for further notices.*

**(SJP & SMP)** If you see Father is short on help at Mass please step up and help. It will be greatly appreciated.

**(SJP & SMP)Baptismal Class:** Classes will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in May, August, and November at St. Joseph Parish at 6:30m PM for all parents and Godparents that live in the area. Registration is required. For more information call 814-226-7288. These classes are for both St. Joseph and St. Michael Parishes.

**(SJP & SMP)Liturgy Meetings:** On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month starting Monday, June 11th. There will be no meetings in July and December.

**(SJP & SMP)Bereavement Committee:** Will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every Month starting Monday June 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be no meeting in July and December.

**(SJP & SMP)** If you would like to be a Eucharist Minister at St. Joseph or St. Michael please call (8014)226-7288.

**(SJP)** If anyone has borrowed roasters, coffee pots, or any other supplies from the Social Hall please return them by the end of May. All supplies will be needed for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July dinner and we need an accurate count of all hall supplies to be prepared.

**Ostomy Support Group:** Hosted by the Clarion Forest VNA on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM at 271 Perkins Road, Clarion. Come for sharing and the help and support of others. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. Contact 814-297-8400 with any questions.

**PARISH NEWS**

**Office:** Contact the office at St. Joseph with any questions or concerns you may have. (814)226-7288. Thank you!

**(SMP) Rosary Society:** Next meeting Monday, June 4.

**Mayfest:** May 25 & May 26. Visit <http://www.fryburgmayfest.com> for Mayfest event information.

**(SMP)** The annual rummage sale will be at St. Michael's Hall on May 26, 2018. We are asking everyone, as you do your spring cleaning, to donate all your useful items for our rummage sale. Anyone having articles to donate may drop them off at the hall any weekday (Monday thru Friday) May 14 thru May 18, and May 21 thru May 25, 2018 from 8am until 4pm, and on Saturday, May 19 from 9:00am until 4:00pm. Proceeds to benefit the St. Michael Food Pantry of Northern Clarion County.

**(SMP) Youth Liturgy:** We will continue our Children's Liturgy of the Word through the summer break. There will not be class on the Memorial Day weekend, Labor Day weekend, or the fifth week of any month. Thank you, Youth Crew

**Baby Bottle Boomerang:** Bottles will be available at the entrance of St. Michael's and St. Joseph's churches starting on Mother's Day. Please take one, fill it with donations - loose change, cash or checks payable to ABC Life Center - and return to the church no later than Father's Day. Donations benefit ABC Life Center, Franklin, a crisis pregnancy center that serves women from Venango, Clarion, and Crawford counties. Call 814-432-2229 with any questions. Many thanks in advance for your help in the service of mothers and babies.



Liturgy Schedule May 26th & 27th

**5:00 p.m.**

**SAINT MICHAEL CHURCH**

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

**7:30 a.m.**

**SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH**

Altar Servers: Melia Baumcratz  
Euch Min: Robert & Annette Wielock, Robert Gatesman  
Lector: Morgan Jones  
Ushers: Bill Callihan, Tom Wolbert, Ted Schmader, Bill Hartle

**10:00 a.m.**

**SAINT MICHAEL CHURCH**

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

Mass Schedule May 21st - May 27th

**Monday, May 21st**

7:45 a.m. - (SJP) Cyril & Phyllis Wolbert & Deceased Family Members by the Family  
12:00 p.m. - (SMP) Emmett and Vickey Knight by Delores Knight

**Tuesday, May 22nd**

8:30 a.m. - (SJP) Anna E. & Arthur E. Lutz & Deceased Family Members by the Family  
12:00 p.m. - (SMP) Walter & Margaret Lutz by Ruth Snyder & Grace Corbett

**Wednesday, May 23rd**

8:00 a.m. (SJP) Betty (Neideritter) Tigani by John & Patty (Neideritter) Bauer  
8:30 a.m. - (SMP) LAUDS  
12:00 p.m. - (SMP) Parish Family

**Thursday, May 24th**

No Early Mass  
12:00 p.m. - (SMP) Paul Zacherl by Mom

**Friday, May 25th**

8:00 a.m. - (SMP) Dorothy Schupp by Ben Lynn Schupp  
8:30 a.m. - (SMP) LAUDS  
12:00 p.m. - (SMP) Freda Ditz by Henry & Anita Smerkar

**The Most Holy Trinity**

**Saturday, May 26th**

Confession at St. Joseph, 4:00 p.m.  
5:00 p.m. - (SJP) Marie Evelyn Griebel by Donna & Jerry Judy

**Sunday, May 27th**

7:30 a.m. - (SJP) Parish Family  
10:00 a.m. - (SMP) Henry & Adaline Karg by the Family

**Collection Counters May 26 & May 27**

SJP: Ken Lander, Annette & Spank Wielock  
SMP: Mary Dechant, Andrew Gilara, Nicholas Banner

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE burning in memory of**

SJP: Parish Family  
SMP: Bob Strauser by Bernice

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

**Parish Family, All Special Intentions  
Service People on Active Duty**

Jayleigh Ochs, Jim Sherbine, Tim Nicewonger, Bob Anderson, Brendan & Edward George, Punkie Griebel, Jim Pfaff, Jake Siegel, Melissa Johnson and Deacon Mike  
All victims of disasters and violence

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

School News (814) 226-8018

Mass: Tuesday, May 22 at 8:30 a.m.

Last Day of Preschool: Friday, May 25. Have a fun summer! ☺

6th Grade Graduation: May 29 at 6:30pm.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**Special Thanks to all who sacrifice to support St. Joseph's  
May 13**

Sunday Collection \$2,432  
Loose Collection \$582

**Special Thanks to all who sacrifice to support St. Michael's  
May 13**

Sunday Collection \$3,043  
Loose Collection \$717

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

Parishioners Pledged: \$42,086  
Parishioners Paid to Date: \$31,161  
Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$181  
Monies towards Steps & Chimney: \$0

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

Parishioners Pledged: \$45,450  
Parishioners Paid to Date: \$39,505  
Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$0  
\*\*Monies towards Steeple: \$5,697

\*\*Please note that your monies have changed to Repairs on the Steeple instead of Concrete & Windows.

## May 19

I WANT YOU TO KNOW how safe and secure you are in My Presence. That is a fact, totally independent of your feelings. You are on your way to heaven: nothing can prevent you from reaching that destination. There you will see Me face to Face, and your Joy will be off the charts by any earthly standards. Even now, you are never separated from Me, though you must see Me through eyes of faith. I will walk with you till the end of time, and onward into eternity.

Although My Presence is a guaranteed promise, that does not necessarily change your feelings. When you forget I am with you, you may experience loneliness or fear. It is through awareness of My Presence that Peace displaces negative feelings. Practice the discipline of walking consciously with Me through each day.

*Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see fact to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.  
~ 1 CORINTHIANS 13:12*

*The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his People with peace. ~ PSALM 29:11*

## May 20

WHEN YOUR SINS WEIGH HEAVILY upon you, come to Me. Confess your wrongdoing, which I know all about before you say a word. Stay in the Light of My Presence, receiving forgiveness, cleansing, and healing. Remember that I have clothed you in My righteousness, so nothing can separate you from Me. Whenever you stumble or fall, I am there to help you up.

Man's tendency is to hide from his sin, seeing refuge in the darkness. There he indulges in self-pity, denial, self-righteousness, blaming, and hatred. But I am the Light of the world, and My illumination decimates the darkness. Come close to Me and let My Light envelope you, driving out darkness and permeating you with Peace.

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus, his son, purifies us from all sin. ~ 1 JOHN 1:7*

*I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ~ ISAIAH 61:10*

*When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." ~ JOHN 8:12*

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July

~ Please visit and like the 4th of July Facebook page to at [@stjoseph4thofjuly](https://www.facebook.com/stjoseph4thofjuly) and be sure to like us to receive more updates through the season.

~ Each Parish & School family is asked to donate two prepared chickens, broth & two pies for the Parish Festival on the 4th of July so that we have ample food for our guests. If you can find it in your budget to donate more than 2 chickens it would be very beneficial. And please don't forget items for the Bake Stand and for the Chinese Auction. Thanks in advance for what we hope will once again be an outstanding Picnic.

~ Extra 4th of July Grand Prize Tickets are available in the back of the church. These tickets are an important part of our Festival efforts and your support is crucial to our success. Tickets can be returned by mail to: July 4th Committee, St. Joseph School, PO Box 9, Lucinda, PA 16235 or via the collection basket (please label as "July 4th Tickets"). Thank you for all you do for our annual Celebration.

~ We are in need of managers and/or workers for the following booths: Grand Prize Tickets, Instant Bingo Rip-Offs, Ring-A-Drink, Chuck-a-Luck and one custodial-duty volunteer. Please contact the Parish Office (226-7288) or email [stjoseph4thofjuly@gmail.com](mailto:stjoseph4thofjuly@gmail.com) if you can offer your assistance. You may also contact any member of the 4th of July Committee.

~ All Dinner/Booth/Bingo/Parking Chairpersons (as well as any interested Parishioners) are asked to attend a brief 4<sup>th</sup> of July meeting on Thursday, May 31 at 7:00 PM in the Hall to review any items needed and to finalize our preparations for the festival. First-time booth operators (or operators of a new booth) are urged to attend.

### The Most Holy Trinity - Solemnity Sunday, May 20, 2018

#### Lec. 165

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 Romans 8:14-17 Matthew 28:16-20

#### Liturgy of the Word:

In today's first reading, Moses instructs the people to know, and fix in their hearts, that the Lord is God. They are to keep his statutes and commandments. In Romans, Paul reminds us that through the Spirit we are God's adopted children and joint heirs with Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus delivers the Great Commission, sending his disciples throughout the world to baptize in the name of the father, Son and Holy Spirit.

### AROUND THE DIOCESE

**Catholic Rural Ministry** (814) 677-2032 ~ 7 Pulaski St., 16301  
Sister Tina Geiger, RSM ~~ Sister Marian Wehler, OSB  
[ruralministry@yahoo.com](mailto:ruralministry@yahoo.com)

#### 24 Hour Emergency

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

**Bible Study on St. Mark's Gospel:** St. Mark's Gospel: Part II (Chapters 9-16) Bible Study will be held at Assumption Social Center, Oil City, on Tuesdays, 10:15-11:45 AM on May 22, 29 and June 12 and 19. Sr. Marian and Sr. Tina invite you to join the group in a dynamic, informative and inspiring way to a deeper relationship with God through Scripture. For more information, call the Sisters at 677 2032. All are welcome.

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