

Mission and Reconciliation The readings of this Sunday's liturgy celebrate the mission entrusted to us by the risen Lord and describe that mission in terms of reconciliation. Easter is the great celebration of reconciliation. All things are made new-are reconciled to God-in Christ the risen Lord. As Christ's mission was one of reconciliation, so is it the mission of all who die and rise with Christ and who seek to witness to his resurrection in their lives.

A tropism is a movement of an organism toward its vital source. Tropisms cause plants to grow toward the sun and the roots to dig into the soil. We can think of faith as a tropism toward God. The faith-filled person deepens and ripens. Faith sets us in God's Easter light and deepens us in the fertile soil of the proclaimed Scriptures. Perk up! Listen Up!

1. How is our journey as an Easter people similar to the journey of the disciples to Emmaus? Where are the Scriptures opened? How often do we recognize Jesus Christ in the everyday breaking of the bread of our lives?
2. Who or what helps us to believe in the risen Christ in our lives?
3. What gives us energy to be witnesses of Christ to others in the way?

PARISH NEWS

When Fr. Joe was chosen to be our pastor he was asked by the Diocese of Erie to help the parish grow and prepare for future changes. Father consults with the parish council, finance council and buildings and grounds committees to discuss parish concerns and projects. Father is accountable to Bishop Persico for the administrations and stewardship of the temporal goods of the parish. These councils/committees are consulted by Father for sharing information, listening, contributing to the discussion and promoting consensus in decision-making. These committees are in place to assist and support Father as advisory groups in service to the parish to improve and grow as we move forward in making our parish strong in God's faith and love.

SJP & SMP PARISH COUNCIL: Since St. Michael & St. Joseph Parishes are partnered we are to have a joint Parish Council. Therefore, we are having nominations from each parish. There will be five representatives from each Parish on the Board. Please ask the person that you may want to be on the ballot if they want to be on the council. You may volunteer to be on the ballot if you wish. Nominations will take place the weekend of April 21st & 22nd. Elections will be the weekend of May 5 & 6.

Saturday Mass: St. Joseph will be hosting Saturday Masses at 5:00pm for the rest of April. Please continue to watch the bulletin for further notices.

SJP & SMP: Part-time office help is needed
Monday thru Thursday or Friday 9am – Noon at SJP
Computer experience a must, Please mail to PO Box 9 Lucinda

St. Michael's Parish is looking for a summer maintenance person to mow, trim, rake, and keep the grounds clean and neat. If you know anyone who would like to apply please have them call the office at 814-226-7288.

(SJP) Religious Education: Class on April 22.

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, May 7.

Fryburg Mayfest: If you are a crafter or vendor and would be interested in participating in the May 26 Fryburg Mayfest, please contact Janet at jage@venustel.com.

(SMP) Thank you to all the parishioners that donated candy and money for our annual egg hunt and to Fr. Joe for the special blessing beforehand. Also thanks to Cathy L for reading the children an Easter story and to my helpers that filled eggs and hid them. I think the children had a nice time. We couldn't do it without everyone's help, so thank you all!!

The Lucinda Area Spring Sportsman's Raffle will be held at St. Josephs Parish Social Hall on Sunday, April 29th beginning at noon. 40 guns plus \$15,000 in cash prizes will be awarded from noon until 4:00pm. Large and small print raffles and 50/50 raffles will be conducted throughout the afternoon. A meal is available from noon until 3:00pm; no take outs available. You must present your ticket for the meal and side raffles to participate. Tickets are available at local businesses or call Jim Kaltenbach at 226-4868. This fundraiser benefits The Antler Club of Lucinda and St. Joseph School.

Rail 66 Country Trail Fifth Annual Membership Meeting will be at St. Joseph Hall in Lucinda on Sunday April 22, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. We will be paving the trail from Route 322 north to Lucinda and from Snydersburg north to Leeper this year which will give us a total of 12 miles of trail surfaced for use. Everything we have done to this point has been a team effort done with private donations and volunteer help. As we expand the trail, we must expand the team. Come and learn how you can be a part and share in the success.

(SMP) Cemetery Work Night: Monday, May 7th at 5:00pm. Rain date will be Tuesday, May 8 at 5:00pm.

Liturgy Schedule April 21st & April 22nd

5:00 p.m.

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

Altar Server: Kayla & Sara Aaron
Euch Min: Doc & Marge Bauer, Anne Ochs
Lector: Judy Wolbert
Ushers: Jim Schill, Dana Baker, Larry Bauer,
Dan Schmader
Rosary: Mary Ann Banner

7:30 a.m.

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

Altar Servers: Logan Swanson
Euch Min: Morgan & Donna Jones, Kristie Schmader
Lector: Ted Schmader
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: Deb Desmond, Jody Guth, Jane Schmader
Lector: Jody Guth
Ushers: Matt Gilara, Daniel Brooker, Todd,
Tyler Beichner
Rosary: William Ditz
R.S. Cleaner:

Mass Schedule April 16th - April 22nd

Monday, April 16th

7:45 a.m. - (SJP) Delmar Lauer by the Family
12:00 p.m. - (SMP) Russell A. Weaver by Martha &
Craig Siegel

Tuesday, April 17th

8:30 a.m. - (SJP) Steve & Frank Wolbert by
Dave & Jean Kaye
12:00 p.m. - (SMP) Mary Baughman, Charles Baughman, &
Geraldine Seitz by Francis Baughman &
Barbara Baughman

Wednesday, April 18th

8:00 a.m. - (SMP) Winfield Lutz by the Strauser Family
8:30 a.m. - (SMP) LAUDS
12:00 p.m. - (SMP) Robert Gentile by Dick & Ruth Rapp

Thursday, April 19th

No Early Mass
12:00 p.m. - (SMP) Parish Family

Friday, April 20th

8:00 a.m. - (SMP) Ambrose & Cathy Smerkar by
Barb & Family
8:30 a.m. - (SMP) LAUDS
12:00 p.m. - (SMP) Robert & Mildred Groner by Ron Groner

4th Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 21st

Confession at St. Joseph, 4:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. - (SJP) Norma Jean Baker by
Laurie & Jim Warszawski

Sunday, April 22nd

7:30 a.m. - (SJP) Debbie Anderson by Joe & Punk Griebel
10:00 a.m. - (SMP) Parish Family

Collection Counters April 21 & April 22

SJP: George & Lisa Carroll, Lisa Judy
SMP: Mary Dechant, Andrew Nicholas Banner

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE burning in
memory of**

SJP: Delmar Lauer by the Family
SMP: Ed & Frances Fesenmyer by the Family

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, April 17 at 8:30am.

April 16 - Challenge 24 Competition at Meadville **GOOD LUCK**

April 19 - Regional Religion Competition at IC Clarion **STUDENTS!**

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

**Special Thanks to all who sacrifice to support St. Joseph's
April 8**

Sunday Collection \$3,035
Loose Collection \$380

**Special Thanks to all who sacrifice to support St. Michael's
April 8**

Sunday Collection \$4,290
Loose Collection \$549.50

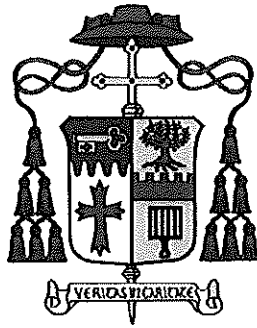
CSA: St. Joseph assessment to Diocese: \$31,342

Parishioners Pledged: \$41,326
Parishioners Paid to Date: \$28,321
Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$3,021
Monies towards Steps & Chimney: \$0

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

Parishioners Pledged: \$42,905
Parishioners Paid to Date: \$35,810
Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$0
**Monies towards Steeple: \$2,002

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



April 2, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Diocese of Erie is blessed with sixty-two priests who have reached retirement age. By their own choice thirteen still have Diocesan assignments. Since their ordination, these priests have served in a majority of the 97 parishes in our Diocese. Although they may be "retired", many remain active, providing sacramental ministry in parishes and often substituting for priests to allow them to get time off.

Sunday, April 22nd is Good Shepherd Sunday. Since 2007, the Diocese of Erie has taken up the Good Shepherd Collection on Good Shepherd Sunday so that parishioners can show their appreciation and love for our priests – those already retired and those still in active ministry.

The response to the annual Good Shepherd Collection has been one of overwhelming generosity by you, the people of the Diocese! It tells me that you love these priests who have devoted their entire priesthood to God and to you. The Good Shepherd Collection helps provide needed funding toward retirement and health care for these faithful priests. As the number of priests reaching retirement age continues to grow each year, so does the need for continued support for them.

Contributions to the "Good Shepherd Collection" can be made at your parish or online at: www.ErieRCD.org. Every contribution is greatly appreciated and will help make a difference in the lives of our priests. This collection should not be confused with the Retirement Fund for Religious, taken in December for consecrated women and men belonging to religious orders. That collection does not benefit our diocesan priests.

Please pray for all our priests and that our Diocese will be blessed with more seminarians willing to respond to the call of the Lord to the priesthood. I know our priests join me in thanking you for your kindness and generosity to retired priests through the annual Good Shepherd Collection.

May the joy of the Risen Christ fill your hearts and homes this Easter Season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie



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THANK YOU: The family of Dave Wolbert would like to send a special 'Thank You' to Fr. Joe, the choir, the Funeral Dinner Committee, and especially to our parish family & friends for all the love and support in our time of sadness. Thank you again, it helped us so much for all the kindness, cards, food, Masses, donations, and visits. We love you all.

QUILT SNEAK PREVIEW will be held in St. Joseph Hall at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 3. Each band is asked to bring its quilt to the hall that evening so we can take pictures to put on the parish website. There will be a link to the pictures from the 4th of July site. Please sew a Rosary Society quilt tag in one of the corners of the quilt. Tags are available in the quilt cart in the Rosary Society hall closet. Also, if no one can bring the quilt to the hall on May 3rd, please contact one of these committee members to pick up the quilt: Linda McCloskey 226-6075, Mary Ann Whittling 226-6833, or Janice Johnson 744-8464. Thanks for all the work on the quilts!!

School News Correction: The Science Fair and Art Show will be April 26, not May 26.

Knox Township is in need of election poll workers. Please call Cindy at 814-226-4000 ext. 2006.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Child Abuse Prevention Month: Preventing Child Abuse is Everyone's Responsibility. It is every adult's moral responsibility to protect possible victims by reporting the suspected abuse or neglect to the responsible authorities. Sexual abuse of minor is a pervasive societal problem, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. *To report suspected abuse of a minor, call Childline at 1-800-932-0323.*

<http://www.eriecnd.org/protectyouth.htm>

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 22, 2018**

Lec. 50

Acts 4:8-12 1 John 3:1-2 John 10:11-18

Liturgy of the Word:

In the first reading, Peter says, *there is no salvation through anyone else* but Jesus. In the reading from the first Letter of John, we are called children of God. In the Gospel, Jesus says that he is the Good Shepherd, and he will lay his life down for us, his sheep.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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

24 Hour Emergency

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

Feel the Spirit Conference: The 4th Annual 1:38 WOMEN'S Intimacy with God and Love for One Another Conference will be held on Saturday, April 21st from 9:00am to 3:30pm at Our Lady of Peace Parish, located at 2401 West 38th Street, Erie PA. Doors open at 8:00am. Visit www.138WOMEN.COM or call 814-455-7364 to register.

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Montana's County Cafe