

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist June 24, 2018

A Moment in the Sun The Church celebrates the solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist when the year is half spent and sunlit, when the days in the Northern Hemisphere are hot and long and the nights are warm and brief. The rugged, fiery prophet John blazes into view with a white-hot intensity reminiscent of God's prophets of old. From coal mountaintops, scorched deserts, green prairies, and hot sand beaches we peer into John's fierce eyes and consider this God-haunted man.

John was known and chosen by God from the very beginning. Few persons in all of Scripture, save Jesus himself, are written about in such intimate detail. John would most likely have known Psalm 139 as he matured and grew strong in body and spirit in the desert. A small snippet of Psalm 139 forms the responsorial psalm after the first reading for today's Mass during the day. Make this your own evening prayer. Read it during the slow, late setting of this day's sun. Think of John and of how God knew him so well. Think of how God knows you so well.

1. John's mission was to bring people to Jesus and then to step out of the spotlight. How is that like the mission we have as Christians?
2. What do you think God has called you to even before you were born? Is it time to re-evaluate how you are doing on that mission?

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Saturday Mass: All Masses in July will be held at St. Michael's.

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: Starting Monday, August 6th, you will need to attend the Baptismal class if you would like to have your child baptized at SJP or SMP. Classes will be held on the 1st Monday of August & November of 2018 and February & May of 2019 at St. Joseph Parish. It will begin at 6:30 P.M. 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) Shroud of Turin: St. Joseph Parish will be sponsoring the *Man of the Shroud* Exhibit in the social hall from Aug. 4th - Aug. 12th. The exhibit includes an exact replica of the Shroud of Turin. Watch for more information and hours in July bulletins and on the parish website.

(SJP) Ministry and Altar Server Schedules: If you haven't done so already, please pick up your appropriate schedule(s) for July-September in the back of the church. Thanks to everyone who helps. If you're interested in seeking such a position, please contact the office at 814-226-7288 ext. 107. Thanks!



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

(SMP) Rosary Society: No meetings in July.

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

(SMP) Noodle Days: Labor Day and Oktoberfest noodle days will be July 25th and August 1st. A few more workers from the Oktoberfest committee are needed to help these days. It's also a great time for our younger people to help run the machines, carry noodles, and earn their hours.

(SJP & SMP) Liturgy Meetings: continues to meet the 2nd Monday of every month. However, there aren't any meetings in July or December. Next meeting will be Aug. 13th.

(SJP & SMP) Bereavement Committee: Will meet on the 3rd Monday of every month. There will be no meetings in July and December. Our next meeting will be Aug. 20th.

(SMP & SJP) In need of home health care for an elderly gentleman who is a member of the St. Michael's Parish. If interested, please call Lisa at 814-226-5691. If no answer, please leave message. Thank you!

Liturgy Schedule June 30th & July 1st

5:00 p.m.

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

Altar Server: Madison Schill
Euch Min: Dan & Mary Ann Banner, Greg Borland
Lector: Judy Wolbert
Ushers: Norm Wolbert, Jim Harvey, Ed Carroll, Al Lander
Rosary: Norm Wolbert

7:30 a.m.

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

Altar Servers: Braden Ochs
Euch Min: Roger & Patti Bauer, Dave Lander
Lector: Mike O'Neill
Ushers: Bill Callihan, Tom Wolbert, Ted Schmader, Bill Hartle

10:00 a.m.

SAINT MICHAEL CHURCH

Sacristan: Casey Rapp
Altar Server: Nick Gilara, Isaac Gilara
Euch Min: Peg Siegel, Dave Smerkar Sr., Casey Rapp
Lector: Jack Lauffer
Ushers: Tim Gilara, Matt Gilara
Rosary: Walter Jakopac
R.S. Cleaner: Peg Siegel

Mass Schedule June 25th - July 1st

Monday, June 25th

7:45 a.m. - (SJP) Nancy Snyder by Jerry & Donna Judy
12:00 p.m. - (SMP) Ruthie Bruce by Mom & Dad

Tuesday, June 26th

7:45 a.m. - (SJP) Jane Zerbe by Wayne & Paula Wolbert
12:00 p.m. - (SMP) Freda Ditz by Ginny Beichner

Wednesday, June 27th

8:00 a.m. (SMP) Dorothy Kerle by Sally Hockman
8:30 a.m. - (SMP) LAUDS
12:00 p.m. - (SMP) Dorothy Schupp by Betsy Ochs

Thursday, June 28th

No Early Mass
12:00 p.m. - (SMP) Madeline Ditz by Ed & Karen Black

Friday, June 29th

8:00 a.m. - (SMP) Russ & Jane Weaver by Rusty, Sandy & family
8:30 a.m. - (SMP) LAUDS
12:00 p.m. - (SMP) Mike Zacherl by Peg Zacherl

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, June 30th

Confession is at St. Joseph, 4:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. - (SJP) Timothy Panzar by Jim & Trish Karg

Sunday, July 1st

7:30 a.m. - (SJP) Frank & Delmar Lauer by Bernie & Deb Lauer
10:00 a.m. - (SMP) Parish Family

Collection Counters June 30 & July 1

SJP: Bridget Collett, Ed Carroll, Steve Hoover
SMP: Bern Beichner Jr., Jack Lauffer, Judy Eisenman

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE burning in memory of

SJP: S. Wesley McDerimid Jr.
SMP: Parish 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 the collection basket if you would like to have someone added to the Prayer list.

School News (814) 226-8018

Have a safe and fun summer. God bless all of you.

You can register your children throughout the summer. Call the school for more information. (814)226-8018.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Special Thanks to all who sacrifice to support St. Joseph's June 17th

Sunday Collection \$2,283
Loose Collection \$220

Special Thanks to all who sacrifice to support St. Michael's June 17th

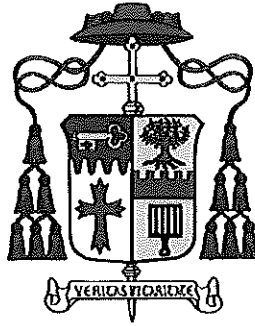
Sunday Collection \$2,747
Loose Collection \$215

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

Parishioners Pledged: \$43,593
Parishioners Paid to Date: \$34,043
Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$0
Money towards Steps & Chimney: \$2,701

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

Parishioners Pledged: \$45,770
Parishioners Paid to Date: \$40,505
Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$0
Money towards Steeple: \$6,697



June 6, 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On June 29th, the Church will celebrate the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, the two Apostles who shed their blood for Christ in Rome. As every year, the Peter's Pence Collection will be taken throughout the Church on or near that Solemnity. This year the collection will be taken in our parishes on the weekend of June 30 – July 1.

Your support of this collection helps make it possible for Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to carry out his charitable works around the world, including emergency assistance to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease.

Peter's Pence also helps our Holy Father support seminaries and religious houses, orphanages, AIDS treatment centers, and other medical and social facilities in developing nations.

Thank you for standing in solidarity with the Holy See's charitable works through your generosity. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in faith who are facing adversity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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



4th of July Celebration News

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

** Extra 4th of July Grand Prize Tickets are available in the back of the church. 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.

—July 4th Win-Win: Do you want to make a direct donation to St. Joseph School and boost your chances of winning a great prize? Buy (or sell) just one more Grand Prize ticket. It's just like donating to the school since all of our generous Grand Prize Ticket sponsors defray the cost of the prizes. The school wins and you win! Thank you!

Charitable Deeds: Open Mondays & Tuesdays from 9am to noon. Located at 260 High Point Rd., Knox, PA 16232 ~ (814)221-9966 ~ Volunteers always welcome.

- Food giveaway for Clarion County on 6/28, 7/26, 8/23, 9/27, 10/25, 11/13, and 12/5 at the Charitable Deeds building at 11:00am.

- "All You Can Eat" spaghetti dinners on 9/15 and 11/10 from

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 1, 2018

(Lec. 98)

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15
Mark 5:21-43 or 5:21-24; 35b-43

Liturgy of the Word:

In the first reading from the Book of Wisdom, we hear that God does not delight in death, but rather loves creation, and made us in his image. In St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, Paul makes it clear that we glorify God through our generosity. In Mark's Gospel, we hear about Jesus' encounter with a suffering sick woman who simply wants to touch His cloak. Jesus affirms the woman not only by healing her, but also by telling her that it was indeed her faith that saved her.

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

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 A.M. on June 19th. 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 (814) 677-2032. Everyone is welcome.

St. Nicholas Church: Please join us in Crates, PA today for our Fried Chicken & Homemade Noodle Dinner from 11:30-2:00. Adults- \$10.00, children under 12- \$5:00, preschool is free. There will be a Quilt Raffle, and there is also a Country Store.

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