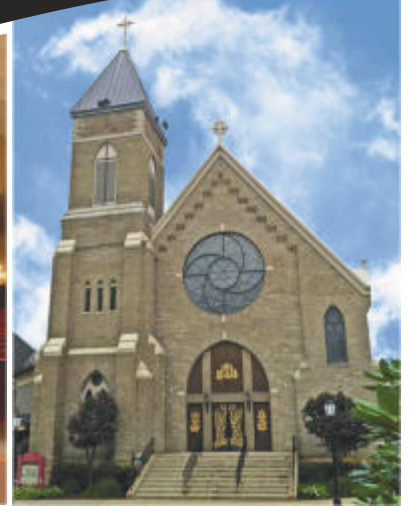
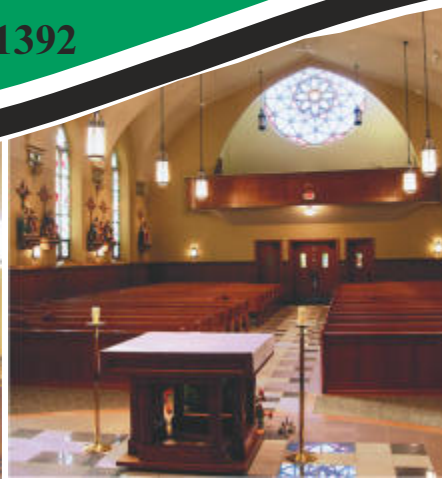
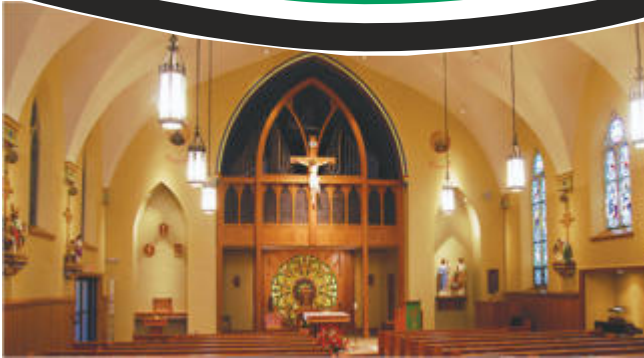


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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekends

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Liturgies: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Liturgies: 7:30 a.m. (Monday–Friday)

Holy Day Liturgies: 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays 3:30 p.m. & any time by appointment.

BAPTISM

Call the Rectory office for scheduling.

MARRIAGE

Preparation required.

Call the Parish Priest for details.

ANointing OF THE SICK

Please call the Rectory Office when someone is hospitalized or seriously ill.

Call anytime for emergencies.

R.C.I.A. (Becoming Catholic)

Adult formation process.

Call the Rectory Office for information.



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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, July 13-St. Henry

7:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of St. Callistus

Wednesday, July 14-St. Kateri Tekakwitha

7:30 AM Mike Fragale by Family

10:00 AM Lutheran Home Mass

Thursday, July 15-St. Bonaventure

7:30 AM Robert Cunningham by Mary Sewell

Friday, July 16-Our Lady of Mount Carmel

7:30 AM Verna Wooditch by Family

Saturday, July 17

5:00 PM Marshal Wallace by Marilyn Tunall &
Cheri Larson

Sunday, July 18-Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of St. Callistus

10:30 AM Carlene Novosel by Candice & Tom Rich

Scripture Readings for Week of July 11, 2021

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14
or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34—
11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt
11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt
11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/
Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18
[13]/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt
12:14-21

Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/
Mk 6:30-34

Religious Education News

- Sunday, July 11 - Confirmation Class -
Spirit and Fire Night 8pm

Celebrate NFP Awareness Week

Looking for family planning that respects your faith, your marriage, your body *and* that is effective? Couples from around the diocese are learning about a way of life that helps them work with God to grow their families or space children. Find studies verifying Natural Family Planning's (NFP) effectiveness and class schedules at www.eriercd.org/chastity.htm or contact the Diocesan Natural Family Planning Coordinator at 814-512-0818.

Join us for a backyard adventure



Summer Nights at St. Callistus

Vacation Bible School

VBS will run Wednesday evenings from 6 - 8 pm

July 14, 21 and 28



2021 Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations

The 2021 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies for couples celebrating 25, 50, 60, or more years of marriage will be held at two locations in the diocese: Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception in Clarion and Sunday, August 8, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Jude in Erie. To register, please go online to <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact the Rectory Office at 814-837-6694.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- Know the Warning Signs of a Predator:

Those who abuse children look like everyone else. They don't look like scary people that we should know to avoid. Rather, most abusers are known to the child, such as the parent, sibling, parent's paramour, parent's spouse, other relative or babysitter. One of the most important ways to ensure the safety of children in our environments is to know the warning signs of adults who present a risk of harm to children. Among these signs are when the person (1) always wants to be alone with children in areas where no one can monitor the interactions, (2) allows children to do things their parents would not permit, (3) is always more excited to be with children than with adults, and (4) discourages others from participating in activities involving kids. For more information and resources visit: <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/>.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, as though you have already come. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. AMEN

Sunday, Jul 11, 2021

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Each one, bring one

A lot of things in life are lonely. Being sick, being wrong, and being broke are hours difficult to share with anyone not inside the experience. Happily, religion isn't intended to be a solitary undertaking. Jesus formed a community before he engaged his ministry, and he urged his followers to go out in pairs. If you're struggling to ground your prayer life, make a deeper commitment to Bible study, or get a work of service or justice off the ground, remember: Companions in faith make the way more joyful and fruitful.

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13 (104). *"Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two."*

Monday, Jul 12, 2021

Cross purposes

No one said the path of Christian discipleship was going to be a bed of roses—but it is indeed the way of love. "The temptation is to follow a Christ without a cross," Pope Francis said—that is, to succumb to an easy albeit empty life that the world offers. Instead, "If we live our lives for the Lord, set on fire with love, then our lives will be fruitful and we will have genuine joy," said Francis. What's more, there's food for the journey, he reminds—we rediscover the mystery of Christ's cross every time we participate in the Eucharist.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Matthew 10:34—11:1 (389). *"... whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."*

Tuesday, Jul 13, 2021

MEMORIAL OF HENRY

Words matter

Holy Roman Emperor Henry II championed the Nicene Creed. He encouraged its official recitation during the Mass, a practice that didn't gain papal approval until the 11th century. And he promoted the *filioque*. *Filioque* is Latin for the four small words—"and from the Son"—used in the Nicene Creed to describe the origin of the Holy Spirit, who, Catholics and Protestants believe, "proceeds from the Father and the Son." Draw strength from our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer God, and honor the Blessed Trinity today by praying a "Glory Be."

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 2:1-15a; Matthew 11:20-24 (390). *"Jesus began to reproach the towns where most of his mighty deeds had been done, since they had not repented."*

Wednesday, Jul 14, 2021

MEMORIAL OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA, VIRGIN

See with the eyes of faith

Some people survive trials and adversity with a faith that cannot be explained. Saint Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-80) is one of those people. At the age of 4, Tekakwitha was physically scarred and left nearly blind by a smallpox epidemic that took the lives of her parents. Though she continued to live among her people, she followed a different path than most. Baptized Kateri (Catherine) at the age of 19, she soon found a distant village of Christian Native Americans who accepted her desire to remain single and devote

her life to Jesus. The life of this first Native American saint was short, but her kind and deep faith left its own lasting mark. Visit the website: Shrine of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Matthew 11:25-27 (391). *"Although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike."*

Thursday, Jul 15, 2021

MEMORIAL OF BONAVENTURE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Bask in reflected glory

Understanding and proving the existence of God has been a human pursuit since the beginning of time. For medieval Franciscan philosopher Saint Bonaventure, vestiges of God's existence are found in all God's creatures and, indeed, in all creation. Thus, he posits, we see God, "through a mirror." As our understanding of God increases, we begin to see God "in a mirror"; that is, we see the image and likeness of God in all things. For Bonaventure, signs of God's existence are all around, and God is present in each of us. "Therefore," says Bonaventure, one "who is not brightened by such splendors of created things is blind." Open your eyes to our all-around God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30 (392). *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."*

Friday, Jul 16, 2021

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

The view from on high

If there were such things as spiritual "power points" on Earth, Mount Carmel would have to qualify as one. A range on the Mediterranean coast in Northern Israel, Mount Carmel has been a crossroads for religious traditions, military strife, monastic life, biblical archeology, and now, modern urban living. There is something for everyone on Mount Carmel, which is perhaps why it has a long and contentious history. Today, join your prayers for peace in the Middle East with those of Carmelites the world over. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us!

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 11:10—12:14; Matthew 12:1-8 (393). *"If you knew what this meant, I desire mercy, not sacrifice, you would not have condemned these innocent men."*

Saturday, Jul 17, 2021

No one is without dignity

Bruised reeds and smoldering wicks were commonly discarded in ancient society because they were no longer useful for the purpose they served. People were often treated the same way. If a person was blind, lame, or suffered leprosy, they were essentially discarded by society because they were seen as a burden that couldn't be sustained. But Jesus taught of the sacred dignity of all human life regardless of health or usefulness, and that our final judgment would be based on our treatment of the least among us. Can you take a moment today to in some way lift up a lowly or outcast person?

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 12:37-42; Matthew 12:14-21 (394). *"A bruised reed he will not break, a smoldering wick he will not quench."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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June 28, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Holy Father is constantly encouraging us to remember the poor and the marginalized. In his Homily on World Day of the Poor last year the Pope prayed: "Rouse us, Lord, from our idle calm, from the quiet lull of our safe harbors. Set us free from the moorings of self-absorption that weigh life down; free us from constantly seeking success. Teach us to know how to 'leave' in order to set out on the road you have shown us: to God and our neighbor." Today I am asking you to continue on that road to God and neighbor by considering a generous gift to the National Needs Collection.

This year the National Needs Collection will take place the weekend of July 17-18. This is a good opportunity for Catholics to show their solidarity with the poor in our own nation. This collection is a combination of two collections:

- The Catholic Home Missions Appeal – supports, among other things, education for seminarians, which is a significant expense for poorer dioceses in the United States. This collection also supports training for lay ministry, Hispanic ministry, catechesis and other pastoral programs in needy dioceses throughout the United States.
- The Black and Indian Mission Collection – supports the work of the Church among the African American, Alaskan Native and American Native peoples in the United States.

I ask your generous response to the Collection for National Needs on July 17-18. Your help does make a difference.

Be assured of my gratitude and prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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From the Pastor...

In the Synoptic Gospels, (Matthew, Mark and Luke), Jesus sends out the Twelve with authority over unclean spirits. They preach repentance, drive out demons, and anoint and heal the sick. As usual, Mark is shorter and more cryptic than Matthew and Luke. There are more details in Matthew and Luke, but similar themes that we can meditate on. For starters, the Twelve and all who follow after them are charged by Jesus to actively share in his mission. There are to be no passive, 'I'm just along for the ride' type disciples. We too, each in our own way, are charged to share the Good News. Then, there is the emphasis on repentance—something that most of us have lost touch with. We seem to forget that we are all flawed and we need to experience both being washed clean and the challenge of continuing to grow. Let's face it—hardly anyone goes to confession these days. However, whenever there is mention of the Good News, we almost always hear the injunction to repent. This passage tells us that the Apostles "went off and preached repentance". The Lord wants to transform us and help us embody our true destiny. But we have to take a realistic and loving look at our faults and say 'yes' to continued growth (with the help of God's grace). Confession is a great part of this path.

Fr. Bill

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**Monday - July 12**

9:00AM The Chosen, Season 1-Rm. 200

Tuesday - July 13**Wednesday - July 14**

9:00AM The Chosen, Season 1-Rm. 200

6:00PM Vacation Bible School

Thursday - July 15**Friday - July 16****Saturday - July 17****Sunday - July 18****National Needs Collection**

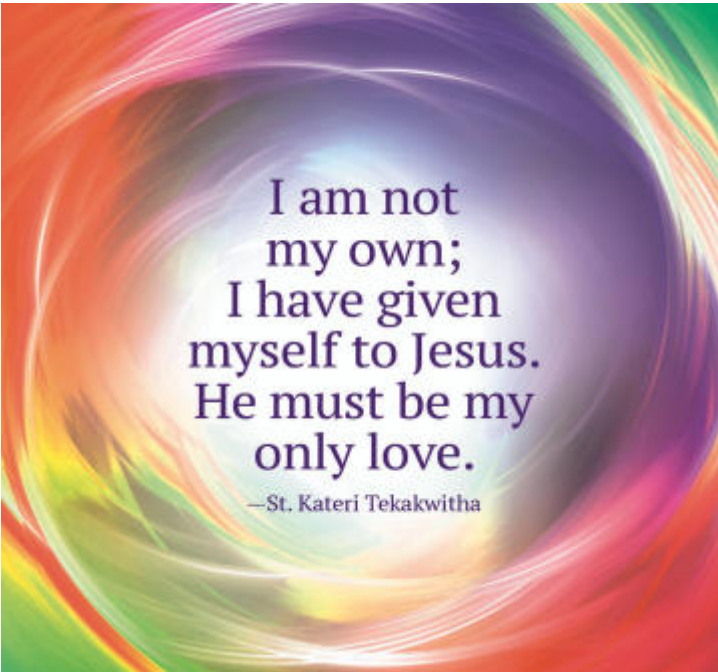
Next week, July 18th, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Family Perspective

Jesus sent out His apostles without a lot of "things" because THINGS distract. We collect, argue about and protect our "things." We even ignore each other because we have "things" to do. What "things" are separating you from your family?

Diocese introduces Re-membering Our Sunday Story Initiative

The Faith Formation and Communications offices of the Diocese of Erie, along with a committee including several pastors, have spent months coordinating an initiative to ensure that people feel welcome as they return to public worship. Over the next six months, the *Re-membering Our Sunday Story* effort will provide parishes with an array of resources, from prayer cards and bulletin announcements to social media posts and a pastoral letter from Bishop Lawrence Persico. All materials are part of an effort to make sure the return to parish life is transformative. A story about the effort can be found at www.nwpaCatholic.com.



I am not
my own;
I have given
myself to Jesus.
He must be my
only love.

—St. Kateri Tekakwitha

**Financial Information - St. Callistus Church
June 2021**

Offertory for June 2021 \$17,217
Budget for one month \$18,333
+ or - - \$ 1,116

**2021 Catholic Services Appeal
140 Pledges**

Amount Pledged: \$65,176
Amount Paid to Date: \$49,428
2021 Diocesan Assessment \$43,705

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