

Father's DAY

Defend, O most watchful guardian
of the Holy Family, the chosen children
of Jesus Christ. —*Pope Leo XIII*

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Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, June 19

4:30 p.m. Adeline Shemuha --
Dan & Peggy Prutzal and Family

Sunday, June 20

8:00 a.m. Fathers and Godfathers, living and deceased
Debbie Rougeux

10:00 a.m. Judy Harriger -- Husband, Bill Harriger

Monday, June 21

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

Tuesday, June 22

8:00 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE

Wednesday, June 23

8:00 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday, June 24

8:00 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE

Friday, June 25

8:00 a.m. James & Stefna Guilfoyle -- Kathy Painter

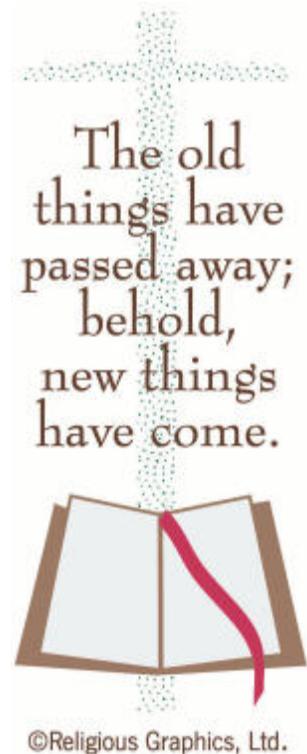
Saturday, June 26

4:30 p.m. Reed, Phyllis & Bernard Himes --
Marge & Sam Lorelli

Sunday, June 27

8:00 a.m. Thomas Heeter --
Cathy Smith and Kimberly Kerr

10:00 a.m. Walter & Mary Lou Ference --
Paula & Dave Read



The Week Ahead

Tuesday, June 22 -

6:00 pm -- Recitation of the Rosary - Church

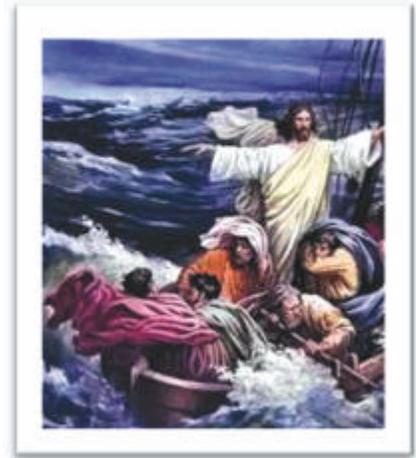
The Church encourages frequent, even daily, Holy Communion, but if at any time we cannot go to Mass, in or out of this season of the coronavirus, we can still unite ourselves to the Eucharist by making a spiritual Communion. When we make an Act of Spiritual Communion, we express our faith in Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist and ask him to unite himself with us.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Dear Parishioners,

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"



This scene is a perfect parable of our life. We are crossing a stormy lake in a fragile boat, which is going to sink sooner or later, and the Lord is asleep at the back. Our breath is shortened from anxiety, but the Lord doesn't even seem to notice. The storm may be a great public one for all to see, or it may be a private agony; the terror is the same. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, for example, lived a life that was externally unremarkable, but she knew more inner storms than most. "I was alone in a desert waste, or rather, my soul was like a fragile skiff tossing without a pilot in a stormy sea. I knew that Jesus was there, asleep in my little boat, but the night was too black for me to see him. All was darkness. Not even a flash of lightning pierced the clouds. There's nothing reassuring about lightning, but, at least if the storm had burst, I should have been able to glimpse Jesus. But it was night, the dark night of the soul." People driving past her monastery would probably have said, "What a peaceful life they have there!" As we walk down a street we have no idea what private storms are raging all around us.

But as Saint Thérèse said, Jesus was there, though apparently asleep. He slept a lot in her company, she noticed! But she made excuses for him: other people rarely let him sleep, and so he would come to her for a break. Anyway, she was often asleep herself at meditation! Behind the gentle appearance and the frequently unctuous style of writing with its repeated use of the word 'little', she had extraordinary fortitude. By God's grace, not from her own resources, she was able to run what she described as a giant's course, "une course de géant!" Because she had experienced the worst, she was no longer afraid of anything.

Fear, or rather a certain kind of fear, is the great enemy of faith. Fear in itself is a natural instinct and we owe our survival to it, but like all our instincts it is capable of turning neurotic and undermining us. It is then that it becomes the opposite of faith. "Why are you fearful, O men of little faith?" Jesus said to them when he woke up. There are numerous examples of this in the gospels. The man who had only one talent buried it in the ground because he was afraid (Matthew 25:25). After the death of Jesus his disciples locked themselves in a room "for fear of the Jews" (John 20:19). Jesus constantly told people not to be afraid (Matthew 17:7; 28:10; Mark 6:50; Luke 5:10; 12:7, 32; John 6:20, etc.).

One of the best things we can do for ourselves is to look clearly and humbly at our fears. Make a complete list of all the ones you are aware of; then the hidden ones may begin to show themselves too. Our fears show us indirectly the path our faith has to take. There is great pressure on us to pretend to be unafraid. Faith is not bravado; it is a way of truth. Attempting to be rid of our fears usually only drives them into hiding, and then they emerge in other twisted forms. Instead of trying to get rid of them (how?), we have to live with them, learning the hard lessons they have to teach us. But when we look clearly at them they begin to loosen their paralyzing grip. "Do not be afraid" could hardly mean "Pretend to be unafraid." It means "Even though you are trembling, take the path of faith."

God Bless!

Msgr. J Riccardo



Rest In Peace

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jeff A. LaBelle, brother of William LaBelle of our parish, who died this past week. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

May his soul rest in peace.

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Lectors or Eucharistic Ministers wishing to be placed back on the schedule for weekend Masses are asked to call the office, 814-938-6540.

We plan to produce a normal schedule soon and hope to add your name to the list of those currently active in these ministries. We look forward to your participation.

At this time, we are scheduling one Lector and two Eucharistic Ministers for each weekend Mass.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next weekend, June 26/27, we will take up the annual **Peter's Pence Collection**, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world.

The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters.

Please be as generous as you can. There is an envelope attached to today's bulletin for this special collection.

USHERS NEEDED

We are in need of additional ushers for the **4:30pm and 10:00am** Masses. Anyone wishing to be an usher at Mass can contact the office at 814-938-6540 or sscdofc@comcast.net to let us know your availability and Mass time preference. Thank you.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

If you have been participating in the annual "Baby Bottle Campaign" to support the *We Care Pregnancy Center*, the bottles should now be returned to church or can be brought to the office.

Thank you!

EMMAUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer for the spiritual renewal of priests.

We praise you for giving their ministry to the Church. In these days renew them with the gifts of your Spirit.

You once opened the scriptures to the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Now renew your ordained ministers with the truth and power of your Word.

In Eucharist you gave the Emmaus disciples renewed life and hope.

Nourish priests with your own Body and Blood. Help them to imitate in their lives the death and resurrection they celebrate at your altar.

Give priests enthusiasm for the Gospel, zeal for the salvation of all, courage in leadership, humility in service, fellowship with one another and with all their brothers and sisters in you.

For you love them, Lord Jesus, and we love and pray for them in Your Name. Amen

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Following the will of God is not always the most popular thing to do according to some peers. Even parents face this fact from time to time. What is popular is not always what is right; and what is right, is not always popular. Elizabeth and Zechariah got it 'right', despite the pressure of neighbors. Do we?

SAINT VINCENT DePAUL WEEKLY FOOD DONATION

Food Donation next Sunday, **June 27 - Rice**. Thank you for your support!

PRAYER CHAIN

To add a name to the Prayer Chain, call Pat Rougeux, 814-938-4464 or Anna Smoczek, 814-427-2456.

If you are unable to reach either of them, you may call the office weekdays 9am - 4pm.



For the benefit of those who are unable to, or who are concerned about returning to Mass at this time, we will continue to live stream the 10am Mass each Sunday. Look for the graphic on our parish website, sscdchurch.com, and click the link on Sundays at 10am to join.



SUMMER MAINTENANCE

Home for the summer? Need a part time job?

We are still in need of extra help in our maintenance department for the summer.

If you are interested, please contact our Business Manager, Tony Bofinger, at 814-938-6540, ext 214.

SCRIP PROGRAM

Join the Scrip Program and earn rebates on all your regular purchases and gift giving!



Scrip Cash and Carry is available in the School Office throughout May and June on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 7am - Noon. Please use the walk up window next to the principal's office.

You can also use the Scrip "PrestoPay" feature that provides electronic delivery options (i.e. electronic credit to spend online or refill a merchant's card that you already have in your possession). Questions about PrestoPay can be directed to the Scrip program coordinator.

Thank you for supporting SSCD School through your participation in the Scrip Program.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, or 60th or more wedding anniversaries in 2021 are invited to attend one of the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies this summer. The dates are Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception in Clarion and Sunday, August 8, at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Jude in Erie. Both liturgies will begin at 2:00 p.m.



To register for either event or to receive a scroll by mail, please visit <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact your parish office at 814-938-6540 or the Family Life Office at (814) 824-1261.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HELP NEEDED



We are in need of additional volunteers for our 2021/2022 Religious Education Program. We are currently seeking instructors for Grades 1, 3, and 8.

If you have a few hours a week to give and would like to become involved in our program, you can contact the office. Training will be provided.

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

June 20, 2021

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT & FIRE

As we celebrate the Nativity of John the Baptist this week, we remember his words: "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Mt 3:11). Jesus came to baptize us in the Holy Spirit, and the power and grace that comes from baptism in the Holy Spirit changes lives. Explore the meaning of this sacrament in this episode of The Wild Goose!



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2021 FESTIVAL CASH RAFFLE

If you have already purchased tickets, thank you!!

If you haven't had an opportunity to purchase your ticket yet, they are available in the rectory office. We hope to sell every one of the 2,000 tickets that were printed for this exciting drawing. The price of each ticket is \$20.00 and the prizes are:

- 1st prize - \$10,000**
- 2nd prize - \$5,000**
- 3rd prize - \$1,000**

To purchase a ticket or tickets, you can stop in the office during office hours or simply fill out the form printed below, and return it along with \$20.00 per ticket. You can submit your ticket order by mail, put it in the mail slot in the breezeway of the rectory, or place it in the Sunday collection. Your ticket will be filled out and the stub mailed back to you. When coming in to the office, please remember that masks must be worn at this time.

If there are still tickets available when Festival time arrives, you will be able to purchase tickets there as well.

As always, 100% of the proceeds will go directly to the support of our school.

To date, we have sold approximately 35% of our 2000 tickets! Thank you!

2021 Cash Drawing Ticket Request

Drawing Date: August 8, 2021

Mail-in ticket orders must be received by August 2

Name: _____

Address: _____

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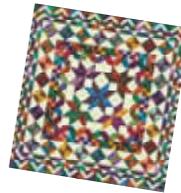
Amount enclosed: _____ (\$20 per ticket)

(If you are requesting more than one ticket, be sure to let us know the names that should be on each ticket)

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

A Rosary in honor of our Lady of Fatima is prayed every Tuesday evening at 6pm in church.

Please join us. Everyone is welcome.



**Annual
Quilt Raffle**

The ladies of the Rosary Altar Society are selling tickets for two beautiful Quilts to be raffled off at the SSCD Lawn Festival this summer. Tickets have been sent to the women of our churches and extra tickets are available in the office.

We thank you in advance for your support. All proceeds will benefit SSCD School.



We hope to hold our **Vacation Bible School** again this Summer! The dates will be July 12 - 16 from 9am - Noon.

All children ages 4 through 10, are invited to join us each day to have fun and learn new things. The daily activities include Bible stories, crafts, and songs.

Please call the office, 814-938-6540, or email sscdrep@comcast.net to let us know if you are interested in sending your children, have any questions, or would like to help out.

SAINT VINCENT DePAUL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, June 26 -

Carol Bernat, Katie Irwin, Karen Bugay

SANCTUARY CLEANERS THIS WEEK

Bob Henretta, Katie Roberts, Rita Yenzi

Prayer in Time of Pandemic

Lord Jesus,
 You came to bring salvation to our world. You humbled yourself to accept death on a cross. Be with us as we confront the spread of the coronavirus with courage and hope. Be present to the sick and to those who accompany them in their suffering. Strengthen our medical professionals and caregivers; comfort families who are separated from one another. Protect those who are at risk of the virus in their work.

Grant wisdom to our civic officials and perseverance to scientists. Spare us from the ravages of this illness and console us in our uncertainty and fear.

Unite us in hope, enlighten us in faith, and give us the grace as a Church to love one another as You have loved us. Through the intercession of our Heavenly Mother, we make this prayer as we place our trust in You. Amen.

Imprimatur, April 8, 2020
 The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L., Bishop of Erie

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 20, 2021

- Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Refugee Day; Father's Day
- Monday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
- Tuesday: St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs
- Thursday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- Saturday: BVM
- Next Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SAINT PETER & PAUL BYZANTINE CHURCH FESTIVAL

Saints Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church festival is being held **this weekend**, June 19th/20th at the Adrian Picnic Grove.

On Saturday evening June 19th the Festival will open at 5:30pm. Sunday June 20th the Festival opens at 11am and dinner will be served until sold out. Ethnic food, Bingo, Basket Raffle, and Games will be open Saturday evening and all day Sunday.

Join in the fun...all are welcome!

WEEKLY OFFERTORY ANALYSIS
 June 13, 2021

Church Offertory	
<i>Envelopes sent</i>	711
<i>Adult Envelopes Returned</i>	187
Adult	\$5,653.00
Holy Day	\$5.00
Children	\$4.00
Loose	\$329.00
Monthly	\$310.00
Total	\$6,301.00
<i>Weekly Goal</i>	\$8,000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$1,699.00
Accumulated(+/-) Goal	\$18,374.63 <i>Under goal</i>

Catholic Services Appeal 2021

2021 Diocesan Assessment \$76,000.00	
Total Parish Goal \$126,000.00	
Pledged Amt:	\$90,255.00
Paid on Pledge:	\$80,054.05
Unpaid Pledges:	\$10,200.95
Unpledged Donations:	\$7,898.49
Collected to Date:	\$87,952.54

Readings for the Week of June 20, 2021

- Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41
- Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 [12]/Mt 7:1-5
- Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 7:15-20
- Thursday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
- Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4 -5 [4]/Mt 8:1-4
- Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 [cf. 54b]/Mt 8:5-17
- Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

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