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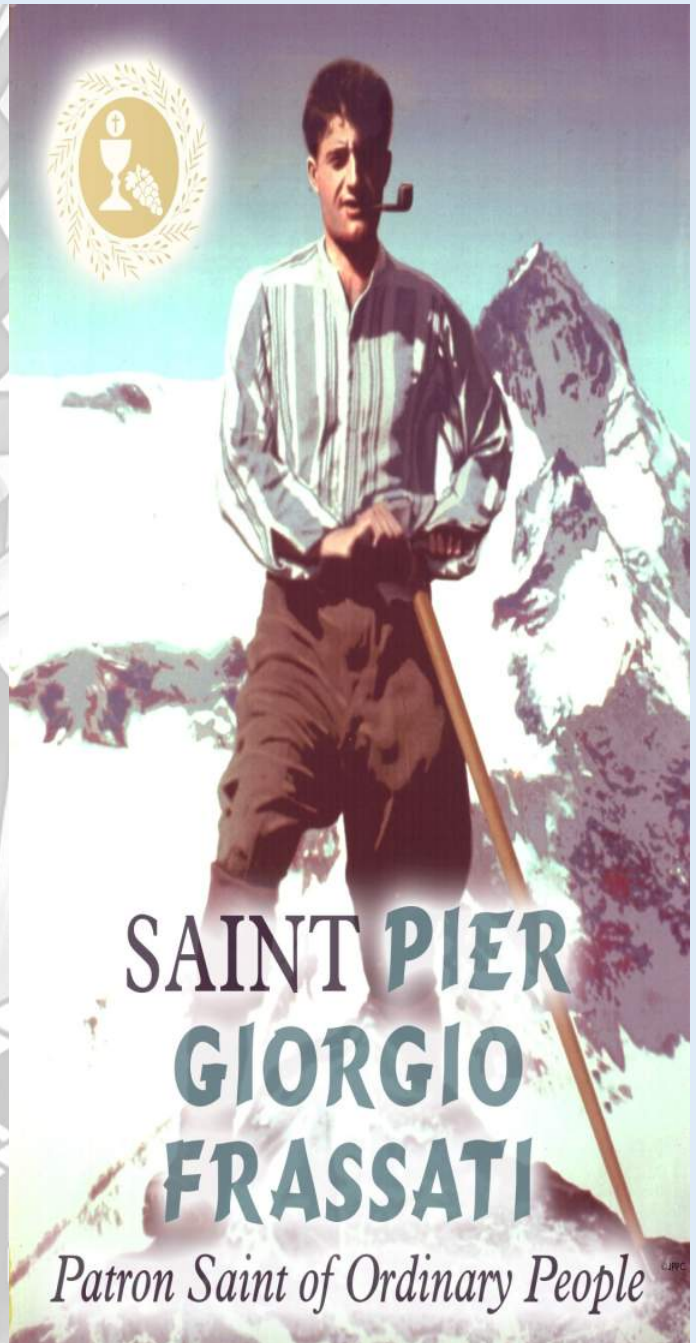
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Liturgy Schedule September 13th - September 14th

4:00 p.m. St. Michael Church

Lector: Theresa Seitz

Euch Min: Mary Caye Stecki

Altar Server: None

Ushers: Bernie Hoover, Sam Smerkar, Todd Beichner, Mike Beichner

Rosary: Theresa Seitz

6:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Jim Bauer

Euch Min: None

Altar Server: Ashton Bogel

8:00 a.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Keith Martz

Euch Min: Andy Gilmore

Altar Server: Cash Gilmore

9:30 a.m. St. Joseph Church

Lector: Linda Steiner-Mander

Euch Min: Robert & Annette Wielock

Altar Server: Karlle Griebel

Ushers: Bill Callihan, Tom Wolbert, Dick Schill, Bill Hartle

11:00 a.m. St. Michael Church

Lector: Alisha Smerkar

Euch Min: Emily Weaver

Altar Server: Lillian Weaver

Ushers: Bernie, Brad, Mark & Josh Beichner

Rosary: Cathy Longacre

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

St. Joseph: Annette & Robert Wielock

St. Michael: Sue & Todd Beichner

St. Mary: Jana Wolbert, Jill Gilbert, Julie Miller

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNING IN MEMORY OF:

St. Michael: Bob Zacherl by Todd & Sue Beichner

St Joseph: Steve & Bonnie Gatesman 65th Wedding Anniversary by The Family

St Mary: Mary Ellen Stirling by John & Bobbi Donnack

The Exaltation of The Holy Cross September 13th – September 14th

1st Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: John 3:13-17

Masses For The Week



++Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before each
weekday Mass at 7:30 a.m.++

Monday, September 8

8:30 a.m. (St Mary) Henry Lencer Sr by Chuck & Karla Beichner

Tuesday, September 9

8:30 a.m. (St Michael) Robin Banner by Ben Knight & Lisa Myers

Wednesday, September 10

8:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Lawrence & Mary Schill & Deceased Family Members by Marge Wolbert

8:30 a.m. (St Mary) Roxanne Murphy by Carol & Regis Lenhart

Thursday, September 11

8:30 a.m. (St Michael) Richard Siegel by Aunt Bernice

6:00 p.m. (St Ann) Donald Gawelski Sr by Penny & Donnie Gawelski

Friday, September 12

8:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Michael & Marilyn Carroll by George & Lisa Carroll

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Saturday, September 13

4:00 p.m. (St Michael) Charles & Mildred Barklow and George & Katharine Lorch by Bill & Kathy Barklow

6:00 p.m. (St Mary) The Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, September 14

8:00 a.m. (St Mary) Ken Flick by Jackie Landfried

9:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Lawrence Schmader by Ken & Brenda Lander

10:30 a.m. (St Michael) Rosary

11:00 a.m. (St Michael) Parish Family

September 7, 2025

One of my favorite things to do as a priest is to walk with people in their desire for deepening of their faith. There is nothing more satisfying, as a parish priest, to see the hunger for Christ and His Church in the eyes and hearts of people—nothing! If a people, a parish, are not hungering for Christ and craving for a deepening intimacy with the Most Holy Trinity, then what is a parish even for, why are the people really showing up? It can be so easy in the Catholic life to turn parishes and the Liturgy and the Faith into a series of transactions, and not invitations to be *partakers of the divine nature* (2Peter 1:4). Parishes — the Church — is this privileged place where we get to be kissed by heaven and commune with the living God who pines for our souls and hearts! We daily have this invitation to become someone and go to places that nothing and no one else in this life can offer! No matter how hard you search or try, there is simply no replacement for Christ and the Church in which He gave us for the sole purpose of revealing to our sin sick and worldly weary souls the balm of God — Grace, Mercy, Love, Atonement, and Communion.

This invitation is not simply for those already in the pews, but also for those in search of the pew! There are so many people searching, probing in the dark, for the answers to the longings of their hearts and minds. So many are searching in the world, or in other faiths or online, or among groups of people living various lifestyles and codes and creeds. Even those in the pews — you and I — are still victim to falling into distractions, doubts, noise, and ideas that can throw a wrench in the faith life we do have and the convictions we do hold. No one is immune from the wily tactics of the enemy of our human nature! So don't be surprised when those darknesses come — it is simply what the jerk does! So, us in the pew or us wandering in the wilderness need the Church — not as a one shot and we're done, but for constant renewal of mind, heart, and soul!

Every Easter the Church welcomes in those who have found their true home in Christ's Church. The process of walking with people from inquiry and into the mysteries of the Easter Vigil is so fun! I can't express how much I love watching curiosity and pain turn into light and faith! It just fills the heart of the priest with so much delight! I would like to make a call out to anyone who feels Christ is calling them to enter the Church this Easter to reach out to myself or Fr. Cory and we will walk with you into the great life giving and liberating mysteries of our faith! Also, those who do come to Mass, already, and may not have all their Sacraments (Baptism, Communion or Confirmation) please reach out, too! We can get those done!

Simply put: *ANYONE* in search of the Church and Her Sacraments, Fr Cory and I live and exist for that! We are here to walk with you into Easter and your full life in The Church! It would be ideal for you to get in touch with one of us about 6 months before Easter. So, with Easter being April 6, 2026, it would be a good idea for you to begin talking with one of us by about early October. It's not a hard rule, but a good rule of thumb so we have time to really work with you and make sure you're good to go. I can't wait!

Love,

Fr Brandon



HYPERBOLE

In today's Gospel Luke 14:26 states "If any one comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." The word hate is not meant to be taken literally. Jesus is using hyperbole. Hyperbole is a literary device that uses extreme exaggeration to make a significantly strong point. The word hate is not meant to be taken literally. Jesus is reminding us not to follow God half heartedly but with our entire being. God is to be the priority in our lives above all else.

St Hubert Knights of Columbus #10341 News: Family of the Month is the Roddy Hartle Family and the 50/50 winner is Chuck Baxter. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 9th at 6:00 pm in Stutz Hall. There will be a member breakfast on Saturday, September 20th at 8 am in Stutz Hall.

St Joseph Rosary Society

Super Bingo - Anybody that would like to donate items for our chance for a prize auction would be very appreciated.

Items needed, gift cards, gift baskets, gas cards, home decor items, products of need, homemade items, all are great. This auction does very well. All proceeds will be used for St. JOSEPH'S Hall updates. May drop items off in the hall or back of church in container provided. Thank you!

Local Grief Sharing Group: For help and encouragement after the death of a loved one there is a local grief sharing group available. More information can be found at grief-share.org

MASS INTENTION NOTICE

To make sure Masses are fulfilled, multiple Mass Intentions will be scheduled in one of our four churches or sent to our Chancery Office for churches or retired priests in our diocese to fulfill.

At this time, we are scheduling Masses from July 1, 2025 until December 31, 2025. Please call the office to schedule.

Please be patient when calling the office or requesting Masses.

St Michael's Rosary Society will be meeting on Monday, September 8th at 6:30 pm

If you would like to connect with other women of our parishes for fellowship and faith sharing, consider attending the **Rural Catholic Women's group on Tuesday, September 23rd at St. Michael's Hall**. The group is informal and spiritual in nature with a focus on growing together in faith. We rotate gatherings at each parish. There is also a Facebook group where we can connect and share resources. Women from all parishes are welcome!

SECOND COLLECTION

There is a second collection this weekend for Gaza. This collection is to help the people in Gaza and surrounding areas. Thank you for your generosity.

Book Club

An **All-Parish book club** will be starting on Sunday Sept 21, and run until Oct 26, 2025. Meetings will be held in Stutz Hall, St Mary Church at 5 pm to 6 pm each Sunday for 6 weeks. The Book will be **He Leadeth Me by Father Walter Ciszek**; a Jesuit priest during World War II, convicted of being a Vatican spy by the Russian army and spent 23 years in Soviet prisons and labor camps of Siberia. He Leadeth Me is a deeply personal story of how his faith enabled him to survive. The cost of the book will be \$10. A sign-up sheet will be in the back of each parish. The deadline for receiving a book will be Sunday, September 13, 2025. Books will be distributed at the first meeting on September 21. Meetings will open and close with prayer and will be an open discussion forum with everyone's participation. For more information contact Annette Wolbert, call or text: 814-229-4894

On Sunday October 12, **St Michael Rosary Society and Faith Formation Program** will again be holding a Living Rosary before the 11:00 AM Mass at St Michael Church in Fryburg. Last year's Living Rosary was a beautiful and moving experience for the children and adults. If you would like to participate by leading one prayer (Hail Mary, Our Father, Glory Be, etc), please sign up using the sheets located at the backs of the churches – St Michael's, St Joseph's and St Mary's. We will need participants to arrive by 10:00 AM and will begin praying the Rosary at 10:15. Families are encouraged to sign up together. You can also contact Karen Wolbert at 814-227-9555 to sign up or ask any questions. Please join us for this special way to pray the Rosary and celebrate October – the month of the Holy Rosary.

Knights of Columbus of Oil City Benefit Breakfast

The **Knight of Columbus** will be hosting a Benefit Breakfast for the Catholic Rural Ministry on Sunday, September 7, 2025 at the K of C Hall at 111 Petroleum Street in Oil City. The breakfast is 9:00 AM until 11:30 AM. \$12.00 for adults, \$8.00 Children 5-12, Free for Children under 5. All are welcome!

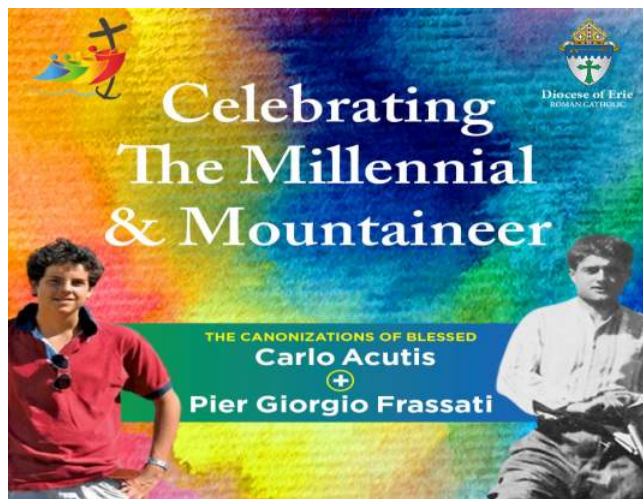
North Clarion/Marienville Food Pantry: They are located at Marienville Community Methodist Church, 201 N. Forest Street, Marienville, PA 16239. They are always accepting canned and boxed items, as well as monetary donations. For more information, contact 814-927-8517. Items need for August 2025 Food Pantry: jello; pudding mix; cake mix; canned meat; boxed scalloped potato; boxed dinners; egg noodles; canned beef stew; canned diced tomatoes; canned (15 oz.) baked beans; dish soap, soft soap. Distribution dates are: Friday, September 26, 2025 and Friday, October 24, 2025. **"Volunteers Needed"**

St. Joseph School is now selling RADA CUTLERY as a fundraiser. Please show your support to our school by purchasing your RADA CUTLERY with the following link: <https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=8748633.a842e1> **PLEASE SHARE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS!!! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!**

4th of July Update:

Processing of miscellaneous expenses and ticket sponsors is continuing. This is the "last call" to submit any outstanding July 4 expenses. Thank you again for your unfailing support and we'll report our final proceeds once all accounts are settled.

Catholic Rural Ministry— Sr Tina Geiger, RSM and Sr Marian Wehler, OSB, 7 Pulaski St, Oil City, PA 16301 814-677-2032



Any items for the bulletin need to be emailed to the Parish Office by no later than 1 p.m. Friday at least 2 weeks prior to the week you wish to have it appear in the bulletin. Email to: secretary@stjosephlucinda.com

An invitation to all Corporations, LLCs, Partnerships, and Proprietorships: You qualify for EITC tax credits. EITC tax credits can benefit you financially and are used to finance scholarships for students attending St. Joseph School. For more information, contact Cindy Nave, Director of CSF of PA, cindy@csfopa.org/814-226-9723.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Whether your job is to design a plane or design a plain dress, it is always easier when you have a model. It makes the concept not only more realistic but also quite tangible. Take the matter of following Christ in the contemporary world. Are there possible models available for that? The answer is a compelling "yes." They are our saints.

Happening today, at a Mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, Pope Leo IV will be canonizing two people who are just such models for us. Happily, both were young men, handsome in life; fun loving; athletic; and popular with friends. Above all, they were both courageous. They both put their friendship with Christ as their top priority. Unfortunately, each contracted a disease that took them away from us much too soon. Still, they exemplify today's Gospel.

The first man named Pier Giorgio Frassati, who lived in Turin, Italy, and died of polio at age 24 on July 4, 1925. Pier from an early age loved his faith. He joined the St. Vincent de Paul society at his parish at age 17, which led him to love serving the poor. Often, he would do things like give his bus fare to a poor beggar and then run home in time for dinner.

His favorite hobby was mountain climbing. He would regularly organize trips into the mountains with his close friends and organize prayers, liturgies, and conversations about the Faith on the way up or down from the summit. After what would be his last climb he wrote on a photograph the words "Versa Alto" which means "To the heights!" His remains were found incorrupt and now lie in the cathedral of Turin.

The second was named Carlo Acutis, born in London on May 3, 1991, moved to Italy where he grew up to be a happy go lucky soccer player and computer whiz, but with an early devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament. He died of leukemia in 2006, and so, at age 15 he becomes the first saint of the millennium. He researched and created a website, which is still available, on which he documented many Eucharistic miracles up to our own time. He was faithful to daily Mass, and he also wanted to promote the Real Presence, that he called "my highway to heaven." There is a traveling exhibit of his findings that has been on display in the United States. Carlo's remains are also incorrupt, and you can view them in the church at Assisi.

These are just sketches of these two new saints. Much more information is available about them in books and online. The gift of these two new young saints is surely one that can inspire young Catholics and all of us at any age. We need them as models. So often we can be victims of lethargy about the Mass and the Real Presence in our churches. So good to remember that: "A good example has twice the value of good advice."

God love you and give you, His peace.



August 25, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to thank you for your generous support of Catholic education in the past. I also ask you to continue your generosity during the weekend September 20-21 when we will conduct the Catholic Education Collection in our diocese.

This annual special collection supports lifelong education and faith formation opportunities for everyone throughout our entire diocese. We have many reasons to be proud of the faith formation occurring at all levels - from parish religious education to Catholic schools, from baptismal instruction to adult faith formation and OCIA. We are teaching the truths of the Catholic faith and forming disciples.

Half of the funds raised from this collection remain in your parish to support local education and faith formation programs. The other half supports diocesan faith formation initiatives, tuition assistance for Catholic school students and educator leadership development. A small portion also supports The Catholic University of America.

Please generously support this collection. Your gift to the Catholic Education Collection renews the very heart of the Church as we strive to carry out our mission to teach the Christian faith to each new generation. Contributions can be made directly at your parish or online at <https://www.eriecd.org/cec.html>. Be assured of my prayers for you and your family.

With every best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
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If you have a particular student you would like to sponsor, please reach out to Principal Betsy Ochs directly.

PRAYER

Whether or not you're able to give financially, your prayers are a vital way to support our students and community.

☐ Yes! I will joyfully commit to praying for a St. Joseph student and their family.

Heavenly Father, through the intercession of St. Joseph and our Blessed Mother, bless the families of St. Joseph School. Strengthen them in faith, unite them in love, and guide them as they raise their children to know, love, and serve You. Amen.

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THANK YOU AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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