

October 4, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On October 23-24 of this year, the Church will mark the annual celebration of World Mission Sunday both liturgically and with a collection for missions and missionaries throughout the world. The theme for this year's celebration comes from the New Testament words of St. Peter and St. John: "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20).

Our Holy Father invites us again to share our zeal: to speak about our faith, about our passion for mission, and about supporting the more than 1,100 mission dioceses throughout the world. He reminds us that "as Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves" as we "recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel."

I invite all of us in the Diocese of Erie to view World Mission Sunday as a special moment of encounter with our neighbors throughout the world. Let us also remember those clergy, religious and lay leaders who give so generously of their time in testimony to the faith we share. I ask you to support their efforts through your prayers and financial means as you are able. I thank you in advance for your generosity and assure you of my prayers as we all work together to serve our Lord and one another.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

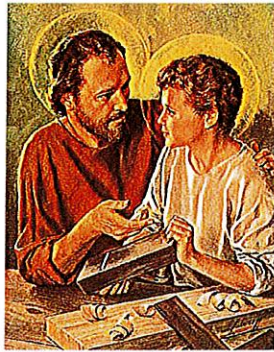
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MONTHLY HOLY HOURS
THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH
OCTOBER 28, 2021
6:00 – 7:00 PM



St. Joseph is the patron saint of workers, all workers, whether paid or volunteer. Therefore, as part of our parish's honoring of the Year of St. Joseph, we will offer our monthly holy hours the last Thursday of each month for those who work to further our parish's mission to sow and nurture the seeds of God's saving love in the hearts and minds of all our neighbors and beyond in our various parish ministries.

Each month's holy hour will be offered for different ministries, and we invite in a special way the people involved in those ministries to attend that holy hour, though of course we invite everyone to attend every holy hour. This month's holy hour will be offered for the following ministries:

- READERS – All those who proclaim God's Word at Mass and other prayer services.
- ST. BONIFACE QUILTERS – All those who make quilts and other hand-made goods in the service of our parish and community.
- SYMPATHY COMMITTEE – All those who help coordinate and those who contribute food and other items to our funeral lunches and other parish dinners.
- USHERS – All those who help take up the collection at Mass and who help people find a seat at Mass.

TIMES ARE CHANGING INCLUDING HOW WE PROVIDE PIES
FOR FALL FESTIVAL

Due to covid restrictions St. Boniface Fall Festival is unable to ask for homemade pies to be included with the pork and kraut dinner on November 7 2021. (This is upsetting to say the least.)

WHAT ST. BONIFACE IS ASKING ALL OUR LOYAL PARISHIONERS TO PROVIDE IS STORE PURCHASED PIES.

PIES MUST BE INSIDE THE STORE BOX, UNOPENED.

WE CAN NOT ACCEPT FROZEN PIES THAT YOU HAVE PURCHASED AND BAKED.

As always store purchased pies can be dropped off at the Coleman Center the morning of November 7, 2021.

With your understanding and support, we will be able to make the 2021 Fall Festival a rousing success.

Remember 10% of our net will be donated to VA Services.



In November we recall the contributions of our servicemen & veterans

If you have a veteran you would like to honor in a special way, please submit an 8x10 copy of a picture with the veteran's name, branch of service, where and when served or serving and your contact information.

A group of very able volunteers from the parish have been cutting, sanding, assembling and painting 32 candle stands to be used for a display of these veterans' pictures throughout November in our church & gathering space.

Please consider offering a picture of a family member, a neighbor, someone who inspired you - no matter if they are parish members, are Catholic, are from out of the area or from long ago. Let's honor those who have made the freedom we enjoy possible. If you would like to offer a monetary gift toward this project (can drop at office or in collection basket), we would be appreciative. Otherwise, the funds for this will come from part of the money we would be tithing to the VA from our Fall Festival. These candle stands can be used next year again and beyond this project for the holidays and other celebrations in our parish.

