



# 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38

**Parish Stewardship**

Offertory collection for 01/21/24. .... \$2959.50  
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**Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church!**

**Pope's Intention for February  
 For the Terminally Ill**

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

**"Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world."  
 Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.**

**Baptism Preparation Classes**

February 08	7:00 pm	St. Joseph Church	814-787-4151
February 29	6:30 pm	St. Mark Church (Emporium)	814-486-0569
March 23	10:00 am	Sacred Heart Church	814-834-7861

St. Joseph Church will begin serving our Fish/Shrimp dinners on Wednesday, February 14th, and every Friday during Lent, from NOON to 6:30 pm (or until sold out). Cost is \$15/dinner. Come out to enjoy a delicious dinner and to support St. Joseph Church. See insert in this weekend's bulletin.

**40 Days For Life** Winter/Spring Campaign begins Feb 14, 2024 to March 24, 2024. 40 Days is an International Campaign of Fasting, Prayer, and Community outreach to end Abortion. 40 Days Rosary-after Tuesday 8:30am Mass at St. Marys Church and after Friday 6:15am Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

**Parish Mission 2024** with Father Stephen Schreiber (Pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish in Warren) at St. Leo Church in Ridgway. Three days of Prayer, Reflection, and Song as we prepare for our Lenten journey. Feb. 11 @1pm, Feb. 12 @ 6pm, Feb. 13 @ 6pm. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

The 2024 Catholic Services Appeal *One Faith, One Family* Commitment Sunday will be held next weekend in our parish. Please be on the lookout for your personal invitation in the mail. The CSA is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the Diocese to unite in carrying out the work of the Gospel. The CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic family and that the work of the Diocese is the work of the Church. The Church serves each of us and our support is essential in continuing God's Work in our area. Every CSA donation also brings us closer to being able to complete our own parish project of repairing and improving the area which is to the left of the front of the Church. We want to make it a safer and more level area to walk and also give easier access for a funeral. No gift is too small, but please give as generously as you can. Thank you!

St. Boniface Knights of Columbus will be having a Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, February 4th, from 8:00 am to 11:30 am (or until sold out), \$10 for adults/\$5 for kids. Saint Boniface Social Hall Cafeteria, Kersey, PA

**Sacred Heart Social Committee Pre-Lenten Keuchel Sale**

Monday, February 12, 2024 Sacred Heart Parish Center  
 Pre-orders ONLY by 3:00 February 9th. 814-834-7861 #1  
 M-F 9am-3pm Price: \$15/dozen \$8/half dozen.  
 Plain or Sugared. Pick up on February 12 between 3pm and 6pm  
 at the Parish Center Social Hall. Benefits: Sacred Heart Parish

**Winter/Spring/Summer Calendar of Events**

- Blessing of Throats during Mass February 3rd & 4th.
- Commitment Sunday for Catholic Services Appeal weekend of February 10th & 11th.
- Ash Wednesday Masses: 9am and 7pm February 14th  
 Fish dinners begin NOON to 6:30 pm.
- Fish Dinner, Friday, February 16th, from NOON to 6:30 pm.  
 Dinners will continue each Friday during Lent, from February 16th to Good Friday, March 29th.
- Beginning Monday, February 19th, from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, will be Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction in the Church, up to Holy Week, March 27th.
- Lenten Adult Faith Formation classes in the Social Hall following Stations of the Cross, beginning February 21st through March 27th.
- The conclusion of The Chosen, Episode 2, and the beginning of Episode 3, will start on Saturday, March 16th, after Mass, and will continue until May 18th.
- **Holy Week Schedule** is: Monday, March 25th: Adoration at 6:00 pm; Tuesday, March 26th: Rosary at 6:00 pm; Wednesday, March 27th: Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm, followed by Adult Faith Formation.
- Holy Thursday, March 28th: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm.
- Good Friday, March 29th: Service begins at 1:00 pm.
- Saturday, March 30th: Easter Vigil begins at 8:30 pm.
- Easter Sunday: Mass at 9:15 am.
- Divine Mercy Sunday will be April 7th with a Divine Mercy Chaplet to be prayed in the Church at 3:00 pm.
- Confirmation ceremony will be on Thursday, April 18th at St. Leo Church in Ridgway beginning at 7:00 pm.
- OUR ST. JOSEPH EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL will be on Sunday, May 5th, with a procession to the cemetery; May Crowning at the Fatima Shrine; Benediction at the Shrine and refreshments in the Social Hall afterward.
- Ascension Thursday: Holy Day Mass on May 9th with Masses at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.
- Mother's Day Breakfast will be on Sunday, May 12th, immediately following Mass.
- Pentecost Sunday will be the weekend of May 18th and 19th.
- Trinity Sunday will be the weekend of May 25th and 26th.
- Memorial Day Mass in St. Joseph cemetery will be on Monday, May 27th at 8:30 am.
- St. Cecelia Cemetery Memorial Day Mass will be on Tuesday, May 28th, at 5:00 pm. Refreshments following at the Betta Camp.
- Corpus Christi Sunday will be the weekend of June 1st and 2nd.
- Father's Day Breakfast will be on Sunday, June 16th, immediately following Mass.
- Our Fourth Annual Golf Outing at Bavarian Hills Golf Course will be on Sunday, July 14th, beginning at 12:00 NOON.
- Our annual St. Joseph Parish Picnic will be on Sunday, August 11th, immediately following 10:00 am Mass.
- The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day, Thursday, August 15th. Masses at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.
- Bus trip to Sight and Sound Theatres to see the musical production DANIEL will be Wednesday, August 21st.

We look forward to these upcoming events for our Church. May each of us plan to participate in as many of them as we are able in order to enjoy fellowship with each other and in building up our parish family. God Bless!

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, February 05, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Victor Cortina 1st anniversary	Family	Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	1 Kgs 8: 1-7, 9-13 Mk 6: 53-56 (329)
Tuesday, February 06, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Lewis M. Cain	Tim & Lori Sims	Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs	1 Kgs 8: 22-23, 27-30 Mk 7: 1-13 (330)
Wednesday, February 07, 2024 No Mass			Weekday	1 Kgs 10: 1-10 Mk 7: 14-23 (331)
Thursday, February 08, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Agnes Caliarì	Family	Saint Jerome Emiliani, Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin	1 Kgs 11: 4-13 Mk 7: 24-30 (332)
Friday, February 09, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Attilia Nuccetelli	Dr. Donald & Sandra Boody	Weekday	1 Kgs 11: 29-32, 12: 19 Mk 7: 31-37 (333)
Saturday, February 10, 2024 No Mass			Saint Scholastica, Virgin	1 Kgs 12: 26-32, 13: 33-34 Mk 8: 1-10 (334)
Saturday, February 10, 2024 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish	Family	Vigil of Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, February 11, 2024 9:15 a.m. Mass	Theresa Casamento	Jim & Barb Betta	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Lv 13: 1-2, 44-46 1 Cor 10: 31-11: 1 Mk 1: 40-45 (77)

## St. Joseph Church

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9a.m.—4 p.m.

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### LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:30 p.m.; **Sunday:** 9:15 a.m.; **Holy Days:** 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; **Daily:** Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 a.m., No Mass on Wednesday

### BULLETIN INFORMATION

Groups or individuals wishing to have information published in the bulletin are asked to submit the information in writing, by email or by phone by **Monday at 10:00 a.m.**

### SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

**Baptism** – A baptism preparation session is required of all parents wishing to have their child(ren) baptized. Parents must be registered parishioners. Sessions are held periodically at parishes throughout the Deanery. It is always preferred that baptisms be celebrated during a regular Sunday Liturgy. Call the Parish office for more information.

**Eucharist** – Children preparing for Eucharist (Gr. 3) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

**Confirmation** – High School youth who are entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School are eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation sessions.

**R.C.I.A.** – Rite of Christian Initiation for adults are initiated into the Church through this process. Any individual who may be interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church is invited. Please call the Church office.

### SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION

**Priesthood/Permanent Deaconate** – Men who feel that they may be being called to the vocational life of Priesthood or Deaconate can contact the pastor at any time or call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 814-824-1111.

**Matrimony** – There is a required preparation process which normally includes 3 sessions with the pastor and an Engagement Encounter or Nova experience. Please notify the pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

### SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**—Celebrated for all who are seriously ill. The Sacrament is also available upon request.

**Reconciliation** – Children preparing for Reconciliation (Gr. 2) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.



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## St. Joseph Church

### PARISHIONER INFORMATION

All practicing Catholics living in the Bennetts Valley Area who consider themselves members of St. Joseph Parish should be registered in the parish. All registered members of St. Joseph receive envelopes and receive periodic parish mailings. St. Joseph Parish is a Sacrificial Giving Parish, committed to serving the Lord with God-given time, talents and treasures. All registered members should be using their envelopes regularly. Parish membership is required to be a sponsor, to be married in the parish, to have a child baptized or to be registered in our Faith Formation program. Please call the church office to arrange a meeting to register in our parish.



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