



# 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

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“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God? It is like a mustard seed ... once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.” - Mk 4:30a, 31a, 32



**Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021**

Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021 . . . \$3,462.00  
 Offertory from 5/24 thru June 7, 2021 . . . \$5,164.00  
 CSA 2021 Campaign Parish Goal . . . \$33,199.00  
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged . . . \$21,030.00  
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged Amount Received . . . \$16,275.00

**Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church**

Your prayers are requested for the soul  
 of **Francis (Eddie) Klaiber** who passed away June 3.  
 May he rest in peace.

**Memorare to St. Joseph.** Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, St. Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection, or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.

"Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world."  
 Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6:00 pm.



**St. Joseph "Prayer Chain"** If there is someone who could use the prayers of our Parish, please call Gina at 787-7593. **"Care & Concern"** Do you know someone who would like to be remembered with a card or note? Call 814-787-4151 #3

**Baptismal Training Session Schedule:**

<b>July 6</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>St. Joseph</b>	<b>Force</b>	<b>814-787-4151</b>
<b>Aug. 10</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>St. Mark</b>	<b>Emporium</b>	<b>814-486-0569</b>
<b>Sept. 7</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Queen of the World</b>	<b>St. Marys</b>	<b>834-4701</b>



Please remember to contribute to the cemetery fund. It is your donation that enables our church to maintain the attractive appearance of the grounds for our loved ones who have passed.



Thank you for your continual support for the Food Bank. The food donation delivered to the Christian Bank in St. Marys which includes our area as well.

**June Area Events:**

**St. Leo School HUGE truckload sale** June 11, 12, 13 at the former Motion Control Building, Ridgway. The KofC BBQ will be on Saturday. Go to [St. Leo School truckload sale 2021 facebook page](#) for more information.

**Sacred Heart June Bread Sale.** Orders will be accepted until 3:30 pm Monday, June 14. Pick-up at parish Center Social Hall Thursday, June 17 from 3-5 pm. **Pre-orders only 834-7861 #1** See enclosed insert for more details.

**WRC Senior Services** will host a live butterfly release on Saturday, August 14 in Brookville to rejoice and celebrate life by remembering and honoring our loved ones at Cork & Fork 2021. Location: Laurelbrooke Landing, 133 Laurelbrooke Dr., Brookville. Time: 6 p.m. See insert for details or go to [www.wrc.org/supportour mission](http://www.wrc.org/supportour mission).

**Bethany Retreat Center** located in Frenchville is a quiet peaceful place to rest, renew and be recreated for those seeking a deeper relationship with God. Bethany offers a wide variety of directed retreats that include Centering Prayer, Health & Wellness, Grief Recovery and more. They also offer Personal Retreats where you can get away from the cares of everyday life and focus on your faith journey. To learn more visit their website at [www.bethanyretreatcenter.org](http://www.bethanyretreatcenter.org) or call 814-263-4855. "God is Spoken Here."



## A Christian Attitude towards Competitive Sports

During the summer months, I share a message about an activity that is very important to many of us — sports. We have our own sport that we either read about, watch or directly participate in doing. The challenge and yet enjoyment in participating in our favorite sport can help train the eye-hand coordination especially playing baseball, tennis and golf. The exercise and conditioning that is needed to prepare can strengthen the body and the cardiovascular system for greater endurance.

Often people are so driven by the competitiveness of their sport that they have to be taught or reminded the purpose of the sport — to build character, discipline, hard work and a healthy life in general.

Everyone who participates in competitive sports needs to strive to play as best as possible and then some — otherwise, why even play? But, if one has played as best as possible, then at the end of the day the most holy and healthy attitude is **Thank You, God** that I won for Your Honor and Glory, or **Thank You, God** that I lost. I will learn from this and strive to do better the next time for Your Honor and Glory.

St. Pope John Paul II shared his thoughts about sports with the following quote:

*"Sports is not merely the exercise of muscles, but it is the school of moral values and of training in courage, in perseverance, and in overcoming laziness and carelessness. There is no doubt that these values are of greatest interest for the formation of a personality, which considers sports not as an end in itself, but as a means to total physical, moral, and social development."*

Vince Lombardi, NFL coach of the Green Bay Packers in the 1960s, expressed an admirable Christian attitude with the following words he spoke to his players:

*"After all the cheers have died down and the stadium is empty, after the headlines have been written, and after you are back in the quiet of your room and the championship ring has been placed on the dresser, and after all the pomp and fanfare have faded the enduring thing that is left is the dedication to doing with our lives the very best we can to make the world a better place in which to live." (Columbia KofC magazine, Feb. 2020, page 14)*

Making the world a better place through our work and service needs to be in some way in the mind of the athlete. St. Paul would say as brothers and sisters in Christ "We are always courageous . . ." as we live in the body and "walk by faith . . ." You sport lovers, follow these words and do the same.

God Bless,  
 Father Mark

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, June 14, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Carl DeStephano (1st anniversary)	Laura—sister	Weekday	2 Cor 6:1-10 Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday, June 15, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Lawrence Chiodo	Family	Weekday	2 Cor 8:1-9 Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday, June 16, 2021 No Mass			Weekday	2 Cor 9:6-11 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday, June 17, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Patricia Lobb	Mary Jo Yebernetsky	Weekday	2 Cor 11:1-11 Mt 6:7-15
Friday, June 18, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Eddie Klaiber	sister and brothers	Weekday	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30 Mt 6:19-23
Saturday, June 19, 2021			St. Romuald Abbot	2 Cor 12:1-10 Mt 6:24-34
Saturday, June 19, 2021 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(See below)
Sunday, June 20, 2021 9:15 a.m. Mass Father's Day	James and Josephine Carcella	Carcella Family	<b>Diocesan Day in Honor of St. Joseph</b> (Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time)	Jb 38:1, 8-11 2 Cor 5:14-17 Mk 4:35-41

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## STAFF

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Hours**St. Joseph Church: Sun., Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 7:30 am — 4 pm; Wed. 8 am — 4 pm; Sat. 9:00 am — 7 pm**

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday.....9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## 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 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 11<sup>th</sup> grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School since 9th grade 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 Diaconate** – Men who feel that they may be being called to the vocational life of Priesthood or Diaconate 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 annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available upon request.**Reconciliation** – The sacrament is celebrated weekly on Saturday from 4:45 – 5:15 p.m., or anytime by request. Parish Penance services are celebrated during Advent and Lent. 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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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.