

17th Sunday

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." - Lk 11:9 ST. JOSEPH PARISH FORCE, PA

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Offertory collection for July 20-21 \$1,916.00

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August Reminders

First Friday — Morning Mass—August 2—8:30 a.m. First Saturday—Adoration & Benediction—August 3- 9 a.m. Baptismal Preparation — (see below) Parish Picnic—August 11 after 10:00 a.m. Mass Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary —

Mass at 9:00 a.m.
Rosary at 12:00 Noon at the Shrine

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Baptismal Preparation Sessions ScheduleJuly-November

 August 6
 7:00 p.m.
 St. Joseph, Force
 787-4151

 August 22
 6:30 p.m.
 St. Mark, Emporium
 486-0569

 September 5
 7:00 p.m.
 Queen of the World
 834-4701



15th Parish Picnic — August 11! See insert for required reservations and food details.

> Terrific Food! Terrific prizes! Terrific Fun!

This year all the prizes that will be raffled are on display in the social hall before and after each weekend Mass. There are the grand prizes: a grill a lawnmower, and a microwave. Basket raffles are also available for you to see. This year the tickets for **ALL the prizes** may be purchased at that time in the social hall and also at that time upon purchasing the raffle tickets, you will be able to make your ticket selection of which basket or grand prize you wish to win! (You need NOT be present to win any of these raffle items. Special prizes at the Picnic will be given away throughout the day — but you MUST be present to win any of these special prizes.) The tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 tickets for \$5.00. Tickets will also be sold at the Parish Picnic where there will be plenty of great food and beverages, Bingo, children games and a Cornhole Tournament — all these activities to be enjoyed to the music of "Ray's Final Cut.

Please note that the Picnic will begin after 10:00 a.m.

Lord, Teach Us to Pray



"Lord, teach us to pray as John taught his disciples" (Lk 11:1) is certainly a prayer of petition in and of itself to our Lord. Of course, the reference to John is referring to John the Baptist and his followers. *The Lord's Prayer* here is Luke's right to the point *version*. (Lk 11:2-4)

"Father, hallowed be Your Name." Is the opening of the prayer . Here, we are giving God's Name praise and glory. We praise God because He created us and we belong to Him.

"Your Kingdom Come..." With these words we are starting to ask God for specific things. We might not be too familiar today with kings and queens and their territory domain — God's territory and domain is literally everywhere, but specifically it is Heaven and all the wonderful Heavenly gifts such as Love, Faith, Hope, Peace, Joy and right living and others. We were baptized into these gifts of God's Kingdom.

"Give us each day our daily bread..." We all know how important it is to eat and drink daily; and we pray that every human being would have enough food. Specifically, what we are really asking God for is our spiritual food and nourishment which is His Word and intervention by the Holy Spirit's power. This happens when you receive Holy Communion.

"And forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us . . ."

Forgiveness is a grace and truly a miracle. We just always need to ask for the grace of God's forgiveness, in our own lives. Then, we need to take that forgiveness and forgive others who have wronged us. This might not happen right away, but at least, pray for the grace to want to forgive others.

"And do not subject us to the final test..."
This final petition of the Lord's prayer is asking to be delivered from the fear of death and not to be subjected to overwhelming and crushing temptation. Remember that our Lord Himself suffered excruciating temptation in the Garden of Gethsemane. Then, He was given strength to walk the road to Calvary. We, too, are given amazing grace from our Lord when we call upon Him in the midst of our anxieties, challenges in life and facing our last days and moments on this earth.

My friends, as we pray this prayer together at Mass, let us be mindful of all this prayer is asking to God our Father.

God Bless,
Father Mark

we Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scripture
Monday, July 29, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	Uncle Stan and Uncle Vincent Visneski	Nieces and Nephews	Saint Martha	Ex: 32:15-24, 30-34 (401) Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 (607)
Tuesday, July 30, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	George Chiodo (wedding anniversary)	wife Terri Chiodo, Natalie Krise and Family , Rodney Chiodo and Family	Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Mt 13:36-43 (402)
Wednesday, July 31, 2019 No Mass			Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	Ex 34:29-35 Mt 13:44-46 (403)
Thursday, August 1, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	Ronald "Pete" Uberti	John and Becky Bricen	Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Mt 13:47-53 (404)
Friday, August 2, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass FIRST FRIDAY	James and Bernice Levanduski	Joyce Baughman and Ed Levanduski, Jr.	Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest	Lv 23:1 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Mt 13:54-58 (405)
Saturday, August 3, 2019 FIRST SATURDAY Adoration & Benediction 9:00 a.m.			Weekday	Lv 25:1, 8-17 Mt 14:1-12 (406)
Saturday, August 3, 2019 5:30 p.m. Mass	Helen Froesch	Sons	Vigil of The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	See below
Sunday, August 4 , 2019 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21 (114)

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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 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 11th 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 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 – Is celebrated for all who are seriously ill annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available anytime 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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