



24th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance." - Lk 15:7b

St. Joseph Parish Force, PA

Bringing Eucharistic Life to the Valley since 1872

Parish Stewardship for 2021-2022

Weekly amount budgeted for 2021-2022 \$3,365.00
Offertory collection 8/29 thru 9/12/22 unavailable
 CSA 2022 Campaign Parish Goal. \$32,404.00
 CSA pledges to date \$23,535.00

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“Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.” Join us at St. Joseph Church Fatima Shrine each Tuesday at 6 pm



Baptismal Training Sessions for May, June, and July

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| Sept. 21 | 7:00 pm | Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg | 965-2819 |
| October 8 | 10:00 am | Sacred Heart, St. Marys | 834-7861 |
| November 8 | 7:00 pm | St. Boniface, Kersey | 885-8941 |



Pope’s Intention. We pray that the death penalty which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Choir Members Needed for St. Joseph Church!

We have some new voices in the choir but could use more. Please join us on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. Let your voice enhance the beautiful sound from our new organ.



Our 2nd Annual St. Joseph Church Golf Outing

This Saturday, **September 17** at the Bavarian Hills Golf Course, St. Marys. Starting at 9:00 a.m. A 4-Person Scramble-\$80/person \$65/member. To sign up call: 814-787-4151#3 or Jim Allegretto. **IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!**



Not a Golfer but you would like to be a part of the 2nd Annual Golf Outing?

For \$100 you can purchase a sign that will be placed at one of the 18 holes being played at our 2nd Annual Golf

Outing. You can have the sign for you and your family or perhaps . . . “In Memory of . . .” for a family member or friend. Call the church office to order the sign and be a part of the 2nd Annual Golf Outing. (Call 787-4151#3 until 4pm on Monday.

The ___ Family
or
In Memory of ...



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Area Announcements:

St. Bernard Church, Falls Creek, Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, Sept. 18. Dine in or take out 11 am-1pm or until sold out.

Cost: \$10.00.

Sacred Heart Drive thru Dinner Thurs., September 15th 4pm or until sold out. Cost \$12.00.



REMEMBER
THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
 this Wednesday, September 14 7pm
 High School Library!

Elk Cameron K of C & Elk Co. Right to Life are joining together to sponsor buses for the **March for Life in Harrisburg Sept 19.** Departure 6am from St. Marys Church Annex. Cost is FREE. Pack your food/beverage – no stops on trip. Return by early evening. **RSVP by this Wednesday Sept 14.** Muccio Transportation providing transportation (Joe Muccio paying for gas for his buses) Questions/RSVP @ Fuzzy Cappiello 814-594-2140 or Mary Bea Maloney 814-834-3834.

We March for our Preborn babies and end of Abortion



EUCCHARISTIC LOVE
150 Years of Eucharistic Love
in Bennetts Valley

As we parishioners of St. Joseph Church celebrate our 150th Anniversary of the Catholic Church presence in Bennetts Valley and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist since 1872, I believe it is essential to take a close look at the parts of the Mass that we celebrate every day.

From this weekend on until the end of October, I will share with you important details on the parts of the Mass.

So let us begin...

Did you know that the parts of the Mass - its structure - is all from the Bible and the early Church Fathers?

The following reflections are excerpts based on Dr. Edward Sri’s book and cd series entitled: A Biblical Walk through the Mass.

To begin, the Introductory Rites of the Mass help us prepare our hearts and minds to enter into a profound relationship with God. As we come into the Church, we bless ourselves with Holy Water and as we walk down the aisle, we genuflect and make the **Sign of the Cross** before we enter the pew.

As Mass begins, the song is announced, the opening hymn is sung, and the priest enters the Sanctuary and venerates the Altar. He then leads all of us in the **Sign of the Cross** by saying, “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” In the (Book of Ezekiel Ch 9:4-6) describe some faithful people of Israel who received a mark in the shape of an X on their forehead that would “set them apart from the rest of the corrupt culture and served as a sign of Divine Protection.” (Dr. Sri - Pg 25, 2nd paragraph)

Therefore, there is power in the Name of God; our Heavenly Father, in the Name of His Son our Lord Jesus Christ and of the Holy Spirit in whose fruits and gifts strengthen our lives to live for Christ. (Galatians 5: 22) (Is. Ch. 11:2)

When making the **Sign of the Cross** at Mass and throughout the day, we need to do it slowly and reverently as we raise our right hand to our forehead and say, “In the Name of the Father,” and then extend it to our stomach area and say, “and of the Son,” then to our left shoulder and to our right shoulder saying, “and of the Holy Spirit.” Amen!

My friends, review this teaching and bear this in mind each time you make the **Sign of the Cross.** The amazing Love of Jesus in the celebration of the Eucharist can make us ready to pray with all our heart the prayers at the beginning of Mass when we make the **Sign of the Cross.**

God Bless,
 Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

| Date | Intention | Requested by | Celebration | Scriptures |
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| Monday, September 12, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass | Blessed Mother's Intentions | Parishioners | The Most Holy Name of Mary | 1 Cor 11: 17-26, 33 Lk 7: 1-10 |
| Tuesday, September 13, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass | Deceased Members of the Kozminski Family | Kozminski Family | St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church | 1 Cor 12: 12-14, 27-31a Lk 7: 11-17 |
| Wednesday, September 14, 2022 No Mass | | | The Exaltation of the Holy Cross | Nm 21:4b-9 Phil 2: 6-11 Jn 3: 13-17 |
| Thursday, September 15, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass | Mr. & Mrs. Albino Bleggi Wedding Anniversary | Family | Our Lady of Sorrows | 1 Cor 15: 1-11 Jn 19: 25-27 or Lk 2: 33-35 |
| Friday, September 16, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass | Alphonse Terlinski | Tim-cousin | Saint Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs | 1 Cor 15: 12-20 Lk 8: 1-3 |
| Saturday, September 17, 2022 No Mass | | | Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM | 1 Cor 15: 35-37, 42-49 Lk 8: 4-15 |
| Saturday, September 17, 2022 5:30 p.m. Mass | Judy Benevich | Lee & Carol Stauffer | Vigil of The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time | (see below) |
| Sunday, September 18, 2022 9:15 a.m. Mass | Living and Deceased Parishioners | | The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Am 8: 4-7 1 Tm 2: 1-8 Lk 16: 1-13 or 16: 10-13 |

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