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

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“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” - Mk 8:34b

**Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021**

Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021 ..... \$3,462.00  
**Offertory from August 30 thru September 12 not available**  
 CSA 2021 Campaign Parish Goal ..... \$33,199.00  
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged ..... \$21,280.00  
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged Amount Received ..... \$20,075.00

Thank you for continual support to St. Joseph Church



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

**Baptismal Training Session Schedule:**

Sept. 22 7:00 p.m. Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg 965-2819  
 Oct. 9 (Sat.) 10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart, St. Marys 834-7861

**St. Joseph "Prayer Chain"**

If there is someone who could use the prayers of our Parish, please call Gina at 814-787-7593.

**"Care & Concern"**

Do you know someone who would like to be remembered with a card or note?  
Please call 787-4151 #3.

Next week we will have our **1st Annual Golf Outing (Sunday, September 19th)** at the Bavarian Hills Golf Course in St. Marys. The outing will begin at 1 p.m. A flyer and sign-up sheet has been sent in the mail to all parishioners who may want to join in or pass the information on to a family member or friend who may want to participate in the activities. All the details are given in the hand-out. You are welcome to place your sign-up sheet in the collection basket or call John Bower at the Golf Course: 814-834-3602 or Father Mark at St. Joseph Church: 814-787-4151 #4. All are welcome!

**Parents and Grandparents:**

**Our Faith Formation Family Mass** celebrated today September 12th will be followed with refreshments in the social hall. Registration packets will be given at this time. Please return them by the first week of class on September 19th.

**Happy Grandparents Day!**

For all grandparents may our Lord bless each of you with good health in spirit, soul and body now and always. **We all Thank You!**

**Faith Formation Classes** begin September 19 at 10:15 a.m. The mask policy for Catechists and youth will follow St. Marys and DuBois School policy at this time.

**Sunday, September 19 from 10 a.m. -1:00 p.m. (or sold out)**  
**St. Bernard Church, Falls Creek, Famous Spaghetti Dinner!**  
 Dinners are dine-in or take-out  
 (bring your own containers for take-out).

**September's Special Saints, Feasts and a Significant Day to Recall****September 3rd: Gregory the Great**

Gregory was an interesting person who went from the job of prefect in Rome to Benedictine monk, to a priest to an abbot (head of a religious community) to becoming Pope. He was a reformer of the celebration of the Mass (Eucharist) and was responsible for giving the "*Gregorian Chant*" that is used during Mass.

**September 8th: The Birthdate of Mary**

This date was originally designated because the Church year of the Eastern Church begins with September which is nine months after December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. According to the Christian writing of the Protoevangelium of James, the parents of Mary are Anna and Joachim. They were not able to have children but they prayed for a child. Anna gave birth to Mary. This prayer being answered by God is the miracle that would eventually be instrumental to bring about an even greater miracle of God the Father's plan for salvation through Jesus our Lord.

**September 11, 2001:**

(A prayer from the courtesy of Father Matthew Ernest, Director of the Office of Worship of the Diocese of New York.)

**This date 9-11, carries a heavy burden of memory.**

This day does not pass in the calendar without our Remembering. We remember images of death and destruction. Images that human eyes were never meant to see. We remember words our ears were never meant to hear, the tender last words of husbands and wives who would never embrace again.

We imagine the feeling of emptiness in the arms of children who at the end of the day could not find mom or dad for their welcome home hug. We remember our own feelings of emptiness as our sense of security, as our own confidence in the predictable order of life and work was radically shaken.

**This date, 9-11, carries a heavy burden of memory.**

We remember the heroism of the many that lost their lives in saving others. We remember all those who suffered and died; we grieve for them still, friends and strangers alike, along with their families and friends.

**This date, 9-11, carries a heavy burden of memory.**

And it is right that it should not pass from our memory.. But today, and in this prayer, along with our remembrance of profound loss, it also seems right that we give voice to our deep longing for peace, and with this prayer, commit ourselves to those actions that will draw us closer to our most ancient and most holy desire, peace among all God's children.

**Dona nobis pacem. Lord, grant us peace. Amen.**

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, September 13, 2021 <b>No Mass</b>	Carol Kozminski	husband Mike Kozminski and Family	Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday, September 14, 2021 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Euene DeFranco	Father Mark — cousin	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Nm 21:4b-9 Phil 2:6-11
Wednesday, September 15 <b>No Mass</b>			Our Lady of Sorrows	1 Tm 3:14-16 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Thursday, September 16, 2021 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	The Living and Deceased Members of the Glen and Elda Benigni Family and Deborah Dillon	The Family	Saint Cornelius, Pope and Saint Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	1 Tm 4:12-16 Lk 7:36-50
Friday, September 17, 2021 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Chris and Tom Winkler Family	Chris	Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	1 Tm 4:12-16 Lk 7:36-50
Saturday, September 18, 2021 <b>No Mass</b>			Weekday	1 Tm 6:13-16 Lk 8:4-15
Saturday, September 18, 2021 <b>5:30 p.m. Mass</b>	Paulette Winkler Wallace	Mary Jo Ulishney	Vigil of the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(See below)
Sunday, September 19, 2021 <b>9:15 a.m. Mass</b>	Living and Deceased Parishioners		The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wis 2:12, 17-20 Jas 3:16—4:3 Mk 9:30-37

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**Church Hours**

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