



Memorial Day

St. Joseph Parish

Force, PA

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Parish Stewardship for 2019-2020

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Due to early publication deadline for Memorial Day, our Parish Stewardship will be placed in the next bulletin.

Thank you for your continued support for St. Joseph Church as we endeavor to get through this pandemic together.

From the Office of The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL, Bishop of Erie: The celebration of **all** public Masses in the Diocese of Erie continue to be suspended until further notice.

As per the Order of the Secretary of the PA Dept. of Health directing public health safety measures, everyone is required to wear a mask when entering or remaining on parish premises.

St. Joseph Church will be open daily for individual visitation and prayer: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

*Church Office Hours: Mon-Thurs: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
814-787-4151 #3 Closed Friday*

St. Joseph Website

Sunday Mass at our church can be viewed **at any time** on the St. Joseph website. Since you are unable to attend public Mass, please join us in participating and in celebration of Mass at our website stjosephforce.org. Mass on the website will be available for viewing Sunday afternoon.

We offer our prayers for the repose of the soul of **Doris Malvarose** who passed away May 15th. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Sacrament of Confession

Father Mark is available to hear Confessions in the Faith Formation building during office hours. Call for an appointment at 814-787-4151 #4



"St. Joseph Prayer Chain"

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



"Food Bank"

Thank you for your ongoing support to the Christian Food Bank.

Your donations can be placed in the box in the vestibule of the church.



"Care & Concern"

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

Cemetery flowers may be placed on the graves. If the water in the rest of the cemetery is off, the water for the plants can be taken from the Shrine faucet.

Give Glory to God



Thoughts of Glory
(Commandments Six thru Ten)

The Sixth Commandment:

You shall not commit adultery. Are we living a chaste life of purity?

The Seventh Commandment:

You shall not steal. Do we take "another's goods against the reasonable will of the owner?" (CCC #2453)

The Eighth Commandment:

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. Do we lie; say bad things about someone even though it is true; or, do we say something that is not true about someone else?

The Ninth Commandment:

You shall not covet your neighbor's house, wife, man servant or maid servant. Are we avoiding wanting whoever or whatever someone else has?

The Tenth Commandment:

You shall not covet anything that is your neighbor's. Do we have more things than we need or are we jealous of what others have?

These Ten Commandments are found in Exodus Chapter 20 of the Bible. May we love Jesus and others enough in order to live these Commandments.

The Rotation of Glory

My friends, I believe that when we think about glory, we may recall the *Glory to God, Hymn of Praise* that we sing together at the beginning of Mass. We sing this hymn because we want to give God the credit, praise, and thanksgiving for all that He has given us and enables us to do for His Glory. This is the glory of God reflected in our lives along with all our human gifts, talents, abilities and our spiritual life.

Now, in our Gospel Jesus is acknowledging and thanking God the Father for the glory and work in His life and the glory in His Apostles. In this setting of **The Last Supper** Jesus is offering this discourse in the form of a prayer for His Apostles to hear so they too can give glory back to God.

Whenever each of us acknowledges God's Glory in our life through prayer and action, as Jesus did, God takes these gifts of ours and returns them to us in greater abundance. At the same time, God blesses other people with Gifts and Graces when we offer our prayers and service towards others. Jesus promises this blessing in Luke 6:38 ("Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.")

This is the Rotation of God's Glory. God Bless.

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, May 25, 2020	Memorial Day Special Intention		Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin	Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday, May 26, 2020	Dr. Betty and the Hayes Family; Dr. Leo and Anna Hayes	Family and Grandchildren	Saint Philip Neri, Priest	Acts 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday, May 27, 2020			Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday, May 28, 2020	Joseph "Moon" and Catherine Asalone	The Family	Easter Weekday	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Jn 17:20-26
Friday, May 29, 2020	Matthew Paul Levanduski	Grandmother Josephine and the Family	Easter Weekday	Acts 25:13b-21 Jn 21:15-19
Saturday, May 30, 2020				Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23b-28
Saturday, May 30, 2020	Helen Froesch	Her Sons	Vigil of the Pentecost Sunday	(See below)
Sunday, May 31, 2020	Living and Deceased Parishioners	Family and Friends	Pentecost Sunday	Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

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St. Joseph Church

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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 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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