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7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word." - Jn 17:20

Parish Stewardship for 2018-2019

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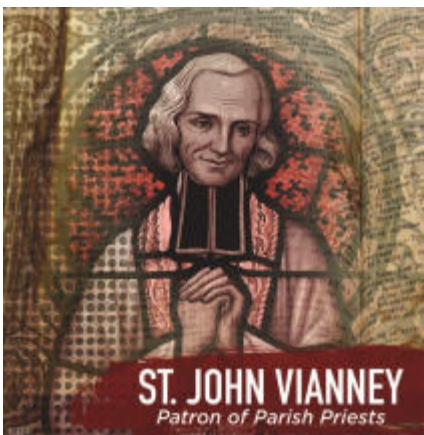
St. Joseph "Prayer Chain" and "Care and Concern"
 If there is someone who could use the prayers of our Parish, please call Charlene at 787-7601.

Food Bank
 The many items brought for the food bank have been appreciated. You may continue to bring your donations for the Food Bank by dropping them off at the church office or by using the box in the church. Thank you for your donations!

First Friday is this week June 7. Regular Communion Call Visits will take place.

Baptismal Training Classes:
 June 6 — St. Marys, St. Marys -781-1019 - 7:00 p.m.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration
 The 2019 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies for couples celebrating 25, 50, 60, or more years of marriage will be held at two locations in the diocese: Sunday, August 4, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena in DuBois and Sunday, August 25, at 2:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart in Erie. To register, please go online to <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/> or contact your parish office or the Marriage and Family Life Office (814) 824-1265 or (800) 374-3723 ext. 265.



Heart of St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars, to visit the Diocese of Erie.
 The Diocese of Erie is privileged to host a significant relic, the heart of St. John Vianney, patron of priests at St. Peter Cathedral on June 6, 2019.

Sacred Heart Church's salad, zucchini bread and jam specials for June 6-7 can be ordered at 834-7861 #1 or 834-3698. Orders will be accepted until 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Also, **Super Bingo will be Friday, June 7.** Doors open at 4:30; free lunch served at 5:30; early bird at 6:30 p.m.



Coming Together

We all come together and celebrate significant events throughout the year and especially during the holidays. This special time of the year many people come together to celebrate graduations, weddings, anniversaries and family reunions. Most often our continual celebrations and gathering may happen once a week for a large dinner at grandma and grandpa's house, and of course, special gatherings for annual birthday parties. Celebrating together at these kinds of gatherings are happy and joyful times.

Coming together and celebrating Jesus's gifts to each of us is the emphasis of our Second Reading from the Book of Revelation in this Sunday's Readings. The Apostle John writes the Words of Jesus's message to His loved ones, His Bride the Church. The word come (coming) is used six times in this Reading: "Behold, I am coming soon." (Rev 22:12c) and again towards the end of the passage when Jesus says: "The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come'. Let the hearer say, 'Come.' Let the one Who thirsts come forward and the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water. The One Who gives this testimony says, 'Yes, I am coming soon: Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.'" (Rev 22:17, 20)

In these final words of the whole Book of Revelation, Jesus invites those who have believed in His message and have lived Jesus's message by their deeds to come together and receive these eternal gifts which is everlasting life.

Finally, Jesus at the Last Supper prays to God the Father that the Apostles would come together as one and always strive for unity among each other "... that they may be one, as we are one." (Jn 17:22) He prepares His Apostles at the Last Supper for this gift of eternal life when He prays to the Heavenly Father with the words: "I wish that where I am, they also may be with me." (Jn 17:24)

Coming together can always be an opportunity of having good fellowship, sharing a meal, but especially responding to Jesus's invitation of being united together by God's love. Ask yourself at your next gathering: In what ways is Jesus inviting us to be more united; more forgiving, more loving and more open to being one?

God Bless,
 Father Mark



We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scripture
Monday, June 3, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	John F. Lovenduski (3rd Anniversary)	Family	Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs	Acts 19:1-8 Jn 16:29-33 (297)
Tuesday, June 4, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	Frank and Rachel Gutowski (wedding anniversary)	Daughters	Easter Weekday	Acts 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11a (298)
Wednesday, June 5, 2019 No Mass			Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr	Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11b-19 (299)
Thursday, June 6, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	Blessed Mother's Intentions	Parishioners	Saint Norbert, Bishop	Acts 22:30, 23:6-11 Jn 17:20-26 (300)
Friday, June 7, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass FIRST FRIDAY	Virginia and Stanley Gralak, Sr. and Family	Family	Easter Weekday	Acts 25:13b-21 Jn 21:15-19 (301)
Saturday, June 8, 2019			Easter Weekday	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Jn 21:20-25 (302)
Saturday, June 8, 2019 5:30 p.m. Mass	George Chiodo	sister Aileen Luca	Vigil of the Pentecost Sunday	Gn 11:1-9 Rom 8:22-27 Jn 7:37-39 (62)
Sunday, June 9, 2019 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Pentecost Sunday	Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26 (63)

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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 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 – 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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