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*"In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:33*

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**Parish Stewardship for 2019-2020**

Weekly amount budgeted for 2019-2020. . . \$3,529.00

Weekly Stewardship unavailable due to Holiday Closing

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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** Your donations to the Food Bank may be left at the church office or by using the box in the church vestibule. Thank you for your generosity.Let us pray for the repose of the soul of **Terry Asalone** (brother of Jim Asalone) who passed away on August 2. May he rest in peace. Amen.**September Events**

**September 12** Rosary at the Shrine **12:00 p.m.**  
**September 12** Pastoral Council Meeting **6:30 p.m.**  
**September 15** Faith Formation Classes Begin **10:15 am**  
**September 15** Blessing of the Backpacks **10:15 a.m.**  
**September 17, 19, 20** Communion Svc Only **8:30 a.m.**  
**September 22** Only Sunday Mass Change to **10:15 a.m.**  
**September 22** Taste of Italy Sunday Dinner **11:00 a.m.**

**Baptismal Preparation Sessions Schedule**

September 17 7:00 p.m. St. Marys Church 781-1019  
 October 12 10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Church 834-7861

**Backpack Blessing Begins Faith Formation Year**

Students: Bring your backpacks to church on September 15 where Fr. Mark will bless them after the announcements. After the blessing, students will attend class . . .

**K-6 in the Faith Formation Center/7-11 in the Social Hall** Before dismissal to the classes, blessed backpack tags will be given to all interested students as a reminder that God and St. Joseph care about them.**Harvest Raffle Tickets Now on Sale!**

Tickets for St. Joseph Church Harvest Raffle will be on sale after each Mass beginning September 7-8 at the Social Hall. Tickets are \$10.00 each. The raffle drawing will be held Saturday, November 16 after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

**Save the Date!**

After the 10:15 Mass on Sunday, September 22 St. Joseph Church will have its "Taste of Italy" Dinner from 11-2 (or until sold out!). Cost is adults: \$12; children 10 &amp; under: \$7. You can eat-in at an Italian atmosphere prepared for the dinner in the church social hall or do take-out by calling 814-787-4151 (delivery in Bennetts Valley will be available).

Enjoy your delicious Sunday dinner this day at St. Joseph Church in Force!

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Come join other like-minded men and seek to be the best man you can be at "That Man is You" sessions which begin Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Social Center Ridgway.

**St. Leo's Fish Fry**-September 13--4:30-6:30 (or until sold out). Price: \$12. Dinner includes haddock/potato or fries/coleslaw or applesauce/roll with choice of dessert/beverage. ken Tender dinner also available.) Eat-in /takeout:772-4705.**Fully-Committed**

Those of you who have served or are serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard or Merchant Marines know firsthand how important and necessary it is to go through weeks of basic training. You have to know how to handle yourself in dangerous situations and know the proper use of weapons during tactical training. You have to learn about your branch of the military that you chose. Even before applying for and entering military service, you were first drawn to this way of life by the example of someone who was serving our country. Because of your love for our beautiful United States of America and the freedoms and opportunities our country offers, you answered the call to be fully-committed in defending our freedoms and rights.

In a like manner, in our Gospel reading this weekend, Jesus describes the cost of discipleship for those who choose to follow Him. This cost to be fully-committed in answering the call to follow Jesus and His Way, Truth and Life is similar to a person in military training.

Jesus describes three necessary ways to live and to develop our discipleship. He says "If anyone comes to Me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." (Lk 14:26) **Wait a minute! We are to love, aren't we? Yes, of course.** Jesus uses these extreme words to get our attention and to cause us to prefer Him first and foremost in our lives above any other relationship we have in life.

Jesus also says "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple." (Lk 14:27) Actually, our crosses are the joy of our vocations we choose in life and the daily duties and responsibilities that are before us. We all know that many people carry heavy crosses and they need our help and prayers.

Finally, Jesus says "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be My disciple." (Lk 14:33) In other words, put all that you have and own in the Hands of God and never allow it to control your life."

My brothers and sisters, do not be overwhelmed by these directives that Jesus is giving us on discipleship — just strive to follow Jesus by loving God, your neighbor and yourself **in this order** everyday. Be a fully-committed disciple one day at a time; one step at a time.

God Bless, Father Mark

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scripture
Monday, September 9, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	Herbert Kronenwetter (birthday)	Elaine and Charles Brouse	Saint Peter Claver, Priest	Col 1:24—2:3 Lk 6:6-11 (437)
Tuesday, September 10, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	Victor Gregori, Sr.	wife and sons	Weekday	Col 2:6-15 Lk 6:12-19 (438)
Wednesday, September 11, 2019 No Mass			Weekday	Col 3:1-11 Lk 6:20-26 (439)
Thursday, September 12, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	John M. Winkler	son Paul Winkler and Family	The Most Holy Name of Mary	Col 3:12-17 Lk 6:27-38 (440)
Friday, September 13, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	John and Gula Watkavitch	Esther Watkavitch and Family	St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Lk 6:39-42 (441)
Saturday, September 14, 2019			The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Nm 21:4b-9 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17 (638)
Saturday, September 14, 2019 5:30 p.m. Mass	Helen Lovenduski	Theophila Benevich and Family	Vigil of Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	See below
Sunday, September 15, 2019 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 1 Tm 1:12-17 Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10 (132)

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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 9<sup>th</sup> 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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