

Pentecost

SUNDAY



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." - Jn 20:21-23

Parish Stewardship for 2022-2023

Weekly amount budgeted for 2022-2023 \$3,365.00
 Offertory collection 5/15/23 thru 5/23/2023 \$2,794.00
 CSA 2023 Campaign Parish Goal \$31,773.00
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Pope's Intention for May: We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisma at the service of the needs in the world of the needs in the world



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



Baptismal Training June, July, August, September 2023

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| June 13 | 7:00 pm | St. Leo Magnus, Ridgway | 772-3135 |
| July 6 | 7:00 pm | St. Joseph, Force | 787-4151 |
| Aug. 7 | 6:30 pm | St Mark, Emporium | 486-0569 |
| Sept. 5 | 6:30 pm | Queen of the World, St. Marys | 834-4701 |



Memorial Day Masses
Monday, May 29 at 8:30 am
 at St. Joseph Cemetery, Force
Tuesday, May 30 at 5:30 pm
 at St. Cecilia Cemetery, Benetzette
 (followed with refreshments at the Betta Camp)

Thoughts from Father Mark . . .

Even though seven weeks have passed, I would like to express a **huge 'Thank You'** to all of our volunteers that had given many hours in serving and working at our fish dinners. All of you make a tremendous difference in contributing greatly to St. Joseph Church financial need and **especially to our parish life vitality!** I greatly appreciate all of you who attended our dinners faithfully.

*May the Holy Spirit strengthen each of you
 in doing God's Will each day!*

Included in this weekend's bulletin is an insert of the schedule and location for public veneration of the relics of Blessed Carlos Acutis and Saint Manuel Gonzalez Garcia which are traveling in our area.



Diocesan anniversary celebrations for couples celebrating **25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2023** will be held at two locations in the Diocese of Erie this summer: Aug. 6 at Our Lady of Peace, 2401 W. 38th St., Erie at 2 p.m. and **August 20 at Saints Cosmas and Damian, 616 W. Mahoning St., Punxsutawney at 2 p.m.** Couples and/or parish staff may register by completing a registration form online at <http://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>, or by calling their parish office or by contacting the Marriage and Family Life Office at 814.824.1210. Registrations are being accepted until July 21 for the Erie celebration and until Aug. 4 for the Punxsutawney celebration. (Celebrating couples may pick up a form in the vestibule.)

Church Office will be closed for Memorial Day



A Family Project for Pentecost

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost. The word *Pentecost* means fifty days. We are fifty days after Easter Sunday. We believe that after Jesus's Resurrection, He appeared to His Apostles and stayed with them for forty days. On that fortieth day, Jesus ascended into Heaven. We had celebrated the Solemnity of Ascension Thursday ten days previously.

Jesus said to His Apostles just before His Ascension "I send down upon you the promise of the Father. Remain here in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." (Luke 24:49) Jesus sent the Holy Spirit down upon the Apostles. There were many spiritual gifts that Jesus gave to His Apostles and Disciples from that first Pentecost and thereafter. Some of these very important gifts are *wisdom, understanding, knowledge, council, fortitude, piety and fear of the Lord.* (Isaiah 11:3) These gifts we received at our Confirmation.

Also, to be emphasized is what the Holy Spirit is willing to do for our lives that will make our lives fruitful. The Fruit of the Holy Spirit are *peace, love, joy, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.* (Galatians 5: 22)

This Fruit, to a certain degree, is already active in our lives—absolutely. But, our Lord Jesus knows that we and our world need a refueling—an outpouring of this fruit in greater abundance—especially during these times. Pray to the Holy Spirit during this Pentecost time for a new outpouring of the Fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Inserted today is an art project you can do at home which can serve as a prayer for this Fruit of the Holy Spirit. Simply do the following: Place all the Fruit of the Holy Spirit on all of the branches of the tree. Place the tree with the Fruit at an obvious location in your house (your refrigerator door, an end table, etc.). Choose a Fruit which you *most need* in your life for that week. Remove it and place it where you will see it throughout that week. Whenever you see this Fruit, you will be reminded to pray to make that Fruit stronger in your life. Do this routine with each of the Fruit for the following weeks.

This activity can help you receive the Fruit of the Holy Spirit whether you are at home, at work, at school, or traveling. Come Holy Spirit!



God Bless,
 Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

| Date | Intention | Requested by | Celebration | Scriptures |
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| Monday, May 29, 2023 8:30 a.m. Memorial Day Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery | All Deceased in St. Joseph Cemetery | | The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church | Gn 3: 9-15, 20 or Acts 1: 12-14 Jn 19: 25-34 |
| Tuesday, May 30, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass (at St. Joseph Church) Memorial Mass at St. Cecilia in Benezette at 5:30 p.m. | Anna Mae Thompson (birthday) For All Deceased in St. Cecilia Cemetery | DeAnn Lansberry — | Weekday | Sir 35: 1-12 Mk 10: 28-31 |
| Wednesday, May 31, 2023 No Mass | | | The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Zep 3: 14-18 or Rom 12: 9-16 Lk 1: 39-56 |
| Thursday, June 1, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass | Victor Cortina (99th birthday) | Cortina Family | Saint Justin, Martyr | Sir 42: 15-25 Mk 10: 46-52 |
| Friday, June 2, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass FIRST FRIDAY | Eddie Klaiber (2nd anniversary) | sister-Mary Agnes; brothers-Gerald and Kenneth | Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs | Sir 44: 1, 9-13 Mk 11: 11-26 |
| Saturday, June 3, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass with Adoration and Benediction FIRST SATURDAY | Ronald Bruni | John and Rebecca Bricen | Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs | Sir 51: 12cd-20 Mk 11: 27-33 |
| Saturday, June 3, 2023 5:30 a.m. Mass | Living and Deceased Parishioners | | Vigil of The Most Holy Trinity | (see below) |
| Sunday, June 4, 2023 9:15 a.m. Mass | John F. Lovenduski | wife-Pauline | The Most Holy Trinity | Ex 34: 4b-6, 8-9 2 Cor 13: 11-13 Jn 3: 16-18 |

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

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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