



MOTHER'S DAY

The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. ~Proverbs 31:30b

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Parish Stewardship for 2019-2020

Weekly amount budgeted for 2019-2020. . . . \$3,529.00
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 Budget from July 1, 2019 — June 30, 2020.....\$183,500.00
Deficit to-Date week ending April 30-\$19,533.23

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

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 Department 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

Update on St. Joseph Website
 As of Sunday, April 25, regular 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
 This endeavor is still very new to us so I ask you to be patient as we work through our technological difficulties. Thank you.

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.

Donations totaled 90 lbs. during this difficult time. Additional 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.



“I ask that on the First Saturday of every month, communions of reparation be made in atonement for the sins of the world”

Our Blessed Mother’s Words to the Fatima Children
 May 13, 1917



What is Mary Our Blessed Mother Teaching Us?

Last weekend I asked *what is Jesus Our Good Shepherd teaching us during these unusual times?* I suggested possibly deepening one’s prayer life and as a family together. This weekend I ask you, *“What is Our Blessed Mother Mary teaching us?”* We get the answer from Sacred Scriptures. At the wedding at Cana Mary informed Jesus that there was no wine. She said to those waiting on the tables: *“Do whatever He tells you.”* (Jn 2:5)

These words are the last recorded words of Our Blessed Mother that are mentioned in the Bible. They have echoed down through the centuries as Mary’s directives to all of us believers. Saints have lived these words in their life and we too are called to live them here and now. We know what Jesus wants us to do through our prayers and His Holy Words recorded in the Bible. Mary teaches us to listen to Her Son and to do whatever He tells us. Doing God’s Will in our lives and being led by the Holy Spirit are definite ways to do what Jesus says to do.

Through Her Apparitions our Blessed Mother has taught faithful believers throughout the world. On May 13th we celebrate the 103rd anniversary of Our Blessed Mother’s First Apparition to Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta of Fatima. They were taught many things from our Blessed Mother that She wanted people to know as in the following quotes:

- ✦ “I ask that on the First Saturday of every month, communions of reparation be made in atonement for the sins of the world.”
- ✦ “My Immaculate Heart shall be your refuge and the road that will lead you to God.”
- ✦ “Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.”

Through these words Our Dear Blessed Mother does indeed want us Her sons and daughters to have peace by encouraging and teaching each of us to seek refuge through Her Immaculate Heart and peace in praying the Rosary. Similarly, Our Blessed Mother tells us what Jesus told His disciples at the Last Supper: *“Do not let your hearts be troubled.”* (John 14:1)

What a great invitation to grace and protection our Lord Jesus and Our Blessed Mother teach us and offer to us. On Mother’s Day we say *Thank You* to all mothers living and deceased. Thank you for giving us life and we pray for you that you always feel the Grace and Protection of Jesus our Lord and the Refuge of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. **Amen!**

God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, May 11, 2020	Vincent Lovenduski	godchild Judy	Easter Weekday	Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday, May 12, 2020	Elda Benigni (anniversary)	The Family	Saint Nereus, Martyr; Saint Achilleus, Martyr; Saint Pancras, Martyr	Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday, May 13, 2020			Our Lady of Fatima	Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8
Thursday, May 14, 2020	Blessed Mother's Intentions	Parishioners	Saint Matthias, Apostle	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Jn 15:9-17
Friday, May 15, 2020	Ron Celinski	Germaine Olewnik	Saint Isidore	Acts 15:22-31 Jn 15:12-17
Saturday, May 16, 2020			Easter Weekday	Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21
Saturday, May 16, 2020	Yvonne Franzoni	E. Hesel and Juanita	Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter	(See below)
Sunday, May 17, 2020	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday9:00 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 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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