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Our Lady of Fatima Shrine St. Joseph Church, Force, PA 15841

Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021

Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021 . . . \$3,462.00
 Regular Offertory 04/19/21 thru 04/26/21 . . . \$2,331.00

CSA 2021 Campaign Parish Goal \$33,199.00
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged \$21,030.00
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged Amount Received. \$12,950.00

Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church

Please remember your prayers for the unborn!



“Pray the Rosary every-day to obtain peace for the world.” Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6:00 pm.



Thank you for your continual support for the Food Bank.

Baptismal Training Session Schedule:

May 20	7:00 p.m.	St. Marys	St. Marys	814-781-1019
June 8	7:00 p.m.	St. Leo	Ridgway	814-772-3135
July 6	7:00 p.m.	St. Joseph	Force	814-787-4151

This Sunday, May 2, at the 9:15 Mass, we will celebrate our May Crowning. Weather-permitting, we will process from the church to the Fatima shrine.



“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your Love.”

Let us pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to come upon our Confirmandi as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday, May 2nd. The Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated by Father Mark here at St. Joseph Church at 2:00 p.m.

The Celebration of the First Eucharist of our Third Grade students was celebrated last Sunday, April 25 at the 9:15 Mass. We congratulate these Communicants: Arionna Assalone, Brionna Assalone, and Kalsey Mertz. We are very grateful that they have come to this time in their Faith Formation that has enabled them to receive Our Lord Jesus at Mass.



St. Bernard Church in Falls Creek will have their *Famous Spaghetti Dinner* on **Sunday, May 16** starting at 10 a.m. until sold out. Dinners are \$9 each, meatballs: 75¢ each and a quart of sauce is \$5.50. Please bring your own container. Take-out Only.



The **Bennetts Valley Senior Center** has a delicious line-up of meals for May. Please see insert for details regarding the menu and instructions for pick-up.

St. Joseph Website Saturday and Sunday Masses at our church have resumed. Recorded Mass at this time will not be available due to technical adjustment. Please refer to the website for updates and the bulletin.
 Website: stjosephforce.org



Remain in Order to Grow

Initially, the word *remain* sounds like a non-active, maybe even a boring verb. This is especially true if it is in the context of a statement like: “Don’t do anything, just remain.” However, there are many ways this verb can be productive such as the following:

A pilot remains at a safe altitude while the storm clouds are active underneath.

A soldier might remind a discouraged fellow soldier by saying, “remain faithful to our country.”

A hunter may tell a beginner with whom he is hunting to “Remain quiet and be still especially when you see the turkey.”

Spring rain is necessary for the ground to remain moist in order for plants, vegetables and flowers to grow.

A concerned close friend could directly say, “Remain faithful to your spouse.”

A priest and minister may often say, “Remain close to God in prayer.”

These are all examples of **remaining** for good reasons of growing, of learning, and for protection.

In this weekend’s Gospel Reading John 15:1-8, Jesus uses the word *remain* eight times. His message can be summed-up in four ways to remain. We are **to remain** in Him, **to remain** on the vine; **to remain** in order to bear much fruit; and **to remain** in His Word.

We remain in our personal friendship with Christ by spending time in prayer everyday. Ask yourself, “Are you striving to do this?”

We remain on the vine like healthy branches by staying connected to other members of the Church and receiving the Sacraments Jesus gives us. Do we have some fellowship with other members of St. Joseph Church?

We remain in knowledge of Jesus by reading His Word as recorded in the Bible. We should ask ourselves, “Are we taking time to read the Bible and even memorizing Scripture verses?” By praying, staying connected to parishioners, and reflecting on God’s Word will enable each of us to bear the spiritual fruits of love, joy, peace, kindness, patience, faithfulness, etc. (Galatians 5:22) These fruits are Jesus’s personal Gifts to us that will fill our souls in order to grow as His disciples and to remain healthy in our interior spiritual life. Ask for them today as much as you need, “and it will be done for you.” (John 15:7b)

God Bless, Father Mark

During this month of May we celebrate in a special way Our Lady of Fatima—May 13th and Mary, Mother of the Church — May 24th.

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, May 3, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Carl and Shirley Winkler (80th anniversary)	granddaughter Tiffany	Saint Phillip and Saint James, Apostles	1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday, May 4, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Agnes Caliarì	Family	Easter Weekday	Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday, May 5, 2021 No Mass			Easter Weekday	Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8
Thursday, May 6, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Uncle Rich Gusherowski	Jeannie Lease—niece	Easter Weekday	Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11
Friday, May 7, 2021 First Friday 8:30 a.m. Mass	Thomas Dunham	Father Mark and Family	Easter Weekday	Acts 15:22-31 Jn 15:12-17
Saturday, May 8, 2021			Easter Weekday	Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21
Saturday, May 8, 2021 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of 6th Sunday of Easter	(See below)
Sunday, May 9, 2021 9:15 a.m. Mass Mother's Day	Mabel Gillen (9th anniversary)	Dianne Olewnik	6th Sunday of Easter	Acts 10:25-26, 34-25, 44-48 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

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Church Hours

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

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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—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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