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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them
to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.
They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

Parish Stewardship for 2019-2020

Weekly amount budgeted for 2019-2020. . . . \$3,529.00
 Offertory from July 14 thru July 27, 2020 \$2,727.00
 CSA 2020 Campaign Parish Goal \$32,626.00
 Parishioners' Pledged Amount \$29,220.00
 Parishioners' Paid Amount to Date. \$14,698.00
Thank you for your continued support for St. Joseph Church.

Everyone is still required to wear a mask when entering or remaining on parish premises.

Weekday Mass Schedule 8:30 am
Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm — Sunday Mass 9:15 am

St. Joseph Church will be open
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
7:30 am — 7 pm
Wednesday and Saturday 9:00 am — 7 pm

Sacrament of Confession: Saturday 4:30 pm in the Church or by appointment (call 787-4151 #4)

Church Office Hours: Mon-Thurs: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 814-787-4151 #3 **Closed Friday**

St. Joseph Website
 Saturday and Sunday Masses at our church have resumed. Mass can be viewed **at any time** on the St. Joseph website if you do not wish to be at a public Mass yet. Please join us in participating and in celebration of Mass at our website stjosephforce.org.



The Rosary will be prayed every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Fatima Shrine

Adult Faith Formation Classes on “Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life” are on Monday mornings following 8:30 am Mass and again at 6:30 pm in the Faith Formation Building.

Schedule for August

August 4 ... 7:00 pm ... Joseph Church, Force ... 787-4151
 August 20 ... 6:30 pm ..St. Mark Church, Emporium ...486-0569



The discussion for the right path of **Faith Formation classes** is still ongoing. Parents will be notified via mail of the details of the plans at that time. The decision will be made in conjunction with Father Mark’s guidance. It must follow CDC guidelines and protocol and anything published by the Diocese of Erie. In addition, our program will follow the school district policies in our area.

Tickets for our Annual Parish Picnic are on sale in the social hall after each weekend Mass up to and including September 6. The cost of the large items tickets are \$2.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for 3 tickets. There will be a \$100’s worth of lottery tickets for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Please go to the social hall to get your raffle and lottery tickets and to check out the many prizes which include the large items that will be raffled off as well as the lottery tickets.



Food Bank Collection totalled 160 pounds this past delivery! Thank you for your continued food contributions.



We are More Than Conquerors

It’s very helpful to occasionally look very closely to the words and their meaning of the Second Reading proclaimed at Mass. Most every Sunday throughout the liturgical church year, this Reading comes from one of St. Paul’s letters. In this weekend’s Reading, St. Paul is offering words of comfort and confident assurance in his letter to the Romans...

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Brothers and sisters:
 What will separate us from the Love of Christ?
 Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?
 No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through Him Who loved us.
 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the Love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

St. Paul himself is very familiar with trials and suffering in his life such as misunderstandings, shipwrecks, and a strange illness he called a “thorn in the flesh.” (2 Cor 12:7) So, he speaks with the experience of understanding and compassion to his audience who are experiencing anguish, persecution, or the fierce weapon of the sword. These are physical and emotional issues and fears.

The remedy he tells us is the Love of Christ. We can even conquer overwhelmingly these malaise and humiliating experiences. He further says that anything in life and death itself and the unseen powers in the cosmos now and in the future will never separate us from Jesus’ healing ever-present love for each of us.

My friends, what are the issues in your life that cause you either right now or at times to feel separated from God’s love? Is it sin? If so, Jesus invites you to go to Confession. Is it the fear of this terrible Corona-virus? Pray, and do all you can to protect yourself. Is it not being able to go to Mass because of health problems, the virus threat, or anger towards God? Invite Jesus to take the problem and cling to the advice of St. Teresa of Avila who said, “Let nothing disturb you or frighten you, all things are passing. God never changes. Patience obtains all things and nothing is wanting to those who possess God. God alone suffices.” Pray for the grace of these words.

God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, August 3, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Robert Poinelli	Cameroni Family	Weekday	Jer 28:1-17 Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday, August 4, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass 6:30 pm Rosary at the Shrine	Frank Provenzano	Maxine Kutskel and godson George	Saint John Vianney, Priest	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday, August 5, 2020 No Mass			The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major	Jer 31:1-7 Mt 15:21-28
Thursday, August 6, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Special Intention	anonymous	The Transfiguration of the Lord	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mt 17:1-9
Friday, August 7, 2020 FIRST FRIDAY 8:30 a.m. Mass	Deceased Members of the Cortina Family	Family	Saint Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs, Saint Cajetan, Priest	Na 2:1,3, 3:1-3, 6-7 Mt 16:24-28
Saturday, August 8, 2020 9:00 Mass			Saint Dominic, Priest	Hb 1:12 —2:4 Mt 17:14-20
Saturday, August 8, 2020 5:30 p.m. Mass	Leonore Burke	Sons, Daughters & Grandchildren	Vigil of the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(See below)
Sunday, August 9, 2020 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33

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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 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 Deaconate – Men who feel that they may be being called to the vocational life of Priesthood or Deaconate 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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