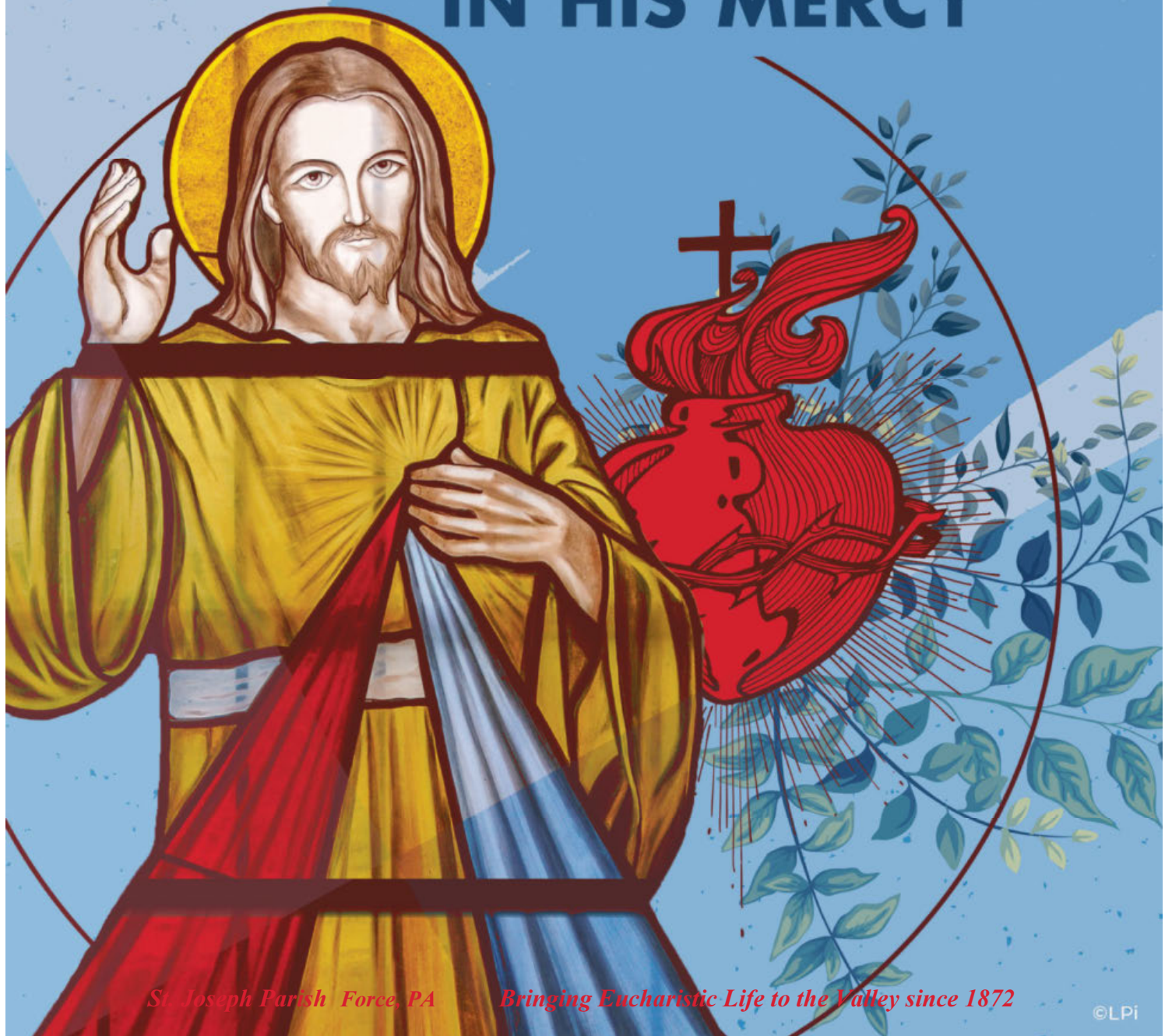


DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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Bringing Eucharistic Life to the Valley since 1872

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Parish Stewardship for 2021-2022

Weekly amount budgeted for 2021-2022 \$3,365.00
 Offertory from April 4 thru April 11..... \$2,946.00
 CSA 2022 Campaign Parish Goal..... \$32,404.00
 CSA pledges to date \$21,135.00

Fish/Shrimp Dinners have been a great success!
 For Good Friday there were 353 dinners served!

Thank you for your support during this Lenten Season!



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

**Mother's Day is rapidly approaching!**

St. Joseph Church will be celebrating all mothers with the traditional Mother's Day breakfast. On May 8th after 9:15 am Mass, **all ladies of the church—young and old** — are invited to feast upon the delicious breakfast the men of St. Joseph Parish will have prepared for the occasion.



Remember the breakfasts of the past?
 Let's make this Mother's Day Breakfast
 on this 150th year Celebration of
 Eucharistic Life in our Parish
 a memorable one!

Tickets for the breakfast will be on sale in the social hall after each weekend Mass on April 23/24th and on April 30/May 1st. The cost for adults is \$7.00 and \$3.00. for children under 10.

Baptismal Training Sessions for May, June

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| May 19 | 7 pm | St. Mary's, St. Marys | 781-1019 |
| June 7 | 7 pm | St. Leo, Ridgway | 772-3135 |
| July 5 | 7 pm... | St. Joseph, Force | 787-4151 |



The Season for Giving Continues at the Food Bank. Non-perishable food donations may be placed in the vestibule in the church or at the church office. **Thank you** for your generous and ongoing donations in your support to the Christian Food Bank. You are helping many others during these struggling times.

**The 150th Anniversary of the Catholic Church's
 presence in Bennetts Valley
 Bringing Eucharistic Life since 1872.**

This is the theme of our 150th Anniversary that all of us are looking forward to as we prepare to celebrate with Bishop Lawrence Persico on Sunday, October 9th. We are starting to collect pictures from the past of each of our four churches: St. Cecilia, St. Stanislaus, Our Lady of Help of Christians and St. Joseph. At this time if you have any pictures that can be used for our anniversary, we would greatly appreciate borrowing them. Please label each picture with your information. A box will be provided in the church office for your pictures. We thank you in advance as we prepare to celebrate this grand and glorious event!

BINGO at Sacred Heart Parish Center, St. Marys. May 6.
 Doors open at 4 pm See insert for details.



Divine Mercy Sunday
(A Question and Its Promises)

The image of the Divine Mercy of Jesus our Lord began in 1931 in Poland when our Lord Jesus Christ appeared to St. Faustina. In the vision she saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His Right Hand raised in a way as if He were giving a blessing. His Left Hand was touching His garment in the area of His Heart where two large rays of light came forth. One of the rays of light was red and the other pale in color.

In the vision, our Lord explained to St. Faustina the meaning of His Mercy flowing from the rays. He explained that they represent blood and water. The pale ray stands for water which makes the soul righteous. The red ray stands for the blood which is life for the soul. The image of our Divine Merciful Lord indicates and represents all of the Graces of Divine Mercy which is being poured out upon the world and especially within the Holy Sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist.

This feast day was established by St. Pope John Paul II when he made the announcement during his homily at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. It was there that he declared, "It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the Word of God on the Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church, will be called **Divine Mercy Sunday.**"

What Graces can I receive on Mercy Sunday?

The promises and desires that Jesus expressed about **Mercy Sunday** are recorded in the *Diary of St. Maria Faustina* #699—the main passage of **Mercy Sunday**.

- * On that day the very depths of My Tender Mercy are open
- * I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy (the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist.)
- * The soul that will go to Confession (beforehand) and receive Holy Communion (on that day) shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and temporal punishment.
- * On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened.
- * Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.
- * My Mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or angel, will be able to fathom it throughout eternity.
- * Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My Love and Mercy throughout all eternity.
- * The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of Tenderness.
- * It is My Desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.
- * Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the FOUNT of My Mercy.

(Marian Helpers Center, Eden Hill, Stockbridge, MA 01263)

God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

| Date | Intention | Requested by | Celebration | Scriptures |
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| Monday, April 25, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass | Mary Youngmark | Roseann Celinski | Saint Mark, Evangelist | Acts 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Mt 16:15-20 |
| Tuesday, April 26, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass | Louis (Manny) Chiappelli | Sandra Streich | Easter Weekday | Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7b-15 |
| Wednesday, April 27, 2022 No Mass | | | Easter Weekday | Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21 |
| Thursday, April 28, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass | Mary Morelli | Carolyn Winkler and Rita Fenice (cousins) | Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest | Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-16 |
| Friday, April 29, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass | Glenn Benigni (anniversary) | Family | Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church | Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15 |
| Saturday, April 30, 2022 No Mass | | | Saint Pius V, Pope | Acts 6:1-7 Mk 6:16-21 |
| Saturday, April 30, 2022 8:30 p.m. Mass | Ron Celinski, Sr. (3rd anniversary) | Rose — wife | Vigil of Sunday of Third Sunday of Easter | (see below) |
| Sunday, May 1, 2022 9:15 a.m. Mass | Living and Deceased Parishioners | | Third Sunday of Easter | Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Rv 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14 |

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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 pm**Office Email: stjosephforce@windstream.net Website: www.stjosephforce.org Faith Formation Email: stjosephforceff@windstream.net**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 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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