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# *30<sup>th</sup> Sunday* IN ORDINARY TIME

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“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” - Mt 22:36-37



**Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021**

**Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021 . . . \$3,462.00**

Offertory from 10/13 thru 10/19/2020 . . . . . \$2,697.00

CSA 2020 Campaign Parish Goal . . . . . \$32,626.00

Parishioners' Pledged Amount . . . . . \$29,520.00

**Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church**

**Wearing a mask** when entering or remaining on parish premises is still required. **Every other pew is now designated for seating at Mass**

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

*Father Mark is available to hear Confessions  
in the Faith Formation building during office hours.*

*Call for an appointment at 814-787-4151 #4*

**November 1**  **Remember to set your clocks back one hour.**



**The Rosary** will be prayed **Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.** at the Fatima Shrine (weather permitting) or in the Church.

**LAST FISH/SHRIMP DINNERS  
FOR THE SEASON**

**Support Your Church** by getting a well-known St. Joseph Church Fish or Shrimp Dinner. **This Friday will be the last of the dinners for 2020!**

In addition to the great menu for take-out, **a cup of the delicious potato soup or clam chowder**, which is usually an eat-in side, will be included with your take-out! All fish/shrimp dinners are **for take-out only**.



For your convenience dinner orders may be made before noon on Friday at 814-787-4151 #6.

**Thank you, everyone for your support with this appetizing dinner fundraiser at St. Joseph Church.**

**Sacred Heart Church, St. Mary,** will have a **Mini Drive-thru Bread Sale on October 29** from 2-5. All orders will be accepted until 3:30 pm October 28. Pre-order only at 834-7861 #1. Pick-up at Parish Center Social Hall.

**Penn Highland Blood Screening:** November 7 from 6:30-9:30 a.m. at ECCHS, St. Marys. Complete blood analysis for \$40.00. Proceeds benefit ECC Music Boosters. Light refreshments will be served.

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](http://stjosephforce.org) **which is back online!**

Please continue your prayers during these **40 Days for Life**. Innocent lives of **all the unborn are depending on them!**



**Love in Sacred Scriptures**

When you see or hear the word *Love*, what immediately comes to mind? I believe for most of us we think of God. Why, because God is the very definition of *love* as St. John says in (1 Jn 4:16) that “God is *love*.” Family members and close friends and neighbors also come to mind when we think of *love*.

We all know that this **big word love** has a variety of meanings which has been expressed in song, poetry, as well as in theatre and in movies during the past century. But, this weekend’s Gospel calls us to listen to what Jesus has to say about *love*.

When Jesus was asked by the scholar: “which commandment in the law is the greatest? He said to him, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all our mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.” (Mt 22:36-39) Jesus is answering the question by quoting both Old Testament Scriptures Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18.

Very simply, we need to ask: How are we doing in living this command? Are we loving God with all our heart by spending time in prayer everyday? Are we loving God by believing that God loves us, created us, and wants all that is good for us? Are we loving God by accepting His Will and Plan for our lives? Are we reading the Bible and thinking good thoughts about God and neighbors?

Next, we can ask: Are we loving our neighbors by respecting them, helping them when we are called upon, and praying for them? Do we see God in their life? Finally, do we take care of ourselves? Are we loving ourselves enough with proper nourishment, rest, exercise and developing our learning capacity and talents. Answer these questions this week.

The following are more Sacred Scriptures on *Love* ...

Micah 6:8 “You have been told, O man, what is good and what the Lord requires of you only to do the right and to *love* goodness and to walk humbly with your God.”

1 Corinthians:13:4-8 “*Love* is patient, *love* is kind . . . it bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things and endures all things. *Love* never fails.”

Ephesians: 3:19 “To know the *love* of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

My friends, pray these Scriptures of *love* often.

God Bless,  
Father Mark

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, October 26, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Matthew Lovenduski	Tim (father)	Weekday	Eph 4:32—5:8 Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday, October 27, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass 6:00 pm Rosary at the Shrine	Dad Victor and Aunt Mabel and Uncle Aaron Rosman	Louis Gregori	Weekday	Eph 5:21-33 Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday, October 28, 2020 No Mass			Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles	Eph 2:19-22 Lk 6:12-16
Thursday, October 29, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	John Bonanno (30th anniversary)	Mr/Mrs Dennis Bonanno	Weekday	Eph 6:10-20 Lk 13:31-35
Friday, October 30, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Dominic Caliarì	Family	Weekday	Phil 1:1-11 Lk 14:1-6
Saturday, October 31, 2020			Weekday	Phil 1:18b-26 Lk 14:1, 7-11
Saturday, October 31, 2020 5:30 p.m. Mass	Robert Poinelli	Ron and Peggy Mitchell	Vigil of the Solemnity of All Saints	(See below)
Sunday, November 1, 2020 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Solemnity of All Saints	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a



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**OFFICE HOURS:** **St. Joseph Church will be open Sun., Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 7:30 am — 6 pm; Wed. and Sat. 9:00 am — 7**  
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 11<sup>th</sup> 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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