



# PENTECOST SUNDAY

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Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me." - Jn 15:26

**Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021**

Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021... \$3,462.00  
 Regular Offertory 05/11/21 thru 05/17/21 ... \$3,203.00

CSA 2021 Campaign Parish Goal ..... \$33,199.00  
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged ..... \$21,030.00  
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged Amount Received. .... \$13,250.00

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

**Please remember your prayers for the unborn!**



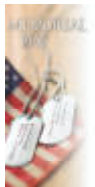
“Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.” Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6:00 pm.



The “**Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**” is a new obligatory memorial which will be celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost. This year the memorial is Monday, May 24. Please note that this is NOT a holy day of obligation. Our daily Mass will be at 8:30 a.m.



A Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated in our cemetery Monday, May 31 at 9:00 a.m. Also, a Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated at the Saint Cecilia Cemetery on Tuesday, May 31 at 5:00 p.m.



For those of you who would like to observe the ceremony by the Honor Guard of the Bennetts Valley American Legion Post 978, a schedule of the locations and times at each of the valley cemeteries and Honor Roll memorials is included in this weekend’s bulletin.



Please remember to contribute to the cemetery fund. It is your donation that enables our church to maintain the attractive appearance of the grounds for our loved ones who have passed.

**Prayer to St. Joseph for Special Needs**

Glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these time of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.



**Diocese will recognize wedding anniversaries**

The 2021 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration liturgies for **couples celebrating 25, 50, 60 or more years of marriage** will be held at two locations in the diocese: Aug. 1 at Immaculate Conception Parish in Clarion, and Aug. 8 at St. Jude Parish in Erie. For more information and to register, go to [www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html](http://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html). Electronic registrations are highly encouraged, but a hard copy registration form is available at the church office for those who are not able to register online. Further questions may be directed to your parish or the Faith Formation Office at 814-824-1210.

The church office will be closed Memorial Day.



**The Spiritual Fruits We Need**

Jesus said to His Apostles just before His Ascension—40 days after His Resurrection, “I send down upon you the promise of the Father. Remain here in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” (Luke 24:49) We believe that ten days after Jesus’s Ascension He sent the Holy Spirit down upon the Apostles. This is Pentecost Sunday which we celebrate today.

There were many spiritual gifts that Jesus gave to His Apostles and Disciples from that first Pentecost thereafter. Some of these very important gifts are *wisdom, understanding, knowledge, council, fortitude, piety and fear of the Lord.*” (Isaiah 11:3) These are the gifts that we receive at our Confirmation.

Also, to be emphasized is what the Holy Spirit is willing to do for us that will make our lives fruitful. The Fruits of the Holy Spirit of “*love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control*” (Galatians 5:22) are released within our lives in greater abundance if our hearts are open. These fruits are active to a degree within our lives. But, when we experience distress, then that is a perfect time to pray for peace. Another example is when we are sad, then we can pray for joy.

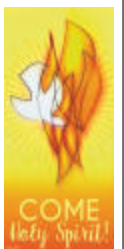
Our Lord knows that we need a refueling in our Spiritual life. To help you I offer the insert today as a Spiritual exercise you can do at home which can serve as a prayer for these Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Simply do the following: **To begin ... Place all the Fruit of the Holy Spirit on all the branches of the tree. Place the tree with the Fruit at an obvious location in your house (your refrigerator door, an end table, etc.). Choose a Fruit which you *most need* in your life for that week. Remove it and place it where you will see it throughout that week. Whenever you see this Fruit, you will be reminded to pray to make that Fruit stronger in your life. Do this step with each of the Fruit for the following weeks.**

This activity can help you receive the Fruits of the Holy Spirit whether you are at home, at work, at school or traveling. **Come Holy Spirit!**  
 God Bless, Father Mark

**Come, Holy Spirit**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Your Love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created and You shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, Who has instructed the hearts of Your faithful by the Light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the same **Holy Spirit we may have a right judgment in all things and evermore rejoice in His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.**



# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, May 24, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Donald Dudley	Rita Fenice	<b>The Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</b>	Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday, May 25, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Rosemary "Penny" Coccimiglio	Family and Friends	Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin	Sir 35:1-12 Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday, May 26, 2021 No Mass			Saint Philip Neri, Priest	Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17 Mk 10:32-45
Thursday, May 27, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Victoria Gornati (1st year anniversary)	Kim and Vicki Peters	Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	Sir 42:15-25 Mk 10:46-52
Friday, May 28, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Catherine and Joseph Asalone (72nd wedding anniversary)	The Family	Weekday	Sir 44:1, 9-13 Mk 11:11-26 Jn 21:15-19
Saturday, May 29, 2021			Saint Paul VI, Pope	Sir 51:12cd-20 Mk 11:27-33
Saturday, May 29, 2021 5:30 p.m. Mass	Lawrence Chiodo	Barb and Frank Azzato	Vigil of the <b>Most Holy Trinity</b>	(See below)
Sunday, May 30, 2021 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		<b>The Most Holy Trinity</b>	Dr 4:32-34, 39-40 Rom 8:14-17 Mt 28:16-20

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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 - 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**—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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