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6th Sunday
OF EASTER

“Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.” - Jn 14:21

Parish Stewardship for 2019-2020

Weekly amount budgeted for 2019-2020 . . . \$3,529.00
 Offertory for May 1 thru May 10 \$4,293.00
 Budget from July 1, 2019 — June 30, 2020 \$183,500.00
Deficit to-Date ending May 10-\$18,769.08

Thank you for your continued support for St. Joseph Church as we endeavor to get through this pandemic together.
 God Bless You!

From the Office of The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL, Bishop of Erie: The celebration of **all** public Masses in the Diocese of Erie continue to be suspended until further notice.

As per the Order of the Secretary of the PA Dept. of Health directing public health safety measures, everyone is required to wear a mask when entering or remaining on parish premises.

St. Joseph Church will be open daily for individual visitation and prayer: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.
Church Office Hours: Mon-Thurs: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
814-787-4151 #3 Closed Friday

St. Joseph Website

Sunday Mass at our church can be viewed **at any time** on the St. Joseph website. Since you are unable to attend public Mass, please join us in participating and in celebration of Mass at our website stjosephforce.org. Mass on the website will be available for viewing Sunday afternoon.

 We offer our prayers for the repose of the soul of **Victoria E. Riccadonna** who passed away May 10th. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Sacrament of Confession
 Father Mark is available to hear Confessions in the Faith Formation building during office hours.
 Call for an appointment at 814-787-4151 #4

“St. Joseph Prayer Chain”
 If there is someone who could use the prayers of our Parish, please call Gina at 787-7593.

“Food Bank”
Thank you for your ongoing support to the Christian Food Bank.
 Donations totaled 225 lbs. these past two weeks! Additional donations can be placed in the box in the vestibule of the church.


“Care & Concern”
 Do you know someone who would like to be remembered with a card or note? Please call 787-4151.

If you love Me, you will keep My Commandments.



**Do We Love Jesus?
 . . .No Other Way**

I believe in our culture that it is easy for all of us to express our appreciation for things - talents, places, and ideas - by saying that we love them. For example, we may say I love that song, I love that painting, I love that part of our country, and I love that creative idea. We might qualify our appreciation by giving a reason for this love by saying I love that song because I love the music of Beethoven, or I love the state of California because of its different land terrain, its ocean and the year-round warm temperatures.

However, deep inside each of us, because we are made in the image and likeness of God, we know that love is to be given and received by human beings. For us Christians, “we love because God first loved us.” (1 Jn 4:19) Furthermore, Jesus commands us to love by saying in John 15:17 that “The command I give you is this, that you love one another.”

Jesus takes all of this one step further when He says to His disciples and to us in this Sunday’s Gospel, “If you love Me, you will keep My Commandments...” (Jn 14:15)

A brief review of the Ten Commandments and the questions that follow is appropriate now...

The First Commandment:

You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve. Do we love things and power before our love for God?

The Second Commandment:

You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain. Do we always use respect for God’s Name?

The Third Commandment:

Remember to keep holy the Sabbath Day. Do we strive to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days?

The Fourth Commandment:

Honor your father and mother. Do we also respect the elderly in our society?

The Fifth Commandment:

You shall not kill. We might not kill anyone physically, but do we kill others by our cruel, harsh, and slanderous words?

If we abide by these Commandments, Jesus promises “whoever has My Commandments and observes them is the one who loves Me.” (Jn 14:21a) There is *no other way*.

God Bless,
 Father Mark

Commandments Six thru Ten will be concluded next week.

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, May 18, 2020	Dolores Lovenduski	niece Judy	Saint John I, Pope and Martyr	Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday, May 19, 2020	Beverly Berasi	Marlene, Sandy and Joanne	Easter Weekday	Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday, May 20, 2020			Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest	Acts 17:15-22 18:1 Jn 16:12-15
Thursday, May 21, 2020 Holy Day	Theophila Benevich	godson Tom Levenduski	Ascension of the Lord	Acts 11:1-11 Eph1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20
Friday, May 22, 2020	Eugene Gavazzi	Don and Nancy Chiappelli	Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious	Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23
Saturday, May 23, 2020			Easter Weekday	Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23b-28
Saturday, May 23, 2020	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the Seventh Sunday of Easter	(See below)
Sunday, May 24, 2020	Penny Coccimiglio	Family and Friends	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 1:12-14 1 Pt 4:13-16 Jn 17:1-11a

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Email: stjosephforce@windstream.net Website: www.stjosephforce.org**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** – 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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