



“Blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” - Lk 14:14

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Parish Stewardship for 2019-2020

Weekly amount budgeted for 2019-2020. . . \$3,529.00

Offertory for the weekend of **August 24-25**.....\$2,227.00
 Deficit/Surplus for weekend **August 24-25**-\$1,301.85
 Budget from July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020.....\$183,500.00
 Deficit/Surplus to Date.....-\$5,363.62

Thank you for your generosity!



St. Joseph “Prayer Chain” and “Care and Concern”

If there is someone who could use the prayers of our Parish, please call Charlene at 787-7601.



Food Bank Your donations to the Food Bank may be left at the church office or by using the box in the church vestibule. Thank you for your generosity.

September Events

- September 2 Labor Day Food Booth 11:00 a.m.**
- September 2 Church Office Closed for the holiday**
- September 5 Confirmation Parent/Students 6:30 pm**
- September 7 First Saturday Devotion 9:00 a.m.**
- September 12 Pastoral Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.**
- September 15 Faith Formation Classes Begin 10:15 am**
- September 15 Blessing of the Backpacks 10:15 a.m.**
- September 17, 19, 20 Communion Svc Only 8:30 a.m.**
- September 22 Only Sunday Mass Change to 10:15 a.m.**
- September 22 Taste of Italy Sunday Dinner 11:00 a.m.**

Baptismal Preparation Sessions Schedule

September—November

- September 5 7:00 p.m. Queen of the World 834-4701
- September 17 7:00 p.m. St. Marys Church 781-1019
- October 12 10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Church 834-7861

Make your plans for the **Bennetts Valley Annual Homecoming Day in Weedville, Monday, September 2.** St. Joseph will once again have its food and pizza booths at the school grounds. Be sure to **stop by to enjoy the great food** while supporting our church.

Harvest Raffle Tickets Now on Sale!

Tickets for St. Joseph Church Harvest Raffle will be on sale after each Mass beginning September 7-8 at the Social Hall. Tickets are \$10.00 each. The raffle drawing will be held Saturday, November 16 after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Oblates of St. Benedict Affiliated with St. Vincent Archabbey is offering an informational literature and talk given by Fr. Donald, O.S.B. at St. Marys Parish Center Hall, Monday, September 9, 7-8 p.m.

The topic—“Christ in Me” - a day retreat *looking for Christ in every person* will be offered at Olmsted Manor Retreat, Ludlow, Wednesday, September 18. Fr Ross of St. Boniface will be the speaker. Cost is \$22/person. Reservations due by Monday, September 9 by calling the St. Marys’ Parish Office at 781-1019.

The Christian Food Bank will have its first Open House, September 8 from 11-2. Come, see this local mission which has provided food in the area for 36 years. There will be a “Just Ben Catering” drive-thru fundraiser of chicken or rib barbeque for the food bank in the food bank parking lot. Everyone is cordially invited!



Humbleness

Jesus our Lord and Savior taught in a perfect way by His words and actions of how to be *humble*. The total giving of Himself in His concern for all people by explaining about the Kingdom of Heaven, extending His Hands to bless and heal those around Him, and forgiving people are signs of His *humble* self-giving. Ultimately, He washed the Apostles’ feet at the Last Supper; and hours later was betrayed by one of them and brought before the Jewish leaders and Pontius Pilate; then condemned to death on a cross.

In this weekend’s Gospel, Jesus teaches those around Him “at the home of one of the leading Pharisees,” (Lk 14:1) of how to be humble. Basically, Jesus says to take the humble position of the lowest place at a banquet. Also, when you have a party or dinner, seek out to invite those who are in greatest need and never expect them to pay you back.

This is not easy, my brothers and sisters, — Jesus’s teaching about humbleness. However, when we strive to be humble, others will recognize it and they will benefit greatly from your service and example.

As we celebrate Labor Day this weekend, let us be very grateful and humble for the work Almighty God is giving us. I offer the following prayer, asking St. Joseph the Workman to intercede for us to be humble workers for our Lord Jesus.

Prayer to St. Joseph the Workman

(Composed by Pope St. Pius X)

O GLORIOUS St. Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my natural inclinations, to work with gratitude and joy, in a spirit of penance for the remission of my sins, considering it an honor to employ and develop by means of labor the gifts received from God, to work with order, peace, moderation and patience, without ever shrinking from weariness and difficulties, to work above all with purity of intention and detachment from self, having always death before my eyes and the account that I must render of time lost, of talents wasted, of good omitted, of vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God. All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thine example, O Patriarch, St. Joseph. Such shall be my watchword in life and in death. Amen.

God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scripture
Monday, September 2, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass LABOR DAY	Ann and Cheiso Trentini	sister Clara	Weekday	1 Thes 4:13-18 Lk 4:16-30 (431)
Tuesday, September 3, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	Ed Levanduski (birthday)	wife and children	Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 Lk 4:31-37 (432)
Wednesday, September 4, 2019 No Mass			Weekday	Col 1:1-8 Lk 4:38-44 (433)
Thursday, September 5, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	Helen Mitchell (birthday)	Mitchell Family	Saint Teresa of Calcutta	Col 1:9-14 Lk 5:1-11 (434)
Friday, September 6, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass FIRST FRIDAY	Frank and Rachel Gutowski (birthdays)	daughters	Weekday	Col 1:1-15-20 Lk 5:33-39 (435)
Saturday, September 7, 2019 FIRST SATURDAY Adoration & Benediction 9:00 a.m.	Communion Service Only		Weekday	Col 1:21-23 Lk 6:1-5 (436)
Saturday, September 7, 2019 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	See below
Sunday, September 8, 2019 9:15 a.m. Mass	Ken O'Veil	Don and Mary Ann McCluskey	The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wis 9:12-18b Phim 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14:25-33 (129)

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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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