



16th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

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“Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, ‘First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.’” - Mt 13:30

Parish Stewardship for 2019-2020

Weekly amount budgeted for 2019-2020. . . . \$3,529.00
 Offertory from July 6 thru July 13, 2020 \$3,244.25

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

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

St. Joseph Church will be open
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
 7:30 am — 7 pm
Wednesday and Saturday 9:00 am — 7 pm

Weekday Mass Schedule 8:30 am
Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm — Sunday Mass 9:15 am

Sacrament of Confession: Saturday 4:30 pm in the Church or by appointment (call 787-4151 #4)

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

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.



Your prayers are requested for the soul of **Robert Poinelli** who passed away Sunday, July 12.
 May he rest in peace. Amen.



Discussions on Faith Formation Class start-up are being held. Update on the opening of classes will be forthcoming.

There will be NO Adult Faith Formation Class Monday, July 20. Classes will be on “Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life” starting Monday, July 27 following 8:30 am Mass and again at 6:30 pm in the Faith Formation Building.



The Rosary will be prayed every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Fatima Shrine.

Baptismal Training Sessions Schedule for August

August 4 . . . 7:00 pm . . . St. Joseph Church, Force 787-4151
 August 20 . . 6:30 pm . . St. Mark Church, Emporium . .486-0569

Congratulations to Michael Blythe who received his First Holy Communion at the 9:15 Mass this past Sunday, July 12th.

St. Mary’s Church’s (139 Church St) sponsored Bus Trip at the Sight and Sound Theater of “Queen Esther.” Call the Parish Office for information and reservations: 781-1019.

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God’s Garden

I, along with all of you, love to see beautiful flowers neatly planted in a garden and even wild flowers in a field or along side the road. The flowers in our cemetery are beautiful as well. We know that these flowers took good time to grow. They all don’t just sprout up overnight. Other types of gardens such as vegetables, take their time to produce long enough before they are picked and eaten.

My friends, each of us is like the flowers and vegetables in a garden. The Garden is God’s Garden which represents the Kingdom of Heaven. We are precious like flowers in God’s Eyes; we are nurtured as are the vegetables.

Just as every flower and plant need to be watered and receive sunlight, so too, we need to be watered by God’s Love and given the brightness of Wisdom by the Son’s Light. As we grow in maturity in God’s Garden, we will only survive when we do our part in cooperating with the growing process. God is very patient with us in this process.

Jesus, however, does warn us of an issue by saying in our Gospel Reading according to Matthew 13:25 that an enemy came and “sow weeds all through the wheat” in God’s Field. Weeds now grow along with the good wheat and flowers. We are humans with a free will unlike the wheat and plants. So, we can get rid of the weeds that intertwine and cause hardships, problems, and sin in our lives and in others’ lives as well. When we take the time to identify and pray through the obstacles that are like weeds around us, we will then see the Grace of God working to free our lives in order to be happy again in God’s Garden.

Asking God for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession will restore our peace with God and neighbor which is important in this growing process.

Living and growing in God’s Field and Garden can be a joy everyday and a new opportunity *to learn how* God wants us to grow in our spiritual life that will prepare us to “shine like the sun in the kingdom of their father.” (Matthew 13:43)



We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, July 20, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Father Joseph Orlando, 1st Pastor of St. Joseph Church	Father Mark and Parishioners	St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8 Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday, July 21, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass 6:30 pm Rosary at the Shrine	Tom Winkler	Mac and Karen Crumrine	Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday, July 22, 2020 No Mass			Saint Mary Magdalene	Sg 3:1—4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday, July 23, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Ronald Watkavitch	Myron and Karen Crumrine	Saint Bridget, Religious	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 Mt 13:10-17
Friday, July 24, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Helen and Steve Gabor	Family	Saint Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest	Jer 3:14-17 Mt 13:18-23
Saturday, July 25, 2020			Saint James, Apostle	2 Cor 4:7-15 Mt 20:20-28
Saturday, July 25, 2020 5:30 p.m. Mass	Linda Sypher and Daughter Lisa Ward	Tom Winkler Family	Vigil of the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(See below)
Sunday, July 26, 2020 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

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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 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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