

Happy
4th of
July!

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Parish Stewardship for 2019-2020

Weekly amount budgeted for 2019-2020 . . . \$3,529.00
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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 Mass at our church has resumed now. It 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 Helen V. Tuttle who passed June 4. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Adult Faith Formation Class on the New Evangelization will resume on Monday, July 13 following 8:30 a.m. Mass and again at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph Social Hall.

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

“Food Bank”

Thank you for your ongoing support to the Christian Food Bank. The Christian Food Bank volunteers also want to thank you for your generous contributions.

Parents of Faith Formation Students

Please notify the Faith Formation office if your child will be entering our 2020-21 program so we can prepare for the opening of class. Call 814-787-4151 #5 to leave a message.

Thank you for your cooperation.

“Care & Concern”

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



“St. Joseph Prayer Chain”



If there is someone who could use the prayers of our Parish, please call Gina at 787-7593.



Brave, Compassionate People

Having some knowledge of historical events of people in the Old Testament can help with our understanding of people of faith up to this day and age. Let’s look at some historical drama of the time of the Prophet Zechariah who was a brave, compassionate person and the brave compassionate people that have stood and those now standing in that same line of people who gave great witness during the drama of our time.

In our First Reading at Mass the Prophet Zechariah makes a totally overwhelming, almost unbelievable, pronouncement to the Hebrew people of Israel. The proclamation is basically this: After 400 years of being controlled and attacked by Egyptians, Assyrians and Babylonians and Persians, you need to start to “Rejoice heartily and shout for joy” (Zech 9:9) Why? Because “your King shall come to you, a just Savior is He.” (Zech 9:9)

This indeed happened and a time of peace had arrived. Zechariah was both brave to stick his neck out and take the risk of making such a proclamation. But, he did so because of his compassionate love for God’s people.

Jesus absolutely and even more perfectly tells us in today’s Gospel to come to Him when we are burdened, and He will give us rest, peace and *shalom* which mean peace and “well-being.”

A person that stands in the historical line of brave, compassionate people is Venerable Giuseppe Ambrosoli who lived from 1923 to 1987. After earning a medical degree in 1949, he sometime later entered the Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus religious order and served the poor, suffering people in Africa. He arrived in Uganda in 1956 and extensively cared for the leprosy patients. He was known as the *Doctor of Charity*. Father Ambrosoli died on March 27, 1987; he is on his way to sainthood and will be beatified later this year.

Some final examples of brave, compassionate people are the many nurses, aides, and doctors who have tirelessly given of themselves these past several months to care for the COVID-19 patients in hospitals and nursing homes. As we celebrate Independence Day this weekend, may we thank almighty God for the many men and women who were brave and compassionate that founded our country and fought for our independence.

God Bless,
 Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, July 6, 2020 No Mass No Communion Service			Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr	Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22 Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday, July 7, 2020 No Mass No Communion Service 6:30 pm Rosary at the Shrine			Weekday	Hos 8:4-7,11-13 Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday, July 8, 2020 No Mass			Weekday	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8,12 Mt 10:1-7
Thursday, July 9, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Terry Asalone	Aunt Barb and Uncle Dave	St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs	Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9 Mt 10:7-15
Friday, July 10, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Roger Meraglia, Sr.	Roger and Marleen Meraglia	Weekday	Hos 14:2-10 Mt 10:16-23
Saturday, July 11, 2020			Saint Benedict, Abbot	Is 6:1-8 Mt 10:24-33
Saturday, July 11, 2020 5:30 p.m. Mass	Vincent and Mary Ann Brunelli	The Family	Vigil of the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(See below)
Sunday, July 12, 2020 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 55:10-11 Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

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St. Joseph Church

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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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