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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21

Parish Stewardship for 2019-2020

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

Due to early publication deadline for Memorial Day, our Parish Stewardship will be placed in the next bulletin.

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

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.

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



We offer our prayers for the repose of the soul of Bill O'Neal who passed away May 14th. May he rest in peace. Amen.



The weather appears to be stable enough for those of you who want to place flowers on the graves of your loved ones. Water in the cemetery will be on from 9 am-8 pm daily.

If you cannot visit the cemetery during these hours and you need water for your plants, the water can be taken from the Shrine faucet.



"Food Bank"

Thank you for your ongoing support to the Christian Food Bank. Your 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.

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



The Fruit of Pentecost

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost. The word *Pentecost* means fifty days. We are fifty days after Easter Sunday. We believe that after Jesus's Resurrection, He appeared to His Apostles and was with them for forty days. On that fortieth day, Jesus ascended into Heaven. We had celebrated the Solemnity of Ascension Thursday ten days previously.

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

Also, to be emphasized is what the Holy Spirit is willing to do for our lives that will make our lives fruitful. The Fruit of the Holy Spirit are "*love, joy, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.*" (Galatians 5:22)

This Fruit, to a certain degree, is already active in our lives—absolutely. But, our Lord Jesus knows that we and our world need a refueling — an outpouring of this fruit in greater abundance — especially during these times. Pray to the Holy Spirit during this Pentecost time for a new outpouring of the Fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Inserted today is an art project you can do at home which can serve as a prayer for this Fruit 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 routine with each of the Fruit for the following weeks.**

This activity can help you receive the Fruit of the Holy Spirit whether you are at home, at work, at school or traveling. **Come Holy Spirit!**

God Bless,
Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, June 1, 2020	Wanda M. Mastrian	Father Mark and Family	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	Gn 3:9-15, 20 Acts 1:12-14 Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday, June 2, 2020	John F. Lovenduski (4th Anniversary)	Family	Saint Marcellinus and Saint Peter, Martyrs	2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18 Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday, June 3, 2020			Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs	2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12 Mk 12:18-27
Thursday, June 4, 2020	Special Intention	Parishioner	Weekday	2 Tm:8-15 Mk 12:28-34
Friday, June 5, 2020 FIRST FRIDAY	Helen Lovenduski (wedding anniversary)	Husband Len	Saint Boniface, Bishop	2 3:10-17 Mk 12:35-37
Saturday, June 6, 2020 FIRST SATURDAY			Saint Norbert, Bishop	2 Tm 4:1-8 Mk 12:38-44
Saturday, June 6, 2020	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the Most Holy Trinity	(See below)
Sunday, June 7, 2020	Josephine and James Carcella	Mike and Kim Carcella	The Most Holy Trinity	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 2 Cor 13:11-13 Jn 3:16-18

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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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