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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"Come after me, and I will make you fishers
of men." - Mt 4:19**

Parish Stewardship for 2022-2023

Weekly amount budgeted for 2022-2023 \$3,365.00
 Offertory collection 1/9/23 thru 1/17/23 \$3,909.00
 CSA 2022 Campaign Parish Goal \$32,404.00
 CSA pledges as of 1/17/2023 \$25,690.00

Thank you for supporting St. Joseph

Pope's Intention for January

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fellowship rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



“Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.”
 Join us in St. Joseph Church each Tuesday 6 p.m.



Parent Meeting for First Communion is scheduled for Sunday, January 29th after Mass at 10:20 in the Faith Formation Center.

At this required meeting, parents will receive information on the date for the First Communion Retreat and information for First Communion Day. Please attend.

Baptismal Training February 2023

February 7 7:00 pm St. Joseph , Force 787-4151
 February 23 7:00 pm St. Mark, Emporium 486-0569



**Let Music into Your Life
 Join the Choir
 Practice every Thursday
 at 6:00 pm.**

New voices are always welcomed!

“The Sin of Adam and the Temptations of Christ in the Desert”

St. Leo Magnus Parish will host a bible study on the above topic January 24, 31, February 7, 14 at 6:30 in the St. Leo Magnus Social Hall, Ridgway. The topic material covered is appropriate for teens and older. Discussion will be led by Lucy Bobby.

Save the Date! Dr. Jan Satterlee will hold a ‘Discernment of Spirits: An Ignatian Guide to Everyday Living’ from June 8 to 11 at Bethany Retreat Center, Frenchville, PA. Explore the different spirits at work in our hearts and minds through group instruction and discussion, and private time for reflection . To learn more or register: call 814-263-4855 or visit bethanyretreatcenter.org.

2023 Calendars are located in the vestibule — please feel free to take calendars home for your family, too!



**The Homily at Mass
 and
 Thoughts on the Life
 of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**

We all have a story of our faith journey with our Lord and Savior. Our stories involve the Sacraments beginning with our Baptism, our Faith Formation classes, and sharing portions of our journey with family and friends.

When we participate in worship at Mass, we hear the faith journey of the people of Israel in the First Reading. In the Second Reading we are instructed about the faith journey of the early Christian communities. And, in the Gospel Reading we hear about the Life of Jesus and the faith journey of Him and His Apostles. Given by bishops, priests or deacons, the Homily explains the theme of the Readings through contemporary stories of people, teachings of the Church, and through illustrations of everyday life.

The Homily is to come from the preachers’ own personal life experiences and inspirations with God’s Word. Certainly, **this must be the goal of the Homily at Mass.**

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

His life story and journey of faith began in the little town of Marktl am Inn, Germany where he was born on Holy Saturday, April 16, 1927. His parents, Joseph and Maria Ratzinger brought their new born son to the Easter waters of Baptism just several hours after he was born at which time he received the name of Joseph Aloysius. Family and friends had all agreed that his timely birth and baptism at the Easter Vigil was a very special blessing from God.

Young Joseph enrolled in seminary to study for the priesthood in the early 1940s. The book Pope Benedict XVI: Servant of the Truth by Ignatius Press states that eventually Joseph was forced to be enrolled in the Hitler youth. “He was enlisted in the infantry towards the end of 1944. He deserts and is taken prisoner by the Americans. In 1945 he is released from the prisoner of war camp. He continues his studies for the priesthood and in 1951 he and his brother Georg are ordained to the priesthood.”

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Cardinal Ratzinger was appointed Prefect of the Doctrine of Faith in 1981 and was elected Pope on April 19, 2005. Pope Benedict XVI was a very brilliant and holy man. His unassuming and reserved personality coupled with a preaching ability that was clear, easy to understand, and uncompromising to the Gospel Truth drew hundreds of thousand of people to St. Peter’s Square to see him and hear him speak each week. He remains a humble and priestly example to all of us.

Pope Benedict, thank you!

God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, January 23, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Donna Bruni	Miriam and Mary	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	Heb 9: 15, 24-28 Mk 3: 22-30
Tuesday, January 24, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Mary Morelli	Frank Michelini and Family	Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	Heb 10: 1-10 Mk 3: 31-35
Wednesday, January 25, 2023 No Mass			The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle	Acts 22: 3-16 or Acts 9: 1-22 Mk 16: 15-18
Thursday, January 26, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Irene Gregori	BJ and Cody Renner	Saint Timothy & Saint Titus, Bishops	2 Tim 1: 1-8 or Ti 1: 1-5 Mk 4: 21-25
Friday, January 27, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Souls in Purgatory		Saint Angela Merici, Virgin	Heb 10: 32-39 Mk 4: 26-34
Saturday, January 28, 2023 No a.m. Mass			Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church	Heb 11: 1-2, 8-19 Mk 4: 35-41
Saturday, January 28, 2023 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		The Vigil of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, January 29, 2023 9:15 a.m. Mass	Stanley & Mary Gusherowski and grandson Steven Perkins	Barb and Dave Lease	The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 8: 23-9 :3 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4: 12-23 or 4: 12-17

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St. Joseph Church

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Church Hours

St. Joseph Church: Sun. 7:30 am — 4 pm; Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 8 am—4 pm Sat. 9:00 am —7:00 pm

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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–Celebrated for all who are seriously ill annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available 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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