



*St. Joseph Parish — Force, PA — Bringing Eucharistic Life to the Valley since 1872*

## 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42

**Parish Stewardship for 2021-2022**

Weekly amount budgeted for 2021-2022 . . . . .	\$3,365.00
Offertory collection 6/13-6/20/2022 . . . . .	\$2,044.00
Offertory collection 6/20-6/27/2022 . . . . .	\$3,326.00
Offertory collection 6/27-7/5/2022 . . . . .	\$2,992.00
CSA 2022 Campaign Parish Goal . . . . .	\$32,404.00
CSA pledges to date . . . . .	\$23,085.00



“Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.” Join us at St. Joseph Church Fatima Shrine each Tuesday at 6 pm



**Pope Francis’s Intention for July**

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

**Baptismal Training Sessions for May, June, and July**

August 11	6:30 pm	St. Mark, Emporium	486-0569
September 6	6:30 pm	Queen of the World	834-4701
Sept. 21	7:00 pm	Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg	965-2819

**St. Joseph Church Welcomes Reverend Augustine Ibeh, CSSp.**

As part of the Erie Diocese Missionary Cooperation Plan for 2022, Fr. Mark welcomes Reverend Augustine Ibeh to our parish at both Masses next weekend July 23-24. Fr. Augustine will speak about the missionary work of the Spiritans—the Congregation of the Holy Spirit. Your free will offering will be greatly appreciated.

**150th Celebration Bus Trip to St. Vincent Archabbey**

As part of St. Joseph Church 150th Celebration, a bus trip to Latrobe on August 17th is being finalized this week. There will be an insert regarding the points of interest to be visited along with travel time, meeting/bus location, and cost. Get your friends to join you for a packed day of interesting and enjoyable touring.

**Save August 14th for Our Parish Picnic**

The Committee continues to plan a fun day. Along with a delicious picnic-style meal, there will be plenty of activities to make the day memorable.



DuBois Area Faith Formation presents Vacation Bible School 2022. Open to children 5-2 in McGivney Hall, St. Catherine Church, DuBois from 6-8 pm on July 27-29. Free to attend register at 814-371-4082 or email [www.wegrowinfaith@yahoo.com](mailto:www.wegrowinfaith@yahoo.com).

DuBois Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services is holding its 27th Annual Diaper Drive. Items like disposable diapers, gently-used/new infant clothing to 24 mos., diaper ointment/wipes, baby wash/shampoo, etc. can be dropped off in the vestibule or at the church office (M-F, 9-4). Make monetary check donations to **Catholic Charities—Diaper Drive**.

**Divine Mercy Encounter Retreat Returns!** DME will be hosting its 3-day retreat in St. Marys, August 12, 13 & 14. Anyone 15 or older is invited to make this onsite retreat at Elk Co. Catholic H.S., St. Marys. The weekend includes talks, exposure to different types of prayer, Mass, and more. The program runs from 10 a.m. Friday to 5 p.m. on Sunday; retreat participants will stay at the high school. Call Kim at 814-781-1019.



**Are You like Martha or Mary?**

In our Gospel Reading this weekend we have the famous story of Jesus visiting Martha and her sister, Mary. They invited Jesus to dinner. At one point Martha complained to our Lord that she was stuck with all the responsibility of getting the tables set and the dinner ready and that her sister needs to help her. What was Jesus’s response — “Martha, Martha you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her. (Mt 10:41-42)

Brothers and sisters, in actuality both Martha and Mary were living and serving Jesus in their own unique way. Martha shows love of neighbor by serving our Lord. Mary shows love for God by listening and paying attention to all Jesus is saying to her.

A good question for you is *Are you like Martha who mostly serves your neighbor in some active way or are you like Mary who would rather sit at our Lord’s feet and absorb everything he teaches?*

The good news is that we all need to be like Martha and like Mary. The good challenge is that if we are more like Mary where we pray often and find comfort in being with the Lord, this is good. However, a person like Mary needs to have a balance in her life with active service and good works. Therefore, *what should she do/what can we do?* ... Be open to some active service for our Lord and His people ... such as, participating on one of the many parish committees; joining the choir; volunteering your time to weed around the church buildings; or assisting in the Faith Formation Program by being a catechist teacher or a substitute.

Now, if you are more like Martha, slow down a little and spend more quiet prayer time with our Lord. Some examples can be ... strive to come to Mass earlier for this prayer time; share the Gospel with your family; and recite bedtime prayers with your children.

May we learn in our lives a healthy balance of the necessary prayer time of Mary and the loving service of Martha .

God Bless,  
Father Mark



# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, July 18, 2022 No Mass	No Communion Service		Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8 Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday, July 19, 2022 No Mass	No Communion Service		Weekday	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday, July 20, 2022 No Mass			Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr	Jer 1:1, 4-10 Mt 13:1-9
Thursday, July 21, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Jackie Kightlinger	St. Joseph Office Staff	Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 Mt 13:10-17
Friday, July 22, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Mary Lease (anniversary)	Pauline Lovenduski	Saint Mary Magdalene	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Saturday, July 23, 2022 No Mass			Saint Bridget, Religious	Jer 7:1-11 Mt 13:24-30
Saturday, July 23, 2022 5:30 p.m. Mass Missionary Cooperation Plan with Rev. Augustine Ibeh	Louis (Manny) Chiappelli, Jr.	Frank and Barb Azzato	Vigil of The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, July 24, 2022 9:15 a.m. Mass Missionary Cooperation Plan with Rev. Augustine Ibeh	Living and Deceased Parishioners		The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Gn 18:20-32 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13

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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 pm**

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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 11<sup>th</sup> 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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