



*St. Joseph Parish Force, PA*

*Bringing Eucharistic Life to the Valley since 1872*

# 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

---

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.” - Mt 18:21-22



**Parish Stewardship for 2020-2012**

Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021. . . . \$3,462.00  
 CSA 2020 Campaign Parish Goal . . . . . \$32,626.00  
 Parishioners' Pledged Amount . . . . . \$29,520.00

Due to Publisher's Holiday Closing, the Offertory Collection for this weekend will be reported in September 20 Bulletin  
 Thank you for your continued support to St. Joseph Church.

**Everyone is *still* required to wear a mask when entering or remaining on parish premises.**

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



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

**Raffle Drawing**

The raffle drawing winners will be listed in September 20th bulletin.

**Confirmation Class Parent/Student Meeting!**

This year's **Confirmation class** will begin with a parent/student meeting **next Sunday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Social Hall. The Confirmation students will **meet for class the following Sunday, September 27 at 10:30 a.m.** in the social hall.

(Masks are required for all Faith Formation classes.)



The **Fall Semester of Faith Formation** calls upon the help of our parents as the expert on their children. The Faith Formation classes will be using a family-centered approach in which parents/guardians with their children will be responsible for the weekly completion of the Gospel Weeklies. On the **opening day next Sunday, September 20th**, parents (and their children) will meet with the catechists who will guide them through the instructions on how to use the Gospel Weeklies at home with their children. **Individual training will be available to whomever needs support.**

The **Catholic Education Collection** is scheduled for next Sunday—Catechetical Sunday. This annual collection supports the lifelong education and faith formation opportunities for everyone throughout the Diocese. Please support this collection. One-half of the funds raised from this collection remains in our parish to support our education programs. Please see the bulletin insert regarding this collection.

**St. Joseph Church Fish/Shrimp Dinners will begin again!**

Every Friday beginning September 18 thru October 30, our fish/shrimp dinners will once again be available for **take-out only**. See insert for menu details. Phone number: 814-787-4151.

**How Often Must I Forgive?**

Several years ago I knew two men that worked together in the same business. The older one was the boss of the younger man. Their working relationship from day one was not good. The younger worker was angry because his boss was overly critical, impatient, and not happy with the younger man's work. After a year of this situation, the younger worker left and got a new job in a different part of that state. He enjoyed his new work and stayed there for many years.

What happened years later was kind of an amazing thing. The friends he made over the years were avid hunters and fishermen as he was. He eventually discovered that some of his friends actually knew his old boss with whom he had problems years back. As time went on, he and his old boss became reacquainted and reconciled with each other through their mutual friends. *What happened? — Forgiveness from the heart and with the help of friends.*

In our Gospel Reading, good Peter probably had some issues with one of the other Apostles, so he asked Jesus the question: "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times? . . ." (Matthew 18:21-22) Peter uses the number seven because that number indicates perfection in the Jewish way of thinking. Peter must have thought Jesus would immediately say 'yes' to that many times we must forgive. But what did Jesus say? ". . . I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." (Matthew 18:21-22) In other words, we must forgive others every time they sin against us.

Ok, but this is tremendously difficult. True, but our Lord Who commands us to do this will certainly give us the ability and the Grace to do it. This Grace will be given in the Sacrament of Confession. Confess anger and unforgiveness in Confession and Jesus our Lord will give you the spiritual strength and grace to forgive others — even seventy-seven times, and possibly with the help of friends.

God Bless, Father Mark

**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](http://stjosephforce.org).

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, September 14, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Hazel and Beno Bleggi	Gin and Family	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Nm 21:4b-9 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday, September 15, 2020 8:30 a.m. 6:30 pm Rosary at the Shrine	Communion Service		Our Lady of Sorrows	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday, September 16, 2020 No Mass			Saint Cornelius, Pope; Cyprian, Bishop, And Martyrs	1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 Lk 7:31-35
Thursday, September 17, 2020 8:30 a.m. No Mass	Communion Service		Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 7:36-50
Friday, September 18, 2020 8:30 a.m. No Mass	Communion Service		Weekday	1 Cor 15:12-20 Lk 8:1-3
Saturday, September 19, 2020			Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr	1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49 Lk 8:4-15
Saturday, September 19, 2020 5:30 p.m. Mass	Charles Feldman	Roger and Marleen Feldman	Vigil of the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(See below)
Sunday, September 20, 2020 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 55:6-9 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Mt 20:1-16a

Ph. 814-787-4151

St. Joseph Church

Fax 814-787-4478

## STAFF

Rev. Mark J. Mastrian..... Pastor

Deacon Paul Bauman ..... Deacon Assistant

Parish Secretary: **Marlene Berasi**; Faith Formation Coordinator: **Mary Stoker**; Domestic Administrator: **Miriam Pane**

Pastoral Council President: **Bryan Chiappelli**; Finance Council Moderator: **Leon Calliari**

17764 Bennetts Valley Hwy., P. O. Box 124, Force, PA 15841-0124

Office Email: [stjosephforce@windstream.net](mailto:stjosephforce@windstream.net) Website: [www.stjosephforce.org](http://www.stjosephforce.org) Faith Formation Email: [stjosephforceff@windstream.net](mailto:stjosephforceff@windstream.net)

St. Joseph Church will be open Sun., Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 7:30 am — 7 pm; Wed. and Sat. 9:00 am — 7 pm

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 9<sup>th</sup> 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** – 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.



**FORCE GARAGE**  
Celebrating Over 90 Years of Business

- General Repair
- State Inspection

**Bill Michelini**  
17322 Bennetts Valley Hwy. • Force, PA  
787-5141

**Straub Insurance Agency**

201 John Street  
St. Marys, PA 15857  
834-2490

**Ralph M. Geer Funeral Home**

*Five Generations Serving the Bennetts Valley Area*

Joseph M. Nedza F.D. / Owner  
(814) 637-5401  
www.nedzafamilyfuneralhomes.com

12045 Bennetts Valley Hwy.  
PO BOX 6  
Penfield, PA 15849

**Valley Farm Market**

Route 255,  
18211 Bennetts Valley Hwy  
Weedville, PA 15868  
(814) 787-8911

Gasoline, Kerosene, and Diesel  
Large Assortment of Deli, T-shirts, Ice Cream,  
Groceries, and Model Trains

**KORB MONUMENTS**  
COMPLETE MONUMENT SERVICES  
SINCE 1901

Visit our large display & production plant in downtown DuBois

1-800-752-1601  
www.korbmonuments.com

**SEAMLESS GUTTERS**

Free Estimates • Fully Insured  
Gutter Guards Available  
www.cagutters.com

**CARL HANES, OWNER**  
814-834-1123 PA029106

**DAGHIR CONSTRUCTION, INC.**  
Commercial and Industrial Construction

**814.781.3883** PO BOX 305  
ST. MARYS, PA

**Denise M. Cuneo**  
Attorney at Law

283 River Rd. • Weedville, PA  
814-787-7368  
1-855-209-8461

**SMP**  
PHARMACY & HOME MEDICAL

Medical Equipment & Supplies  
**1-800-876-3442**  
SMPRX.com

PA# 892857

**PA POWER WASHING**  
Residential & Industrial

Call or Text: Ryan Wehler  
**814-594-5756** f

Fully Insured-Free Estimates

**ROLLEY FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC, PC**  
Ronald J. Rolley, Jr., D.C.  
Palmer Graduate

628 S. St. Marys Street, St. Marys  
(814) 834-1045  
www.rolleyfamilychiropractic.com

Family chiropractic care - Most insurances accepted

**Erie Insurance** St. Marys Insurance Agency

301 Depot St. • St. Marys, PA 15857  
814-834-2897  
www.stmarysagency.com

Home • Auto • Business • Life  
Medicare Supplements

**American Legion Post 978**  
**814-787-8900**

19612 Bennetts Valley Hwy • Weedville  
Open: Thursday 6-Midnight • Friday 5-2am  
Saturday 1-2am • Sunday Noon-Midnight  
- Free Coffee on Sundays -

**catholicmatch**  
Pennsylvania

CatholicMatch.com/PA

**ROSE'S HILLTOP DINER**

Breakfast  
Lunch  
Dinner  
Daily Specials  
814-834-4492

24716 Bennetts Valley Hwy., Weedville

**CALLIARI, MEHOLICK & Co.**  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

TELE: (814) 371-7499

Providing Personal, Friendly  
Funeral Services Since 1996

**Baronick**  
Funeral Home & Crematorium, Inc.

211 South Main St., Dubois  
**814-371-2040**

**THE Applewood BBQ & GRILL**  
814-637-5063  
PENFIELD, PA

Brisket • Pork  
Chicken • Fish  
BBQ Ribs  
Great Burgers  
Salads  
Appetizers

12449 Bennetts Valley Highway

**We Are Only a Phone Call Away**

**QUALITY BUILDERS**  
Specializing in:

- Windows & Doors
- Exterior Siding
- Sunrooms • Roofing
- Retractable Awnings
- Bathrooms
- Interior Work

It's HAMMER Time **814-371-7561**

**Your construction & landscape projects are always in good hands.**

**North Star Aggregates, Inc.**

12933 Bennetts Valley Hwy  
**814-637-5599**

**ST. MARYS STONE MULCH & MORE**

Now at 133 Locust Rd • St. Marys, PA

Wood Pallets • Bag Rock Salt • Cut/Split Firewood  
HARD & SOFT COAL • CAR PORTS  
CUSTOM BUILT SHEDS  
Delivery Available W Conveyor  
(814) 781-8334

**ST. JOSEPH'S TERRACE SENIOR APARTMENTS**

Rent is based on 30% of adjusted income  
All utilities included (not Phone, TV)

45 Plum St • Weedville, PA  
(814) 787-8772

Non-Denominational

**Too Sick for Mass?**

SUPPORT OUR PARISH NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!

Sign-up to get your bulletin delivered right to your inbox!  
www.parishesonline.com

**FENICE GARAGE**  
Auto Mechanic  
Quality Work  
General Repair  
Full Body Shop  
Inspections

Tony Fenice - Owner  
17409 Bennetts Valley Highway  
**814-787-4283**

**Unsurpassed Wine & Spirits**

24670 Bennetts Highway  
Route 255  
Weedville, PA  
**814-834-9463**

ElkMountainWinery.com

**AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME**

**ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE**

Contact **Tim Weir** to place an ad today!  
tweir@4LPi.com or (800) 477-4574 x6568

## St. Joseph Church

### PARISHIONER INFORMATION

All practicing Catholics living in the Bennetts Valley Area who consider themselves members of St. Joseph Parish should be registered in the parish. All registered members of St. Joseph receive envelopes and receive periodic parish mailings. St. Joseph Parish is a Sacrificial Giving Parish, committed to serving the Lord with God-given time, talents and treasures. All registered members should be using their envelopes regularly. Parish membership is required to be a sponsor, to be married in the parish, to have a child baptized or to be registered in our Faith Formation program. Please call the church office to arrange a meeting to register in our parish.