




# EASTER SUNDAY

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**Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021**  
 Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021 . . . \$3,462.00  
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**CSA 2021 Campaign Parish Goal . . . . . \$33,199.00**  
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged . . . . . \$20,405.00  
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged Amount Received. . . . . \$11,010.00  
**Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church**

**Please remember your prayers for the unborn these 40 Days!**



“Pray the Rosary every-day to obtain peace for the world.” Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6:00 pm.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Lawrence Chiodo, Joyce Fantechi (mother of Steve Fantechi) and Stephen Betta (cousin of Jim Betta) who passed away in March. May they rest in peace. Amen.



Celebration of the First Eucharist of our 3rd Grade students will be Sunday, April 25 at the 9:15 a.m. Mass. Join us at this Mass and meet our First Communicants.



Confirmation Preparation classes will resume next Sunday, April 11.

**Time for Cemetery Attention**

When you visit your family members’ final resting place at the cemetery, please remember to remove the flowers of the previous seasons. Cemetery maintenance will begin soon to clean up the grounds and will remove the out-of-season, faded and weather-worn flower memorials. Since our cemetery is visited often, the floral attention to your family sites adds to the inviting appearance so feel free to continue to add the lovely colors of Spring.



**Baptismal Training Session Schedule:**  
 April 20 7:00 p.m. St. Leo Ridgway 772-3135  
 May 20 7:00 P.M. St. Marys St. Marys 781-1019

The Church Office will be closed Monday, April 5.  
 The Office will reopen Easter Tuesday at 9 a.m.

**St. Joseph Website** Saturday and Sunday Masses at our church have resumed. Recorded Mass at this time will not be available due to technical adjustment. Please refer to the website for updates and the bulletin.  
 Website: [stjosephforce.org](http://stjosephforce.org)



**Lessons of Sacred Scripture**  
 (from an Easter Hymn)

Happy Easter! Today I share with you the lessons of Sacred Scripture that we can find in the following Easter hymn sung at Mass during the Easter season. The title is “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!” The translation of this hymn comes from the prayer book of the Liturgy of the Hours, Catholic Book Pub. Co. NY 1976

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter His the throne; Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone. Hark the songs of peaceful Sion, Thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus out of ev’ry nation, has redeemed us by His Blood.*

Scripture Meaning: The beautiful words open with the title: “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!” Absolutely, we are going to sing because His the scepter and throne mean He is eternal Heavenly King Who won the victory over death by His Blood. Peaceful Sion can be read in the Book of Isaiah 65:17-25. In verse 18 God says: “There shall always be rejoicing and happiness in what I create.”

*Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now. Alleluia! He is near us, faith believes nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received Him, when the forty days were o’er, shall our hearts forget His promises “I am with you evermore.”*

Scripture Meaning: *Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now* refers to Jesus’s words in the Gospel of John 14:18 where Jesus says: “I will not leave you orphaned I will come back to you.” Jesus came back to us in His Resurrection. The gift of faith enables us to believe in these promises from Jesus. The meaning of the words *The cloud from sight receive Him when the forty days were o’er* refers to Jesus’s Ascension into Heaven after being with His Apostles for forty days after His Resurrection. The last words of this verse are the encouraging words Jesus gives to His Apostles and to us in the Gospel of Matthew 28:20, “I am with you always.” If we strive to love Jesus, He and the Heavenly Father in the Holy Spirit ‘will come to us and make their dwelling place with us.” (John 14:23)

*Alleluia! Bread of angels, thou on earth our food, our stay. Alleluia here the sinful flee to thee from day to day. Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth’s Redeemer plead for me. Where the songs of all the sinless, sweep across the crystal sea.*

Scripture Meaning: *Bread of Angels*,...line refers to Jesus, the Bread of Life (John 6) *Intercessor Friend of sinners*—connected to Hebrews 7:5. *Crystal sea* can be found in the Book of Revelations 22:1. This is a beautiful image of Heaven. God Bless.

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, April 5, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Elizabeth Leair	Leair Family	Monday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 2:14, 22-33 Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday, April 6, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Lucien and Theophila Benevich	Children	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday, April 7, 2021 No Mass			Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35
Thursday, April 8, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Lawrence Chiodo	Barb and Dave Lease	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48
Friday, April 9, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Donald Dudley	Josephine Levanduski	Friday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14
Saturday, April 10, 2021 No Mass			Saturday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15
Saturday, April 10, 2021 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of 2nd Sunday of Easter <b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	(See below)
Sunday, April 11, 2021 9:15 a.m. Mass	George Chiodo (anniversary)	wife Terri and Children	2nd Sunday of Easter <b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	Acts 4:32-35 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31

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CHURCH HOURS

St. Joseph Church will be open Sun., Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 7:30 am — 4 pm; Wed. 8 am — 4 pm; 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 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** – 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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