



EASTER SUNDAY



The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. - Lk 24:1b-3

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

Parish Stewardship for 2021-2022

Weekly amount budgeted for 2021-2022 \$3,365.00
 Offertory from March 28 thru April 4 \$2,983.00
 CSA 2022 Campaign Parish Goal \$32,404.00
 CSA pledges to date \$21,135.00

Fish/Shrimp Dinners were a great success these past two Fridays!
 There were 824 dinners served!

Thank you for your support!

Please pray for Our Holy Father Pope Francis and His Intentions for the month of April

We pray for healthcare workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.



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



Mother’s Day is rapidly approaching!

St. Joseph Church will be celebrating all mothers with the traditional Mother’s Day breakfast. On May 8th after 9:15 am Mass, all ladies of the church—young and old —are invited to feast upon the delicious breakfast the men of St. Joseph Parish will have prepared for the occasion. Tickets for the breakfast will be on sale in the social hall after each weekend Mass on April 23/24th and on April 30/May 1st. The cost for adults is \$7.00 and for children under 10 the cost is \$3.00.

Remember the breakfasts of the past? Let’s make this Mother’s Day Breakfast on this 150th year Celebration of Eucharistic Life in our Parish a memorable one!



Baptismal Training Sessions for April, May, June

April 19	7 pm	St. Leo, Ridgway	772-3135
May 19	7 pm	St. Mary’s, St. Marys	781-1019
June 7	7 pm	St. Leo, Ridgway	772-3135



The Season for Giving Continues at the Food Bank. Non-perishable food donations may be placed in the vestibule in the church or at the church office. Thank you for your generous and ongoing donations in your support to the Christian Food Bank. You are helping many others during these struggling times. Total weight of donated food for February and March was 154 lbs!

The 150th Anniversary of the Catholic Church’s presence in Bennetts Valley Bringing Eucharistic Life since 1872.

This is the theme of our 150th Anniversary that all of us are looking forward to as we prepare to celebrate with Bishop Lawrence Persico on Sunday, October 9th. We are starting to collect pictures from the past of each of our four churches: St. Cecilia, St. Stanislaus, Our Lady of Help of Christians and St. Joseph. At this time if you have any pictures that can be used for our anniversary, we would greatly appreciate borrowing them. Please label each picture with your information. A box will be provided in the church office for your pictures. We thank you in advance as we prepare to celebrate this grand and glorious event!



Happy Easter

Stories of Resurrection

Bruce was a hard-working person enjoying a lot of time hunting, fishing, canoeing and spending many hours in his “man cave” watching sports on his large screen TV. He and his wife did have friends with whom they would often get together. This socializing is what helped them in their communication with each other. However, they had issues between each other. One of the biggest issues was that his wife wanted him to start going back to Mass with her. He maintained he didn’t need to go unless it was a wedding or funeral.

One day he started getting severe pains in his chest. Rushed to the hospital, he underwent a heart catheterization and was told he needed heart surgery immediately. After his successful bypass surgery, he said to his wife, “I’m ready to start going back to Mass with you.” She was amazed and asked why. He replied, “The prayers that I prayed after my surgery and during my recovery convinced me that God was with me and healed me and told me to go back to Mass. Bruce’s new life with his **resurrected faith** in Jesus began.

Another example of a **resurrection story** is one that many people who had struggled in their education can relate to. The story is of a young boy being attention deficit who went from tutor to tutor and some remedial reading sessions. These efforts helped but it wasn’t until he began to believe he had gifts from God that he needed to develop that he started to make a significant change in his life.

With the encouragement of many people, his grades began to improve. He graduated from high school, went to college, then law school and became a very successful lawyer. The affirmation of many people and his belief in God and the need to be diligent in developing his God-given gifts is a unique story. His perseverance in his reading ability was a gradual **resurrection in his learning experience.**

Blessed Chiara Badano was an average teenage girl who lived an ordinary lifestyle with extraordinary faith. Chiara had a love for people. As a child, she gave away her toys to poor children and spent time visiting the elderly in nursing homes. She was a popular student and active in tennis and swimming. Eventually, she was diagnosed with bone cancer and became the source of encouragement and inspiration for those around her in her selfless care and concern for others during her sufferings. An important prayer for her was “For You, Jesus.” She died in 1990 at 18 and was beatified in 2010 following a miracle of a boy who was healed from meningitis through her intercessory prayers. **We all have a resurrection story. What is yours? Reflect on it this Easter.**

(Excerpts from Chosen, Wikipedia, chiarabadano.org)

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, April 18, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	John Bonanno (100th birthday)	Dennis and Deborah Bonanno	Monday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 2:14, 22-23 Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday, April 19, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Winston Streich (birthday)	wife — Sandra	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday, April 20, 2022 No Mass			Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35
Thursday, April 21, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Rudy and son Rob	Gin Cadori and Family	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48
Friday, April 22, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Fran Kozminski	Joe and Kelly Angelo	Friday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14
Saturday, April 23, 2022 No Mass			Saturday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15
Saturday, April 23, 2022 8:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of Sunday of Divine Mercy	(see below)
Sunday, April 24, 2022 9:15 a.m. Mass	Judith Benevich (birthday)	Danna and Jack Allar	Sunday of Divine Mercy	Acts 5:12-16 Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 Jn 20:19-31

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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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