



St. Joseph Parish

Force, PA

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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021

Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021.... \$3,462.00
 Regular Offertory 01/05/21 thru 01/11/21 ... \$3,099.00

CSA 2020 Campaign Parish Goal \$32,626.00

Parishioners' Pledged Amount \$29,545.00

Deadline for CSA pledge January 26

Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church



Tuesday's Rosary will be prayed
at 6:00 pm in the Church



Your prayers are requested for the soul of **John Franzoni** who passed away on January 6 and the soul of **Roy Mack, Jr.** who passed away January 8. May they rest in peace.

Baptismal Training Sessions for January 2021

Jan 20 7:00 pm Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg 965-2819

Confirmation classes resume on Sunday, January 24 at 10:30 in the social hall.

Faith Formation Classes are scheduled to begin in-person on Sunday, February 14. A more detailed letter has been mailed to the parents.



St. Joseph Church **Adult Faith Formation** classes will be every Monday until February 8 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and again at 6:30 p.m. All classes will be held in the social hall. Join us in these classes about [Mary—A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother](#) to experience the actual locations where Mary lived. Last week's classes learned about the early life of Mary in Nazareth and the meaning of the Annunciation. Please join us as we continue to follow this Biblical walk with our Blessed Mother. This Monday's class will be about the Visitation of the Blessed Mother to Elizabeth.

CSA reminder: Your final pledges are due by January 26. If you haven't made a pledge for this past campaign and still would like to participate, please pay in full the pledged amount you would like to donate.

Next weekend January 23-24 is **"Help Spread the Faith" campaign**. This campaign will help ensure we can continue to make these cost-free resources available to all parishioners throughout the diocese.

The church office will be closed Monday, January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Wearing a mask upon entering/remaining on Parish required.

Every other pew is designated for seating at Mass.

Father Mark is available to hear Confessions during office hours. Call for an appointment at 814-787-4151 #4

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

**Pray for Vocations**

On occasion at Mass during the Universal Prayers, we hear to pray for vocations with the understanding and intention that it is important to the faithful commitment of Marriage, Priesthood, Religious Life, the Diaconate and single life. My focus in this message is the calling to the priesthood.

I remember when studying in seminary and preparing for the priesthood, there were many seminarians who came from all walks of life and work experiences. Some had worked in the business world, some had engineering experiences in a company, some had taught in secondary schools and universities and some seminarians had served in the armed forces. Many had come from colleges as was my experience. I was a music major my first three years in college and then I changed my major to communications when I entered college seminary.

Jesus's calling to serve Him with our gifts, talents, education and job experiences is all used for the building up of God's Kingdom on earth here and now. Each one of us seminarians at that time and today first heard God calling us to a relationship with Him and then we responded to follow Him in going to seminary in order to prepare for the priesthood.

Similarly, in this weekend's Gospel we hear about Jesus calling His first disciples who then became His Apostles. They like us were called from different jobs and work settings to leave what they were doing and follow Jesus. We hear of Andrew and Simon Peter who were brothers and fishermen. Jesus was initiating a relationship with them and from this they learned about Jesus and the Kingdom that He was bringing about. It was then, only after being schooled by Jesus, could they go out and proclaim the Good News.

I offer this prayer with you right now for vocations...

*Jesus our Lord and Savior,
 As you had called Your first Disciples
 to come and follow You, help all of us
 to say 'yes' to Your invitation and to be
 faithful to our calling. Please, Jesus,
 continue to call men to serve You in the
 Priesthood.*

Pray for vocations.

God Bless,
 Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, January 18, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	All Seminarians of the Erie Diocese	Father Mark	Weekday	Heb 5:1-10 Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday, January 19, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Monsignor James Weithman	anonymous	Weekday	Heb 6:10-20 Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday, January 20, 2021 No Mass			Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr Saint Sebastian, Martyr	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Mk 3:1-6
Thursday, January 21, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	All the Unborn	St. Joseph Parishioners	Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	Heb 7:25—8:6 Mk 3:7-12
Friday, January 22, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Elizabeth and William Leair	Family	Day for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	Heb 8:6-13 Mk 3:13-19
Saturday, January 23, 2021			Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr	Heb 9:2-3, 11 Mk 3:20-21
Saturday, January 23, 2021 5:30 p.m. Mass	Stanley & Mary Gusherowski and grandson Steven Perkins	Barb and David Lease	Vigil of the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	(See below)
Sunday, January 24, 2021 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jon 3:1-5, 10 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

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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 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 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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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.

