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



“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” - Mt 13:44

Parish Stewardship for 2019-2020

Weekly amount budgeted for 2019-2020. . . . \$3,529.00  
 Offertory from July 6 thru July 13, 2020 . . . . \$3,028.00

Thank you for your continued support for St. Joseph Church as we endeavor to get through this pandemic together.  
 God Bless You!

As per the Order of the Secretary of the PA Dept. of Health directing public health safety measures, everyone is **still** required to wear a mask when entering or remaining on parish premises.

*St. Joseph Church will be open*  
*Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday*  
*7:30 am — 7 pm*  
*Wednesday and Saturday 9:00 am — 7 pm*

*Weekday Mass Schedule 8:30 am*  
*Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm — Sunday Mass 9:15 am*

Sacrament of Confession: Saturday 4:30 pm in the Church or by appointment (call 787-4151 #4)

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

## 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).



The decision to open in-person **Faith Formation Classes** in the fall will be made in conjunction with Father Mark's guidance. It must follow CDC guidelines and protocol and anything published by the Diocese of Erie. In addition, our program must follow the school district policies in our area. This means if SMASD or Du Bois Schools close on-site classes, we must close also.

**Adult Faith Formation Classes** will be on "Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life" starting Monday, July 27 following 8:30 am Mass and again at 6:30 pm in the Faith Formation Building.



**Our 16th Annual Parish Picnic is cancelled** this year however, the grand raffle will still be held by means of raffle tickets being sold in the social hall after weekend Masses. The grand raffle prizes are on display there as well. Tickets will be available starting this weekend July 25-26 up to the drawing date on September 6.



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

**Baptismal Training Sessions Schedule for August**

August 4 ... 7:00 pm ... St. Joseph Church, Force ... 787-4151  
 August 20 ... 6:30 pm ..St. Mark Church, Emporium ... 486-0569

St. Mary's Church's (139 Church St) sponsored Bus Trip at the Sight and Sound Theater of "Queen Esther." Call the Parish Office for information and reservations: 781-1019.

**Finding, Searching, and Collecting in Life**

In this weekend's Gospel according to Matthew, we hear three more parables about the Kingdom of Heaven. In the first parable, Jesus describes this Kingdom as being, "like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." (Matthew 13:44)

Sometimes in life we can be pleasantly surprised of finding something about people: a skill, a talent, or a life experience that we did not know that they had. Whether from their studies in Europe, or their mechanical ability, or their background in the Culinary Arts — all are like a treasure you see in them, so you ask them to help you and those with you in an event or project that you started.

Next, Jesus describes "the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it." (Matthew 13:45-46)

I have talked with many people over the years that have said they were searching for another Christian Church community to attend and to become an active member of that Church. (They were okay or in some cases, not okay, with the Church they were presently attending.) However, when they were invited by a friend to accompany him to attend a Catholic Mass one Sunday morning, they immediately felt at home. They loved the structure of the Mass, the Readings, the message, and especially watching people receive Jesus in Holy Communion. They found a "pearl of great price" and started to attend the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) classes.

Finally, the Kingdom is described as being "like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind." (Matthew 13:47) Eventually, the net is brought on the shore and the good fish are collected and put into buckets and the bad fish are thrown away.

My friends, it is good to do a personal inventory of our life occasionally *by asking what things do I need to have and use; and what things should I sell or give away.* But, **most importantly**, it is necessary to *do a self-examination of conscience of the things we say and do.* The good, the holy and the healthy we need to keep thinking, saying and doing. Anything bad in these areas, we need to "draw near to God, and He will draw near to you." (James 4:8a)

This is **the finding, searching and collecting** of the spiritual gift of wisdom which is more precious than gold. God Bless, Father Mark

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, July 27, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Joseph & Wanda Mastrian (75th wedding anniversary)	Mastrian Family	Weekday	Jer 13:1-11 Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday, July 28, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass 6:30 pm Rosary at the Shrine	Victoria & Raymond Gornati	Clara Gustafson	Weekday	Jer 14:17-22 Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday, July 29, 2020 No Mass			Saint Martha	Jer 15:10, 16-21 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday, July 30, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Vicki Leair Winslow	Sandra Streich	Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Jer 18:1-6 Mt 13:47-53
Friday, July 31, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Donald Gustafson	Clara – mother	Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	Jer 26:1-9 Mt 13:54-58
Saturday, August 1, 2020 FIRST SATURDAY 9:00 Mass	Theophila Benevich	Tom Levanduski—godson	Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Jer 26:11-16, 24 Mt 14:1-12
Saturday, August 1, 2020 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(See below)
Sunday, August 2, 2020 9:15 a.m. Mass	Jerry Ribet (1-year anniversary)	Marlene	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 55:1-3 Rom 8:35, 37-39 Mt 14:13-21

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St. Joseph Church

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## STAFF

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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 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** – 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.

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