



18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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“For the bread of God is that which comes down from
heaven and gives life to the world.” - Jn 6:33

Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021

Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021 \$3,462.00
 Offertory from July 19 thru July 26, 2021 \$1,756.00
 CSA 2021 Campaign Parish Goal. \$33,199.00
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged. \$21,280.00
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged Amount Received \$18,375.00

Thank you for continual support to St. Joseph Church



“Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.”
 Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.



Baptismal Training Session Schedule:

Aug. 12 6:30 p.m. St. Mark Emporium 486-0569
 Sept.7 7:00 p.m. Queen of the World St. Marys 834-4701



Your prayers are requested for the soul of Mary Youngmark who passed away last Saturday. May she rest in peace. Amen.

St. Joseph “Prayer Chain”

If there is someone who could use the prayers of our Parish, please call Gina at 814-787-7593.

Praise, Prayer and Music at Cross on the Hill

Today, August 1 beginning at 2 pm, there will be an afternoon of praise, prayer and music at the Cross on the Hill at 2041 Mt. Zion Rd. in Weedville. Father Shawn Anderson O.S.B. professor at St. Vincent College in Latrobe will be there to lead in Scripture readings, homily and prayers for healing. Music and ministry will be provided by SHALOM. Bring your own seating, if desired. For more information, contact Rich Kenawell at 814-771-7932.



St. Joseph Parish Picnic:

Sunday, August 8 beginning at 11:00 following Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Picnic will be catered by Shannon’s Catering.

The RSVP Date has been extended to Tuesday August 3 in case you forgot to get your reservation to the office!

Check out the raffle prizes on display in the social hall!

The cost of the raffle ticket is \$2.00 each or three tickets for \$5.00.

It’s time to get out to be with family and friends. **Join us!**

The Annual Lions Club Yard Sale will be held at the Eagle Express Bldg., Bruxelles St., St. Marys Friday, August 6 (8-5) and Saturday, August 7 (8-12). Lots of great bargains!

Even though Diaper Sunday sponsored by Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services was last Sunday, you can still donate to the Drive. Your donations may be dropped off in the social hall—a box is provided — or at the church office. If you prefer a monetary donation, you can place it in the collection basket, mail it or drop it at the church office. Thank you.



The History of the Eucharist

To look at the history of the Celebration of the Eucharist, it is necessary to understand the significance of bread and wine which is used at every Mass. The people in ancient times especially the Hebrews saw bread as the “fruit of the Earth” and wine as the “fruit of the vine” as Gifts from God directly because He created them for our nourishment.

These gifts from nature were offered back to God in thanksgiving. The Catholic Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC #1334) describes further that this offering and an additional promise to the Jewish people to eat the Bread from Heaven . . .

“In the Old Covenant bread and wine were offered in sacrifice among the first fruits of the earth as a sign of grateful acknowledgment to the Creator. But they also received a new significance in the context of the Exodus: the unleavened bread that Israel eats every year at Passover, commemorates the haste of the departure that liberated them from Egypt; the remembrance of the *manna* in the desert will always recall to Israel that it lives by the bread of the Word of God, their daily bread is the fruit of the promised land, the pledge of God’s faithfulness to His promises.”

This *manna* that the people of Israel ate is mentioned in the Gospel Reading this weekend. The crowd with whom Jesus was talking said: “Our ancestors ate *manna* in the desert, as it is written: He gave them bread from Heaven to eat” (John 6:31). Jesus’s response to them is “Amen, Amen I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from Heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from Heaven” (John 6:32). Then, fulfilling these words, Jesus says of Himself in verse 35 “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” But the Jews had all this history of the Passover and the *manna* in the desert that would always remind them of their daily bread. The New Testament story of the multiplication of the loaves prefigures the great abundance of the Eucharistic Bread at Mass.

Very simply, Jesus Our Lord instituted the Eucharist in the context of the Feast of Passover when He celebrated the Last Supper the night before He died. “He took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, saying, ‘This is My Body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of Me.’ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My Blood, which will be shed for you.’” (Luke 22:19-20). My friends, we really have a rich tradition from the Jewish Passover within the context of our celebration of the Eucharist (the Mass). Let us be grateful for its history!

God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, August 2, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Donald Dudley	John and Rebecca Bricen	Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest	Nm 11:4b-15 Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday, August 3, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Lawrence Chiodo (birthday)	Family	Weekday	Nm 12:1-13 Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday, August 4, 2021 No Mass			Saint John Vianney, Priest	Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-34-35 Mt 15:21-28
Thursday, August 5, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Eddie Klaiber	Frank and Bill Michelini	The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major	Nm 20:1-13 Mt 16:13-23
Friday, August 6, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass FIRST FRIDAY	Blessed Mother's Intentions	Parishioners	The Transfiguration of the Lord	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mk 9:2-10
Saturday, August 7, 2021 9:00 a.m. FIRST SATURDAY	Mary Youngmark	Marlene	Saint Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest	Dt 6:4-13 Mt 17:14-20
Saturday, August 7, 2021 5:30 p.m. Mass	Joyce Fantechi	Donald Nancy Chiappelli	Vigil of the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(See below)
Sunday, August 8, 10:00 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Kgs 19:4-8 Eph 4:30—5:2 Jn 6:41—51

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Church Hours

St. Joseph Church: Sun., Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 7:30 am — 7 pm; Wed. 8 am — 7 pm; Sat. 9:00 am — 7 pm

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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 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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