



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” - Jn 14:27

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 May 9 thru May 16 \$2,916.00
 CSA 2022 Campaign Parish Goal \$32,404.00
 CSA pledges to date \$21,135.00

Thank you for your continued support to St. Joseph Church.



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

**Baptismal Training Sessions for May, June, and July**

June 7 7 pm St. Leo, Ridgway 772-3135
 July 5 7 pm... St. Joseph, Force..... 787-4151
 August 11 6:30 pm Mark, Emporium 486-0569

**Thursday, May 26 Masses for THE ASCENSION
 OF THE LORD will be 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.**

**Church Office will be closed Thursday, May 26.
 The Office will reopen Tuesday, May 31 at 9:00 am.**

Celebrated Masses on Memorial Day

Monday, May 30th Mass will be held in our cemetery at
 9:00 am (weather permitting). On Tuesday, May 31st,
 Mass at 8:30 am will be celebrated in St. Joseph Church.
 Also, on Tuesday, May 31st there will be Mass celebrated
 at 5:00 pm at St. Cecilia Cemetery in Benezette.

St. Joseph “Prayer Chain”

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

“Care & Concern” Do you know someone who would like
 to be remembered with a card or note?
 Call 814-787-4151 #3.

At 7:00 pm this Monday, May 23 we will have

Adoration during this Easter Season in which we will be
 remembering and praying for the people of Ukraine and for
 other personal intentions.

Faith Formation News! Parents,

News on Confirmation

have you heard what’s happening with Confirmation? Our
 Diocese has changed the Faith Formation Program for 6th
 thru 12th graders. To learn the when, where, why and how
 of these changes, you can attend any one of the Zoom ses-
 sions which are scheduled on May 23 at 2 pm, 6pm, and
 7:45 pm. For Zoom, logon at <https://bit.ly/3MPYts6>

This past Thursday, the **celebration committee for Our
 150th Anniversary of Eucharistic Life in Bennetts
 Valley** assembled. The members thus far are Rita Fenice,
 Janet Pretti, Bernadette Iddings, Barb Betta, Becky Bricen,
 and Don and Becky Kentoski who are eager to receive any
 ideas you have along with pictures which can be shared.

Save the date!

Our Picnic Committee met to plan for our Annual St. Joseph
 Parish Picnic which will be Sunday, August 14. More
 details will be given following the next picnic meeting.

**My Peace I Give to You**

The sun is so very important along with the
 rain to grow flowers and all kinds of vegetation for our
 gardens and for ecology in general. The sun warms us
 after many cold days. It does, however, need to be in
 balance with precipitation; otherwise everything in
 nature would be too dry.

Sunlight images the happiness of a day and the
 joyful, lively activity of work. The light of the moon
 shining in late evening and night image a peacefulness
 at the end of the day. In a like manner, in our Second
 Reading in the Book of Revelation the images of the
 sun and of the moon describe the heavenly reward of
 Divine Light for the persecuted Christians of the first
 century who remained faithful to the Lord. “The city
 had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the
 glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the
 Lamb.” (Revelation 21:23).

In the Gospel of John, Jesus offers the promise
 of peace in the Holy Spirit for those who need peace
 with the words “Peace I leave with you; My Peace I
 give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you.
 Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.”
 (John 14:27)

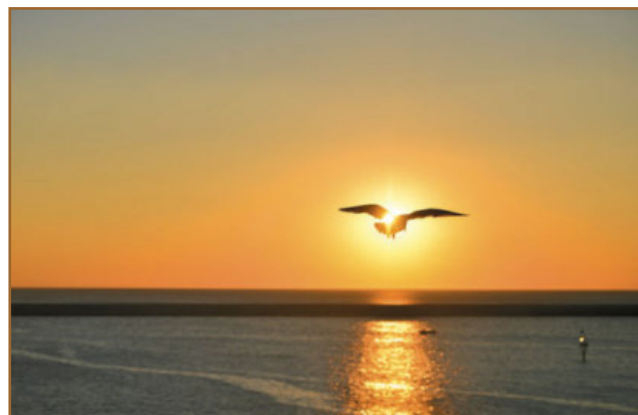
Ask yourself:

- *Where in my own life do I need peace the most?
- *With whom do I need to be at peace in a
 relationship?

My brothers and sisters, these bright shining,
 heavenly gifts and promises of peace are here for us
 right now. Jesus won for us these gifts of light and
 peace through His victory of death on the cross and
 His Resurrection, Ascension, and sending us the Holy
 Spirit.

May praying for peace be an important priority
 for us to have in our lives and to let it shine for others
 in our homes, villages, our country and in our world.

God Bless
 Father Mark



We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, May 23, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Lawrence Chiodo	Richard and Lenore Holsopple	Easter Weekday	Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday, May 24, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Penny Coccimiglio (birthday)	Family	Easter Weekday	Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday, May 25, 2022 No Mass			St. Bede Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 Jn 16:12-15
Thursday, May 26, 2022 9:00 a.m. Mass 7:00 p.m.	Vicki Peters Parishioners Living and Deceased	Rita Fenice —	Saint Philip Neri, Priest THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	Acts 18:1-8 Jn 16:16-20 Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23 Lk 24:46-53
Friday, May 27, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Joseph and Catherine DeCarli (40th anniversary)	Fran and Gloria Bleggi	Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23
Saturday, May 28, 2022 No Mass			Easter Weekday	Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23b-28
Saturday, May 28, 2022 5:30 p.m. Mass	Catherine and Moon Asalone	Jim and Debbie	Vigil of Seventh Sunday of Easter	(see below)
Sunday, May 29, 2022 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 7:55-60 Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 Jn 17:20-26

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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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