

# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FORCE, PA

### Parish Stewardship for 2021-2022

Thank you for supporting St. Joseph



"Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world." Join us in St. Joseph Church each Tuesday 6 p.m.



**Pope's Intention:** We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family.

Join us in St. Joseph Church for an evening of worship every Monday evening at 7:00 pm. We will have Adoration, Exposition, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptismal Training for November

November 29 7:00 pm St. Marys, St. Marys 781-1019

St. Joseph Committee Schedule Parish Council Monday, December 5 3:00 p.m.



Choir Practice every Thursday at 6:00 pm. New voices are always welcomed!

## AMASS SCHEDULE Thanksgiving Eve Mass will be Wednesday, November 23 at

7:00 pm. There will be boxes placed for non-perishable food and a basket for monetary donations to be given to the Christian Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity!

News in the Area:



Sacred Heart Social Committee Thanksgiving Roll Sale.

Pre-order only - limited number. Cost \$10 each. Call Parish Office at 814-834-7861 #1. Pick-up November 23rd. - 2pm-5pm.



### Concert Choir of Elk County presents "Christmas is Coming"

Tuesday, November 29th at St. Leo Magnus, Ridgway. There will also be a performance on Saturday, December 3rd at Sacred Heart Church, St. Marys.

Both performances will be at 7:30 pm. No Admittance charge/free will offering. Questions? Call Lois at 814-835-2321.

First Monday of Advent, November 28th will be the first of four sessions of our Adult Faith Formation Program for Advent. More details will be provided in the November 27th bulletin! Please mark your calendar for the program entitled:

Because of Bethlehem Love is Born Hope is Here



Office Closed:
Thanksgiving Day
and Friday, November 25



### Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich's Eucharistic Miracle and Outstanding November Saints

From a farm in Germany in the 1770s Anne Catherine Emmerich entered the religious life in a monastery in Agnetenberg. Anne Catherine's most outstanding Christian witness was that of her deep mystical prayer life and her identification with our Lord's Suffering especially during His Passion.

The stigmata which she had received are the wounds of Our Lord's Suffering. This involves the appearance of the nail marks on her hands, feet, and side. At times, she would also feel the crown of thorns on her head. During this time she worked at manual labor in house-keeping. Eventually, she had to relax her work because her physical health had declined.

She had very great devotion to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. She would often extend her hands in praise to our Lord. The Eucharistic Miracle in her life was that at certain times during her illness, she was unable to eat solid foods. She was able to drink water and she would receive a Consecrated Host every day. Taking the Holy Eucharist each day was the only food she had for **years!** Amazing! Jesus in the Holy Eucharist was her *all-in-all* for body and for her soul.

Elizabeth of Hungary

As Leonard Foley, O.F.M. describes in his book <u>Saint of the Day</u>, Elizabeth had a great love for the poor and suffering. At the age of 14, she married a German nobleman, Louis of Thuringia, and bore three children. Unfortunately, her husband died in the Crusades' conflicts that were happening at that time. Eventually, Elizabeth's love for the poor and sick led her to join the Third Order of St. Francis serving the poor in a hospital which she founded in honor of St. Francis. What a witness of one who live a life of royalty to a life of selfless love for the poor and sick.

(Saint of the Day, Leonard Foley O.F.M., 1991, page 307)

St Cecilia

All of us love music. Whether the music is an instrumental piece or instruments and lyrics, we are drawn to it. Truly, music is the universal language that has the possibility to create inspiration in us. My hope is that the Church hymns which we sing at Sunday Mass bring the greatest inspiration in our lives and draw us closer to God.

St. Cecilia is the patron saint of musicians. She was a martyr in the early Church around the year 545. Pictures of her often show her holding a viola or even a small organ. St. Cecilia sang her praises to God. When we sing at Mass, we like St. Cecilia are giving praise to God. In doing this we, St. Cecilia, and all the Angels in Heaven are giving "Glory to God in the Highest." (The Gloria at Mass) Think of this when we sing at Mass.

God Bless, Father Mark

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, November 21, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Richard Gusherowski (2nd anniversary)	Barb Lease—sister	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Rv 14:1-3,4b-5 Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday, November 22, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	James and Bernice Levanduski	Family	Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr	Rv 14:14-19 Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday, November 23, 2022 Thanksgiving Eve Mass 7:00 p.m.	Bill and Alma Feldman	Barb, Jim, Maria, and Rachel	St Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr	Rv 15:1-4 Lk 21:12-19
Thursday, November 24, 2022 No Mass	Thanksgiving Day		Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	Rv 18:1-2,21-23; 19:1-3, 9a Lk 21:20-28
Friday, November 25, 2022 No Mass			Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr	Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2 Lk 21:29-33
Saturday, November 26, 2022 No Mass			Weekday	Rv 22:1-7 Lk 21:29-33
Saturday, November 26, 2022 5:30 p.m. Mass	Terry Asalone	The Family	The Vigil of First Sunday of Advent	(see below)
Sunday, November 27, 2022 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		First Sunday of Advent	Is 2:1-5 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44

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#### OFFICE HOURS

#### 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—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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