



DIVINE MERCY

Parish Stewardship

Offertory collection for 03/24/24	\$2,147.00
Offertory collection for 03/31/24	\$1,606.00
Weekly offertory budgeted for 2023-2024	\$3,365.00
CSA Campaign Assessment for 2024.	\$31,134.00
CSA Pledges to date.	\$28,210.00

Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church!

**Pope’s Intention for April
For The Role of Women**

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

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

Baptism Preparation Classes

April 16	7:00 pm	St. Leo Church	814-772-3135
May 23	7:00 pm	St. Mary’s Church	814-781-1019

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited on Sunday, April 7 at 3 pm. in church. The Novena prayer will also be prayed.

TWO VIDEO PRESENTATIONS CONTINUE

The Chosen - Season Two and beginning of Season Three will continue each Saturday evening at 6:45pm, following the 5:30pm Mass. Snacks will be provided. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Wednesday evenings during April, beginning at 6:00pm, we will continue with our adult Faith Formation classes, entitled: **A Biblical Walk with Mary** by Dr. Ed Sri.

Elk County Right to Life is sponsoring presentation by Nikki Bruni, Director of 40 Days for Life Pittsburgh and Executive Director of People Concerned for Unborn Citizens. It will be on Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 pm at the Sister’s Chapel near St. Marys Church.

Historic Churches Tour Sunday, April 14th from 1pm to 4pm. Speaker: Ray Beemel. Tour begins at St. Marys Church and includes The Chapel of the Nativity (former Convent Chapel), Sacred Heart, St. Agnes Episcopal, St. Marys Methodist, Shiloh Presbyterian, and Queen of the World Churches. \$10/ticket includes tour, bus transportation, and a brief social to follow. Limited number of tickets available at St. Marys Area Chamber of Commerce or by calling 814-594-6333. Leave a message.

***(Continued from Our 25th Anniversary of our Lenten Fish Dinners in right column)**

The socialization and conversations we have with people from other churches and towns builds a greater sense of community with each other.

I look forward with ALL OF YOU for many more years of our Lenten and October Fish Dinners! Let’s together say Thank You Jesus and Thank You to each other for our Fish Dinners! **Thank You!**

God Bless,
Father Mark

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The following are the Graces you can receive when praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet:

- On that day, the very depths of My Tender Mercy are open.
- I poured out a whole ocean of Graces upon souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy (the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist).
- The soul that will go to Confession (beforehand) and receive Holy Communion (on that day) shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and temporal punishment.
- On that day, all the divine floodgates through which Graces flow are opened.
- Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.
- My Mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or angel, will be able to fathom it throughout eternity.
- Every soul, in its relation to Me, will contemplate My Love and Mercy throughout all eternity.
- The Feast of Mercy emerged from My Very Depths of Tenderness.
- It is My Desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.
- Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.

(Marian Helpers Center, Eden Hill, Stockbridge, MA 01263)

Our 25th Anniversary of our Lenten Fish Dinners

We are very grateful as a Parish family of St. Joseph Church for all of the women and men who have worked at and supported our Lenten Fish Dinners over the past twenty-five years. Many thanks goes to those workers who conduct, plan, and advertise our dinners, to those who prepare the food in the kitchen, to those who take the orders at the door and at the tables, to those who carry the dinners upstairs to the tables, to those who set the food and drinks out, to those who set the tables and bus the tables, to those who wash the dishes, and clean up the counters, floors, tables and chairs after the dinners.

I am very happy and thankful for all of the support of you, our Parish family, in attending our dinners and enjoying these delicious fish dinners these twenty-five years! I also thank the people of other towns and communities who have come and still are attending our fish dinners.

Our fish dinners are a very good and necessary fundraiser for our Parish. As true as this is, it is equally necessary for me to say that our fish dinners build COMMUNITY AND FELLOWSHIP. What I mean by this is that the dinners build fellowship and relationships between the younger and the older members of our Parish as they work together.

***(continued at the left column)**

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, April 08, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Carmella Cadori	Kathleen Bonanno	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	Is 7: 10-14, 8: 10 Heb 10: 4-10 Lk 1: 26-38 (545)
Tuesday, April 09, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Teresa Valigorsky in celebration of her 100th birthday	Becky & John and Family	Easter Weekday	Acts 4: 32-37 Jn 3: 7b-15 (268)
Wednesday, April 10, 2024 No Mass			Easter Weekday	Acts 5: 17-26 Jn 3: 16-21 (269)
Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Blessed Mother Intention		Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr	Acts 5: 27-33 Jn 3: 31-36 (270)
Friday, April 12, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Leonard Lovenduski	Susan & Donnie Bauer	Easter Weekday	Acts 5: 34-42 Jn 6: 1-15 (271)
Saturday, April 13, 2024 No Mass			Easter Weekday Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr	Acts 6: 1-7 Jn 6: 16-21 (272)
Saturday, April 13, 2024 5:30 p.m. Mass	Ron Celinski, Sr. 5th anniversary	Rose and Family	The Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter	(see below)
Sunday, April 14, 2024 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19 1 Jn 2: 1-5a Lk 24: 35-48 (47)

St. Joseph Church

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OFFICE HOURS

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Church Hours: St. Joseph Church: Sun. 7:30 am — 4 pm; Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 8 am—4 pm Sat. 9:00 am —7:00 pm

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm Sunday: 9:15 am Holy Days: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm Daily: Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 am 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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