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MOTHER'S DAY
**WE ARE
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Parish Stewardship for 2022-2023

Weekly amount budgeted for 2022-2023 \$3,365.00
 Offertory collection 4/24/23 thru 5/1/2023 \$4,520.00
 CSA 2023 Campaign Parish Goal \$31,773.00
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Pope's Intention for May:

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisma at the service of the needs in the world.



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

**Baptismal Training****May, August & September 2023**

May 25 7:00 pm	St. Mary, St. Marys	781-1019
Aug. 22 6:30 pm	St. Mark, Emporium	486-0569
Sept. 5 6:30 pm	Queen of the World, St. Marys	834-4701



Let us pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Frank Michelini** who passed on May 5th.
 May he rest in peace. Amen.

A Mother of Faith, Hope and Love teaches

her children to pray, have faith, and trust in God. She teaches them by her positive attitude to have hope in the outcome of their prayers and shows them by her example to love others and to follow God's Commandments.

On Mother's Day we say **Thank You** to all mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers both living and deceased.

Thank you for giving us life. We pray for you that you always feel the Grace and Protection of Jesus our Lord, and the Refuge of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The annual Collection for International Needs will be taken up in the Diocese of Erie next weekend (May 20-21). Please see insert for the details of this collection.

May Parish Events

May 14 after 9:15 Mass—Mother's Day Breakfast
Each Monday from May 15 thru Monday, May 29
at 7 pm—Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction
May 18 Mass at 9am & 7 pm—Ascension of Our Lord
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Memorial Day Masses

Monday, May 29 at 8:30 am at St. Joseph Cemetery
Tuesday, May 30 at 5 pm at St. Cecilia Cemetery
(followed with refreshments at the Betta Camp)

Ascension Thursday, May 18
the Church Office will be closed.



Do We Love Jesus? ... No Other Way

I believe in our culture that it is easy for all of us to express our appreciation for things - talents, places, and ideas - by saying that we love them. Most importantly, what we express is our love and appreciation to people who share their gifts, talents and to all people no matter what they have or who they are. As followers of Christ, we want to do what Jesus says to His Disciples: "If you love Me, you will keep My Commandments." (Jn 14:15)

A brief review of the Ten Commandments and the questions that follow are appropriate now...

The First Commandment:

You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve. Do we love things and power before our love for God?

The Second Commandment:

You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain. Do we always use respect for God's Name?

The Third Commandment:

Remember to keep holy the Sabbath Day. Do we strive to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days?

The Fourth Commandment:

Honor your father and mother. Do we also respect the elderly in our society?

The Fifth Commandment:

You shall not kill. We might not kill anyone physically, but do we kill others by our cruel, harsh, and slanderous words?

The Sixth Commandment:

You shall not commit adultery. Are we living a chaste life of purity?

The Seventh Commandment:

You shall not steal. Do we take "another's goods against the reasonable will of the owner?" (CCC #2453)

The Eighth Commandment:

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. Do we lie; say bad things about someone even though it is true; or, do we say something that is not true about someone else?

The Ninth Commandment:

You shall not covet your neighbor's house, wife, man servant or maid servant. Are we avoiding wanting whoever or whatever someone else has?

The Tenth Commandment:

You shall not covet anything that is your neighbor's. Do we have more things than we need or are we jealous of what others have?

Jesus promises "whoever has My Commandments and observes them is the one who loves Me."
(Jn 14:21a) There is no other way.

God Bless,
 Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, May 15, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Matthew M. Lovenduski	Tim — father	Saint Isidore	Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday, May 16, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Richard Bonanno	Dennis and Deborah Bonanno	Easter Weekday	Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday, May 17, 2023 No Mass			Easter Weekday	Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8
Thursday, May 18, 2023 9:00 a.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Mass HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	Mary Youngmark Parishioners	Kris and Brent Lyle	The Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20
Friday, May 19, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Helen Froesch	Sons	Easter Weekday	Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23
Saturday, May 20, 2023 No Mass			Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest	Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23b-28
Saturday, May 20, 2023 5:30 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		The Vigil of the Seventh Sunday of Easter	(see below)
Sunday, May 21, 2023 9:15 a.m. Mass	Charmine Osche (1st anniversary)	Garrett — husband	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 1:12-14 1 Pt 4:13-16 Jn 17:1-11a

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 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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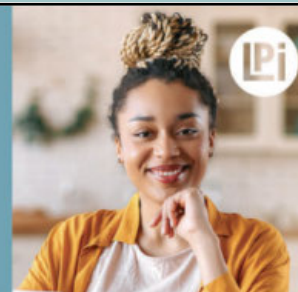
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St. Joseph Church

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