

*St. Joseph Parish
Force, PA
Bringing Eucharistic
Life to Bennetts Valley
since 1872*



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

Parish Stewardship for 2022-2023

Weekly amount budgeted for 2022-2023 \$3,365.00
 Offertory collection 3/27/23 thru 4/03/23 \$2,556.00
 Offertory collection 4/03/23 thru 4/11/2023 \$5,962.00
 CSA 2023 Campaign Parish Goal \$31,773.00

Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church

Pope's Intention for April: We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



"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, June, and July 2023**

| | | | |
|---------|---------|-------------------------|----------|
| May 25 | 7:00 pm | St. Mary, St. Marys | 781-1019 |
| June 13 | 7:00 pm | St. Leo Magnus, Ridgway | 772-3135 |
| July 11 | 7:00 pm | St. Joseph, Force | 787-4151 |

Many grateful thanks to everyone who supported our Lenten Dinner fundraiser. Our dedicated parishioners worked tirelessly and enthusiastically preparing and serving the 2,959 dine-in and take-out dinners! **Profit: \$27,223.73!**

A PARISH MISSION, Bread for the Journey, Strength for the Trip will be presented by **Father Kevin MacDonald, C.Ss.R.** in Holy Rosary Church Sunday – Tuesday, May 14-16th. The 3-night Mission focuses on the healing power of the Eucharist. We all need time to slow down and allow God to speak to us. In this Mission through stories and silence Fr. Kevin will guide you in being more attentive to hearing God's voice. On the first night the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar. Fr. Kevin will lead the congregation in short meditations and reflections. While many mission experiences are spent listening to a main speaker, this one will mostly be spent listening to God. The second night will be much like the first adding a penance service at the end of the evening. On the third night we will close the mission with a Mission Mass.

The Benedictine Gift Shop is fully stocked for all your sacrament needs. There is also a wide variety of Mother's Day items. You'll be pleasantly surprised to see how much the Gift Shop has to offer. Open Tues-Fri 9:30AM-5PM, Sat 10AM-1PM or call Bonnie to get in off-hours at (623)556-3160. 139 Church St, St. Marys, PA 814-781-1019.

The Good Shepherd Collection allows each of us to show our gratitude and support of those priests who have cared for us and our spiritual needs and faithfully served our parishes. The collection for Retired Religious in December does not benefit our Diocesan priests. Prayerfully reflect this week on how you can best respond in support of the needs of our Diocesan Retired Priests. Use the special collection envelope for the Good Shepherd Collection. Please return use return your donation next weekend or drop it off at the Parish Office.

Mother's Day is approaching! St. Joseph Church will be celebrating all mothers with the traditional Mother's Day breakfast. On May 14th after 9:15 am Mass, all ladies of the church-young and old- are invited to feast upon the delicious breakfast the men of St. Joseph Parish will prepare. Tickets for breakfast will be on sale in the social hall after each weekend Mass on April 29/30 and May 1/2. **Adults - \$7.00 and \$3.00 for children 10.**



Our Road to Emmaus

As Jesus started His ministry, chose His Apostles and proclaimed the Good News of God in His preaching and miracles, people were amazed. Jesus was doing a fresh new way of teaching that was never done before. He taught and He healed people with an authority that was unique and a way beyond the ability of the leaders in the past. Some doubted Jesus; but many came to believe in Him.

Now, as we hear in today's Gospel, after Jesus's Death and Resurrection, it happened that while walking on the road to Emmaus, Jesus came upon two disciples who were debating and talking to each other about the events of Jesus's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Jesus Himself shows up; but the two disciples did not recognize Him.

Let's reflect on this for a moment...

Are there times in our lives that Jesus shows up through another person and we don't recognize Him? Perhaps, a classmate had something important to tell you or a co-worker had some good advice for a project, but you did not respond with enthusiasm. At that moment, just maybe, Jesus was speaking to you through that person but you did not recognize Christ in them. Later, you discovered they were right.

The same thing happened to Cleopas and his friend while walking to Emmaus with Jesus. Our Lord took the opportunity to share with them the Old Testament Scriptures that referred to Himself as the coming Messiah. It was only in the Breaking of Bread—the Eucharist—that Jesus shared this Bread with them at Emmaus that they recognized our Risen Lord.

After this experience with Jesus, Cleopas and his friend went back to Jerusalem where the Apostles were gathered in the Upper Room. The two disciples told the Apostles that the Risen Lord appeared to them on the road and how Jesus made Himself known to them in the Breaking of Bread at Emmaus.

My friends, we have the opportunity every Saturday and Sunday to not only recognize but also to receive the Risen Lord in the Breaking of Bread. This Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist can cause us to share the joy of Jesus's Presence with others as the Emmaus disciples did.

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS FOR US IS OUR COMING TO MASS AND WALKING UP THE AISLE TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION. FROM THIS ROAD WE WALK OR DRIVE ON OTHER ROADS TO OUR SCHOOL, TO WORK, AND TO THE HOME OF OUR FRIENDS IN ORDER TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF THE RISEN JESUS.

God Bless,
Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

| Date | Intention | Requested by | Celebration | Scriptures |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Monday, April 24, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass | Poor Souls in Purgatory | | Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr | Acts 6: 8-15 Jn 6: 22-29 |
| Tuesday, April 25, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass | Anna and Joe Castellani | John and Michele | Saint Mark, Evangelist | 1 Pt 5: 5b-14 Mk 16: 15-20 |
| Wednesday, April 26, 2023 No Mass | | | Easter Weekday | Acts 8: 1b-8 Jn 6: 35-40 |
| Thursday, April 27, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass | Joseph and Florence Fenice | Donald and Nancy Chiappelli | Easter Weekday | Acts 8: 26-40 Jn 6: 44-51 |
| Friday, April 28, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass | Bob Kraus (birthday) | Joe and Family | Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest | Acts 9: 1-20 Jn 6: 52-59 |
| Saturday, April 29, 2023 No Mass | | | Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church | Acts 9: 31-42 Jn 6: 60-69 |
| Saturday, April 29, 2023 5:30 p.m. Mass | Victor Cortina | Vera Hetrick | The Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Easter | (see below) |
| Sunday, April 30, 2023 9:15 a.m. Mass | Living and Deceased Parishioners | | Fourth Sunday of Easter | Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 1 Pt 2: 20b-25 Jn 10: 1-10 |

St. Joseph Church

Ph. 814-787-4151 Fax 814-787-4478

Rev. Mark J. Mastrian..... Pastor
Deacon Paul Bauman Coordinator Deacon Assistant
Parish Secretary: **Marlene Berasi**; Faith Formation : **Mary Stoker**; Domestic Administrator: **Miriam Pane**
Pastoral Council President: **Bryan Chiappelli**; Finance Council Moderator: **Leon Calliari**

17764 Bennetts Valley Hwy., P. O. Box 124, Force, PA 15841-0124

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9a.m.—4 p.m.

Office Email: stjosephforce@windstream.net Website: www.stjosephforce.org Faith Formation Email: stjosephforceff@windstream.net

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.

FORCE GARAGE

Celebrating Over 90 Years of Business

- General Repair
- State Inspection
- Bill Michelin*

17322 Bennetts Valley Hwy. • Force, PA
787-5141

Straub Insurance Agency

201 John Street
St. Marys, PA 15857
834-2490

Ralph M. Geer Funeral Home

Five Generations Serving the Bennetts Valley Area

Joseph M. Nedza F.D. / Owner
(814) 637-5401
www.nedzafamilyfuneralhomes.com



12045 Bennetts Valley Hwy.
PO BOX 6
Penfield, PA 15849

Valley Farm Market

Route 255,
18211 Bennetts Valley Hwy
Weedville, PA 15868
(814) 787-8911



Gasoline, Kerosene, and Diesel
Large Assortment of Deli, T-shirts, Ice Cream,
Groceries, and Model Trains

KORB MONUMENTS

COMPLETE MONUMENT SERVICES
SINCE 1901

Visit our large display & production plant in downtown DuBois

1-800-752-1601

www.korbmonuments.com

SEAMLESS GUTTERS

Free Estimates • Fully Insured
Gutter Guards Available
www.cagutters.com

CARL HANES, OWNER
814-834-1123

PA029106

PA# 892857

PA POWER WASHING

Residential & Industrial

Call or Text: Ryan Wehler

814-594-5756

Fully Insured-Free Estimates



Denise M. Cuneo

Attorney at Law

283 River Rd. • Weedville, PA
814-787-7368
1-855-209-8461



SMP
PHARMACY & HOME MEDICAL

Medical Equipment & Supplies
1-800-876-3442
SMPRX.com

Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!

Instantly create and
purchase an ad with

AD CREATOR STUDIO



4lpi.com/adcreator

CALLIARI, MEHOLICK & Co.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC
ACCOUNTANTS
TELE: (814) 371-7499

VISION AUTO WORKS

CLASSIC & COLLISION SERVICES

20254 Bennetts Valley Hwy
Byrndale, PA 814-787-8555
VisionAutoWorks@Windstream.net

SAVE MONEY, LIVE COMFORTABLY



- FURNACES
- HEAT PUMPS
- WATER HEATERS
- WOOD & COAL STOVES
- AIR CONDITIONING
- DUCT CLEANING

482 Beechtree Rd., Falls Creek, PA

814-371-4885

Providing Personal, Friendly
Funeral Services Since 1996

Baronick
Funeral Home & Crematorium, Inc.

211 South Main St., Dubois
814-371-2040



Brisket • Pork
Chicken • Fish
BBQ Ribs
Great Burgers
Salads
Appetizers

12449 Bennetts Valley Highway

ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Flood Detection
- Fire Safety
- Carbon Monoxide



SafeStreets

833-287-3502



ST. MARYS STONE MULCH & MORE

Now at 133 Locust Rd • St. Marys, PA

Wood Pallets • Bag Rock Salt • Cut/Split Firewood
HARD & SOFT COAL • CAR PORTS
CUSTOM BUILT SHEDS
Delivery Available W Conveyor
(814) 781-8334

ST. JOSEPH'S TERRACE SENIOR APARTMENTS

Rent is based on 30% of adjusted income
All utilities included (not Phone, TV)

45 Plum St • Weedville, PA

(814) 787-8772

Non-Denominational



LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here
and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME **Timothy Weir**

tweir@4LPi.com • (800) 477-4574 x6568

WE'RE HIRING!

AD SALES EXECUTIVES

BE YOURSELF.
BRING YOUR PASSION.
WORK WITH PURPOSE.

- Paid training
- Some travel
- Work-life balance
- Full-Time with benefits
- Serve your community



Contact us at
careers@4lpi.com or
www.4lpi.com/careers

St. Joseph Church

PARISHIONER INFORMATION

All practicing Catholics living in the Bennetts Valley Area who consider themselves members of St. Joseph Parish should be registered in the parish. All registered members of St. Joseph receive envelopes and receive periodic parish mailings. St. Joseph Parish is a Sacrificial Giving Parish, committed to serving the Lord with God-given time, talents and treasures. All registered members should be using their envelopes regularly. Parish membership is required to be a sponsor, to be married in the parish, to have a child baptized or to be registered in our Faith Formation program. Please call the church office to arrange a meeting to register in our parish.



3-D-4-2

For ad info. call 1-800-477-4574 • www.4lpi.com

14-1197