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## 31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, “Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house.” And he came down quickly and received him with joy. - Lk 19:5-6

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**Parish Stewardship for 2019-2020**

<b>Weekly amount budgeted for 2019-2020....</b>	<b>\$3,529.00</b>
Offertory for the weekend of <b>October 26-27</b> .....	\$2,149.00
Deficit/Surplus for <b>October 26-27</b> .....	-\$1,379.85
Budget from July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020.....	\$183,500.00
Deficit/Surplus to Date.....	-\$10,736.23

Thank you for your generosity!



**St. Joseph "Prayer Chain"** If there is someone who could use the prayers of our Parish, please call Gina at 787-7593.

**"Care & Concern"** If someone who would like to be remembered with a card or note, please call 787-4151.

 **"Food Bank"** Thank you for your constant generosity in supporting the Christian Food Bank which helps our valley area. You may continue to leave future donations at the box in the vestibule or at the church office.

**November Events****Time to Fall Back this Weekend November 2-3!**

<b>Liturgical Ministries Conference</b>	<b>November 10 1-3 p.m.</b>
<b>Pastoral Council Meeting</b>	<b>November 14 6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Raffle Pot Luck Dinner</b>	<b>November 16 following the 5:30 p.m. Mass</b>
<b>Harvest Raffle Drawing }</b>	
<b>Rosary at the Shrine</b>	<b>November 21 at Noon</b>

**Baptismal Preparation Sessions Schedule**

November 5 7:00 p.m. St. Boniface, Kersey	885-8941
November 26 7:00 p.m. St. Marys, St. Marys	781-1019

**Book of the Beloved Dead**

In preparation for the **Feasts of All Saints and All Souls**, a special **Book of Remembrance** is available in the back of the church. **Throughout the month of November**, please feel free to write down as many names as you wish. The Book will continue to be displayed in our church so that all the names you write may be included in our prayers.



**Flowers and all other decorations** at the cemetery will be removed in preparation for fall clean-up which will start on Tuesday, November 12. It would be advisable to remove these decorations before that date if they are to be retained, otherwise, they will be discarded. Christmas decorations can be put on the graves starting Monday, December 16 and will remain until January 14, 2020 at which time they will be removed.

**St. Joseph Church (Force) Harvest Raffle Drawing Is Near!**

Please turn in your Pot Luck Dinner Reservation/Food Selection handout by **Monday, November 11**. Still need tickets? Contact Barb Secco/787-7733 or Barb Azzato/787-4282. There is still time to take part in the raffle and support St. Joseph Church.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES and a SPIRIT OF GIFTEDNESS**  
**All Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Musicians, Choir, and those involved in Church Environment or Hospitality:** please RSVP by Monday, November 4 at 787-4151 #3.

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- Diocesan Code of Conduct:** The Diocese of Erie is committed to protecting the children and youth who are entrusted to its care and to ensuring that those in ministry with our young people are in right relationship with the children/youth receiving services. To share in the ministry of Christ is a great privilege as well as a tremendous responsibility. The *privilege* is the joy of sharing in the mission of Jesus Himself. The *responsibility* is acting in a way that conforms to the attitude and actions of Christ. In this spirit, the diocese has issued a ministerial Code of Conduct. The code is included in the diocesan *Policy for the Protection of Children*, which also includes mandates for creating safe environments. To read the policy, go to <https://www.eriercd.org/images/sections/childprotection>. For more information, contact Mrs. Cindy Zemcik, at the diocesan offices at 814-824-1195.

**Caring for Our Common Home**

We live in a very beautiful part of Pennsylvania. The stretch of Bennetts Valley with its majestic hills, winding streams, thick forests with wildlife, adventurous gamelands, and well-cultured farmlands offers an inspiring trek as we travel on these roads and highways. Even though we have reached our peak of the beautiful autumn foliage, the fresh aroma is still in the air.

We all can see why people from many states and even other countries enjoy visiting, hiking, camping, fishing and hunting in Bennetts Valley in every season. Many people enjoy visiting the Elk Visitors Center in Benezette viewing those large impressive animals which seem almost domesticated, as some rest in people's backyards and come close to us along side of the road. The wildlife, land, water and air are all God's creations and His gifts to us.

In the First Reading the author of the Book of Wisdom proclaims to his audience how good and merciful God is to all creation. His teaching is actually done as a prayer as he begins with the following words: "Before the Lord the whole universe is as a grain from a balance or a drop of morning dew come down upon the earth. But you have mercy on all because you can do all things . . ." (Wis 11:22-23a)

All things of our earth, sea and sky and universe are made by God and is loved by God. "For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made; for what you hated, You would not have fashioned. And how could a thing remain unless you willed it or be preserved, had it not be called forth by You?" (Wis 11:24-25)

The title of Pope Francis's recent Encyclical Letter, *Laudato Si'* (translated "Praise Be to You") is taken from the beautiful Canticle of the Creatures by Saint Francis of Assisi. The purpose of Pope Francis's Letter is to awaken in all of us the necessity of taking thoughtful, detailed care for our common home, this earth and atmosphere and all it involves. One of his quotes states that "all of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements, and talents." (back cover of book, Encyclical)

My brothers and sisters, some practical ways to take care of our **common home** in which many of you already do are to recycle, to conserve our natural resources, and to educate ourselves in caring for and praying for the preservation of God's earthly gifts.

God Bless, Father Mark

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, November 4, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	Louis Chiappelli	Family	Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop	Rom 11:29-36 Lk 14:12-14 (485)
Tuesday, November 5, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	Rudy Cadori	The Benigni Sisters	Weekday	Rom 12:5-16b Lk 14:15-24 (486)
Wednesday, November 6, 2019 No Mass			Weekday	Rom 13:8-10 Lk 14:25-33 (487)
Thursday, November 7, 2019 8:30 a.m.	<b>COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY</b>		Weekday	Rom 14:7-12 Lk 15:1-10 (488)
Friday, November 8, 2019 8:30 a.m.	<b>COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY</b>		Weekday	Rom 15:14-21 Lk 16:1-8 (489)
Saturday, November 9, 2019			The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Ez 47:1-2,8-9, 12 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22 (671)
Saturday, November 9, 2019 5:30 p.m. Mass	Rocco "Dutch" Rio	Family	Vigil of Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	See below
Sunday, November 10, 2019 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		The Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14 2 Thes 2:16—3:5 Lk 20:27-38 Lk 20:27, 34-38 (156)

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Email:[stjosephforce@windstream.net](mailto:stjosephforce@windstream.net) Website: [www.stjosephforce.org](http://www.stjosephforce.org)**OFFICE HOURS:** 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 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** – Is celebrated for all who are seriously ill annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available anytime 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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