

"Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth." - In 17:17

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Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021

Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021.... \$3,462.00 Regular Offertory 05/03/21 thru 05/10/21...\$3,778.00

 CSA 2021 Campaign Parish Goal
 \$33,199.00

 CSA 2021 Total Pledged
 \$21,030.00

 CSA 2021 Total Pledged Amount Received
 \$13,250.00

Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church

Please remember your prayers for the unborn!

Please see the enclosed letter from Bishop Persico regarding the revised pandemic protocols for the celebration of public Masses in the diocese.



"Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world." Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6:00 pm.

Baptismal Training Session Schedule:

 May 20
 7:00 p.m.
 St. Marys
 St. Marys
 814-781-1019

 June 8
 7:00 p.m.
 St. Leo
 Ridgway
 814-772-3135

 July 6
 7:00 p.m.
 St. Joseph
 Force
 814-787-4151

Diocese will recognize wedding anniversaries

The 2021 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration liturgies for couples celebrating 25, 50, 60 or more years of marriage will be held



at two locations in the diocese: Aug. 1 at Immaculate Conception Parish in Clarion, and Aug. 8 at St. Jude Parish in Erie. For more information and to register, go to

www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html.

Electronic registrations are highly encouraged, but a hard copy registration form is available at the church office for those who are not able to register online. Further questions may be directed to your parish or the Faith Formation Office at 814-824-1210.

Save the Weekend! On June 4&5 **St. Boniface Parish and School** will be having a Block Party inside at the social hall and outside on the parking lot. From 11:00 – 7:00 there will be craft vendors, raffles, prizes along with food and drink for the entire family and friends. Vending spaces are available—call Tina at 814-335-1848 for information. More details will follow next week.



Please remember to contribute to the cemetery fund. It is your donation that enables our church to maintain the attractive appearance of the grounds for our loved ones who have passed.



St. Bernard Church in Falls Creek will have their *Famous Spaghetti Dinner* on **Sunday**, **May 16** starting at 10 a.m. until sold out. Dinners are \$9 each, meatballs: 75¢ each and a quart of sauce is \$5.50. Please bring your own container. Take-out Only.

St. Joseph Website Saturday and Sunday Masses at our church have resumed. Recorded Mass at this time will not be available due to technical adjustment. Please refer to the website for updates and the bulletin.

Website: stjosephforce.org

Sacred Chrism Oil

Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination are the three Sacraments of which the Sacred Chrism Oil is used.

At our Baptism the priest or deacon anoints the crown of the head and says the following words . . .

"God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin giving you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and welcomes you into His Holy people. He now anoints you with the Chrism of Salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you live always as a member of His Body sharing everlasting life."

When we received our Confirmation, we were anointed on the forehead with this Sacred Oil with the words . . .

"Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit."

At the Ordination of all my brother priests and me, the Bishop first says the following words . . .

"Almighty Father, grant to these servants of Yours the dignity of the priesthood. Renew within them the Spirit of holiness..."

and then anointing of the Sacred Oil on our hands is received.

All of the Sacraments have a holy, saving and healing effect that unites us most closely to Jesus our Lord and Savior.

The unique grace for those who receive the anointing of the Sacred Chrism Oil in these Sacraments is to be consecrated or "set apart" for a special relationship with Jesus our Lord and to do the Will of God the Father.

I believe it is important to be inclusive to <u>all</u> Christians here. It is true that anyone who sincerely gives his or her heart and life to Jesus and receives Him as Lord and Savior in prayer will be on the road to personal salvation and consecrated to God's Word.

For us Catholics, Jesus is at the center of all the Sacraments which gives us a special help and ability to know Jesus and to be consecrated in truth. This sacrificial giving of Jesus in each of the Church's Sacraments is Jesus's consecration of Himself for us so "that they (we) also may be consecrated in truth." (John 17:19)

Simply put, Jesus spoke these words during the Last Supper, which was the First Mass. When we go to Mass and participate in the prayers and listen to the Readings and receive Him in Holy Communion, we are being formed in God's Truth and transformed by God's Love. Desire and long to know Jesus our Lord. Let us be open to His Truth and Love every time we go to Mass.

God Bless. Father Mark

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Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, May 17, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Peter and Helen Lovenduski & Deceased Family Members	Evelyn and Don Kentoski and Family	Easter Weekday	Acts 19:1-8 Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Lawrence Chiodo	Carolyn and Dennis Winkler	Saint John I, Pope and Martyr	Acts 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday, May 19, 2021 No Mass			Easter Weekday	Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday, May 20, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	The Living and Deceased Members of the Glen and Elda Benigni Family and Deborah Dillon	The Family	Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest	Acts 22:30, 23:6-11 Jn 17:20-26
Friday, May 21, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Louise Rhoades (birthday)	Pauline Lovenduski	Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions Martyrs	Acts 25:13b-21 Jn 21:15-19
Saturday, May 22, 2021			Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious	Acts 28:16-20,031-31 Jn 21:20-25
Saturday, May 22, 2021 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of Pentecost	(See below)
Sunday, May 23, 2021 9:15 a.m. Mass	Louise Rhoades	Evelyn and Don Kentoski and Family	Pentecost Sunday	Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

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St. Joseph Church

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Church Hours

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

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OFFICE HOURS

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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 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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