



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:19b

St. Joseph Parish Force, PA

Bringing Eucharistic Life to the Valley since 1872

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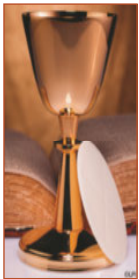
Weekly amount budgeted for 2021-2022	\$3,365.00
Offertory from April 11 thru April 19	\$4,863.00
Offertory from April 19 thru April 25	\$3,068.00
CSA 2022 Campaign Parish Goal	\$32,404.00
CSA pledges to date	\$21,135.00

Thank you for your continued support to St. Joseph Church.

A Big Thank You! I want to thank everyone who helped in our Lenten Fish dinners. I'm very happy that we were able to serve the public with dine-in as well as take-out service. I am very grateful for the commitment of our volunteers. I thank all who came and supported our delicious dinner fundraiser each week. **There were 2,932 dinners purchased with a profit of \$24,870.49!**

For Our Holy Pope Francis and His Intentions for faith-filled young people

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



First Eucharist Received at St. Joseph Parish
St. Joseph Parish Community congratulates our First Communion Class who received their First Eucharist at Sunday Mass, April 24. We pray that you remember to listen to Jesus each time you receive Holy Communion.

Jesus does not speak out loud, but you will hear Him tell you things in your heart.

Congratulations,

Aaron Antonelli, Jared Klaiber, Sophia Liptak, Mattison Orlic, and Anastasia Prince.

Mother's Day is Next Sunday!

St. Joseph Church Mother's Day Breakfast—the traditional Mother's Day breakfast for **all ladies of the church—young and old** is next Sunday, May 8th following the 9:15 am Mass. Ladies, come enjoy the morning with your family and friends as you are being served the delicious breakfast prepared by the men of St. Joseph Church. You can get your tickets after Mass this weekend in the social hall. Cost for adults is \$7 and \$3 for children under 10.

Baptismal Training Sessions for May, June

May 19	7 pm	St. Mary's, St. Marys	781-1019
June 7	7 pm	St. Leo, Ridgway	772-3135
July 5	7 pm....	St. Joseph, Force	787-4151

**The 150th Anniversary of the Catholic Church's presence in Bennetts Valley
Bringing Eucharistic Life since 1872.**

This is the theme of our 150th Anniversary that all of us are looking forward to as we prepare to celebrate with Bishop Lawrence Persico on Sunday, October 9th. We are starting to collect pictures from the past of each of our four churches: St. Cecilia, St. Stanislaus, Our Lady of Help of Christians and St. Joseph. At this time if you have any pictures that can be used for our anniversary, we would greatly appreciate borrowing them. Please label each picture with your information. A box will be provided in the church office for your pictures. We thank you in advance as we prepare to celebrate this grand and glorious event!



From Fishing to Shepherding

I haven't gone fishing for many years. I know that it is a very popular sport. I do enjoy eating fish especially at our dinners during the Season of Lent. Along with millions of other people, I am very grateful for those who make their living by fishing in order to provide this food for the whole world.

We hear in this weekend's Gospel that Jesus again reveals Himself to His Apostles after His Resurrection. This time Jesus shows up at the shore along the Sea of Tiberias. Several hours before this, Peter had decided to go fishing in late evening with the other Apostles joining Him "but that night they caught nothing." (John 21:3)

At dawn, the Risen Lord was already on the seashore baking fish on an open fire for His Apostles. He told His Apostles to cast their nets on the right side of the boat — the Apostle John recognized it was Jesus. In doing this, they brought in an overwhelming number of large fish — 153! The number of 153 fish symbolizes a large number.

In this chapter from St. John's Gospel, we learn a lot about the Apostle Peter. He is absolutely set on following Jesus. In this story Peter was the first to jump out of the boat and run to Jesus Who was standing on the seashore. The Disciples had breakfast with Jesus— and then the work — the vocation of Peter goes **from Fishing to Shepherding.**

No longer would Peter need to fish for a living. As we have heard last Sunday in the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 5 and this Sunday, as well, that Peter's full-time work now would be healing in Jesus's Name and teaching about Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Towards the end of this Sunday's Gospel from John 21, Jesus asks Peter three times "Do you love me?" Peter who denied our Lord three times during His Passion is now so deeply taken by the Risen Lord that his response is "You know that I love You." (John 21:17) Peter then is given the ministry of **shepherding and feeding** God's people with the Word and the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

We are grateful for all the deacons, priests, Monsignors, bishops, cardinals and our Holy Father Pope Francis who shepherd our Church today. May we continue to pray for each of them.

God Bless,
Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, May 2, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Joseph and Florence Fenice Family	Family	Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Acts 6:8-15 Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday, May 3, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Francis Kozminski	Donald and Nancy Chiappelli	Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles	1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14
Wednesday, May 4, 2022 No Mass			Easter Weekday	Acts 8:1b-8 Jn 6:35-40
Thursday, May 5, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Patsy Assalone (anniversary)	daughter Sandra and Family	Easter Weekday	Acts 8:26-40 Jn 6:44-51
Friday, May 6, 2022 FIRST FRIDAY 8:30 a.m. Mass	Elda Benigni (anniversary)	Family	Easter Weekday	Acts 9:1-20 Jn 6:52-59
Saturday, May 7, 2022 FIRST SATURDAY 8:30 a.m. Mass	Aunt Dolores, Aunt Barb, Aunt Louise, and Mom Theophila	Bernadette and Rob Iddings	Easter Weekday	Acts 9:31-42 Jn 6:60-69
Saturday, May 7, 2022 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Easter	(see below)
Sunday, May 8, 2022 9:15 a.m. Mass Mother's Day	Joseph and Anne Castellani (wedding anniversary)	John and Michele Castellani	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 13:14, 43-52 Rv 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday9:00 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 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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