



St. Joseph Parish Force, PA

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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault
between you and him alone. If he listens to you,
you have won over your brother.” - Mt 18:15

Parish Stewardship for 2020-2012

Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021 . . . \$3,462.00
 Offertory from August 25 thru August 31, 2020 . . . \$1,955.00
 CSA 2020 Campaign Parish Goal . . . \$32,626.00
 Parishioners' Pledged Amount . . . \$29,520.00
 Parishioners' Paid August 25 thru August 31 . . . \$225.00

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

Everyone is **still** required to wear a mask when entering or remaining on parish premises.

Church Office Hours: Mon-Thurs: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 814-787-4151 #3 Closed Friday



The Rosary will be prayed every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Fatima Shrine.

Raffle Drawing

The raffle drawing will take place in the social hall following the 9:15 Mass September 6.

Confirmation Class Parent/Student Meeting!

This year's **Confirmation class** will begin with a parent/student meeting on Sunday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. The Confirmation students will **meet for class the following Sunday, September 27 at 10:30 a.m.** in the social hall.



The **Fall Semester of Faith Formation** calls upon the help of our parents as the expert on their children. The Faith Formation classes will be using a family-centered approach in which parents/guardians with their children will be responsible for the weekly completion of the Gospel Weeklies. On the opening day Sunday, September 20th, parents (and their children) will meet with the catechists who will guide them through the instructions on how to use the Gospel Weeklies at home with their children. **Individual training will be available to whomever needs support.**



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Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Clara Gustafson who passed away last Monday. May she rest in peace. Amen



Congratulations to Louis and Shanda Mosier who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary this past August 12th. May God's continued blessings be with you!

St. Joseph Church Fish/Shrimp Dinners will begin again!

Every Friday beginning September 18 thru October 30, our fish/shrimp dinners will once again be available for **take-out only**. See insert for menu details. Phone number: 814-787-4151.

St. Joseph Website

Saturday and Sunday Masses at our church have resumed. Mass can be viewed **at any time** on the St. Joseph website if you do not wish to be at a public Mass yet. Please join us in participating and in celebration of Mass at our website stjosephforce.org.

Church Office Closed Monday, September 7

**Healing Between Others**

In our Gospel reading today, Jesus is giving His disciples a teaching on how to deal with someone who wrongs them. Jesus's method to bring about a resolution is not based on pressuring the person to confess, but rather it is about winning back your brother and sister by first speaking to them privately. Jesus says at this point, "If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." (Matthew 18:15b) Hopefully, that's when it can be resolved and not have to go any further. The result of this is that when the issue is talked about thoroughly, out of love to the one who caused the wrong, the person will ultimately feel love by the victim and reconciliation for both people will happen.

Healing between people sometimes takes Time. But, it is trying and trying again, and possibly with other's help will eventually bring reconciliation and a restored relationship where both people feel that good and right have won. This miracle will happen because Jesus promises His gift to us in the concluding words of the Gospel: "Again, amen I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:19-20)

Ask for this promise.

God Bless,
 Father Mark



Happy Labor Day!

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, September 7, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass Labor Day	Helen Mitchell	Mitchell Family	Weekday	1 Cor 5:1-8 Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday, September 8, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass 6:30 pm Rosary at the Shrine	Blessed Mother's Intention	Parishioners	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Wednesday, September 9, 2020 No Mass			Saint Peter Claver, Priest	1 Cor 7:25-31 Lk 6:20-26
Thursday, September 10, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	The Living and Deceased of the Glenn and Elda Benigni Family —Deborah Dillon	The Family	Weekday	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13 Lk 6:27-38
Friday, September 11, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Special Intention	The Tom and Chris Winkler Family	Weekday	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 Lk 6:39-42
Saturday, September 12, 2020			The Most Holy Name of Mary	1 Cor 10:14-22 Lk 6:43-49
Saturday, September 12, 2020 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(See below)
Sunday, September 13, 2020 9:15 a.m. Mass	Clara Gustafson	Clara's Family	Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sir 27:30 — 28:7 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35

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St. Joseph Church will be open Sun., Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 7:30 am — 7 pm; Wed. and Sat. 9:00 am — 7 pm

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 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 – 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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