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12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Do not be afraid; you are worth more
than many sparrows.” - Mt 10:31

Parish Stewardship for 2019-2020

Weekly amount budgeted for 2019-2020. . . . \$3,529.00
 Offertory from May 26 thru June 7...\$8,042.91

Thank you for your continued support for St. Joseph Church as we endeavor to get through this pandemic together.
 God Bless You!

As per the Order of the Secretary of the PA Dept. of Health directing public health safety measures, everyone is **still required to wear a mask when entering or remaining on parish premises.**

St. Joseph Church will be open

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

7:30 am — 7 pm

Wednesday and Saturday 9:00 am — 7 pm

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Weekday Mass Schedule 8:30 am

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm — Sunday Mass 9:15 am

Sacrament of Confession: Saturday 4:30 pm in the Church or by appointment (call 787-4151 #4)

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

St. Joseph Website

Saturday and Sunday Mass at our church has resumed now. It 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.

HAPPY
Father's
 DAY

Fathers, thank you for your love, support and the many sacrifices you give! May St. Joseph, our Patron Saint, always pray for you and inspire you to follow his example.

"Food Bank"

Thank you for your ongoing support to the Christian Food Bank. The Christian Food Bank volunteers also want to thank you for your generous contributions.

Parents of Faith Formation Students

Please notify the Faith Formation office if your child will be entering our 2020-21 program so we can prepare for the opening of class. Call 814-787-4151 #5 to leave a message.

Thank you for your cooperation.

"Care & Concern"

Do you know someone who would like to be remembered with a card or note? Please call 787-4151.

**"St. Joseph Prayer Chain"**

If there is someone who could use the prayers of our Parish, please call Gina at 787-7593.

**Sports in the Bible**

Every summer I enjoy sharing some thoughts in my weekly message about a Catholic perspective on sports. Summertime is the best time for outside sports. One of my favorite sports is the game of golf.

I believe that participation in sports in our entire world community is greater now than ever before. More people want to be physically fit and so they condition themselves with exercise in order to be prepared for the sport they choose.

I further believe that most of us Americans look forward in either attending popular sporting events such as baseball, football, and basketball or watching it on the big screen TV. Whether it is a school team or professional team, these sports tend to draw a large crowd. All sports had a beginning when someone, somewhere, created and developed that sport to the way it is played today. At this time, let us look at Bible passages that use the discipline of a sport to describe a strong disciple of Christ.

The Scripture passages that Saint Paul has written to describe a faithful follower of Christ, is like that of a discipline athlete. He uses the sport of running in a race, similar to that of an Olympic event. He writes, "Do you not know that the runners in the stadium all run in the race, but only one wins the prize? Run so as to win. Every athlete exercises discipline in every way. They do it to win a perishable crown, but we an imperishable one. Thus I do not run aimlessly, I do not fight as if I was shadowboxing. No, I drive my body and train it, for fear that after having preached to others, I myself should be disqualified." (1 Cor 9:24-27)

Saint Paul at first is encouraging the Christian disciple to be at his or her best in saying; "run as to win." (vs 24) Secondly, he encourages us to exercise discipline in mind and body, like an athlete in training. (vs 25-26) This discipline is the practice of self control, being humble and having a confident faith in Jesus.

Finally, another verse from Sacred Scripture that is the first reading at Mass today, refers to God Himself as like a champion who accompanies the prophet Jeremiah to be at his best in doing God's will: "But the Lord is with me, like a mighty champion". (Jer. 20: 11a)

My brothers and sisters, strive to live a discipline prayer life and service to God. As we celebrate all fathers, living and deceased, may we pray that they too in their own unique way be a good Christian example for all of us.

God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, June 22, 2020	Mary, Stanley, & Vincent Olewnik	Germaine & Family	Weekday	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18 Mt 7:1-5(371)
Tuesday, June 23, 2020	Leair & Gutowski Families	Bob & Helen Leair	Weekday	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 Mt 7:6, 12-14 (372)
Wednesday, June 24, 2020			The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist	Jer 1:4-10/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 (586)/ Is 49:1-6/Acts 13: 22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80 (587)
Thursday, June 25, 2020	Edward "Kramer" & Lena Zuchelli, Vincengo & Ersilia Zuchelli & Mary	Aldo Zuchelli	Weekday	2Kgs 24:8-17 Mt 7:21-29 (374)
Friday, June 26, 2020	Alphonso Terlinski	Family	Weekday	2Kgs 25:1-12 Mt 8:1-4 (375)
Saturday, June 27, 2020			Weekday	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 Mt 8:5-17 (376)
Saturday, June 27, 2020 5:30 p.m.	George F, Grace and Son George E. Berasi	Son and Daughters	Vigil of the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(See below)
Sunday, June 28, 2020	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 Mt 10:37-42 (97)

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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 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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