

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME St. Joseph Parish Force, PA Bringing Eucharistic Life to the Valley since 1872

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FORCE, PA

Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021

Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021	\$3,462.00	
Offertory from September 13 thru September 20	\$2,792.00	
CSA 2021 Campaign Parish Goal	\$33,199.00	
CSA 2021 Total Pledged	\$21,380.00	
CSA 2021 Total Pledged Amount Received	. \$20,125.00	
Thank you for continual support to St. Joseph Church		



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



Baptismal Training Session Schedule:

October 9 (Sat.) 10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart, St. Marys
November 9 (T) 7:00 p.m. St. Boniface, Kersey
November 29 (T) 7:00 p.m. St. Marys, St. Marys
781-1019



St. Joseph "Prayer Chain"

If there is someone who could use the prayers of our Parish, please call Gina at 814-787-7593.

"Care & Concern"

Do you know someone who would like to be remembered with a card or note?
Please call 787-4151 #3.

St. Joseph Church 2021 Fall Fish/Shrimp Dinners

Dinners are take-out or drive-thru only. All dinners are \$13. Call 814-787-4151 #6 or show up and order as drive-thru!

The 40 Days for Life Campaign began Wednesday, September 22 and will continue thru October 31. There are prayer sheets in the vestibule if you need a copy.

Every Tuesday during this prayer campaign for the life of the helpless innocent, a **ProLife Rosary** will be recited at St. Marys Church following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Sunday, October 3 from 2-3pm, the Elk Co.
Right to Life will sponsor "Life Chain," a
National ProLife Campaign. The Life Chain
is a peaceful, prayerful public witness of ProLife
individuals standing for one-hour praying for our nation
and the end of abortion. Participants are invited to gather at
1:45 pm at the St. Marys KofC, Washington St. in
downtown St. Marys. Prayer signs will be handed out at
this time.

All are welcome!

St. Tobias Spaghetti Dinner will take place on Sunday, October 10 from 11-1. Dinners are take-out only by advance order with drive-thru pick-up. Adults:\$8/Children:\$5. Call 591-1313 to order no later than October 3. Benefits confirmation class charity





Next Sunday, October 3 at 11.15 a.m. St. Joseph Church will have a pet blessing. If you would like to have your pet be a part of this blessing, please meet between the social hall and the church. Please remember to have your pet caged or on a leash.



Sharing Our Faith Series

Scripture: First Reading at Mass

Numbers: 11:25-29

God poured out His Spirit of prophesizing on the seventy elders of Israel (and two others that had not been in the camp that day). This was a portion of the spirit that had come down to Moses as God spoke to him in a cloud. Now, answer the following question.

—Have you ever sensed the "Spirit of God" speaking to you about something going on in your life or about a decision you need to make?

Psalm: 19:8, 10, 12-14

"The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart." Laws are given to protect us, answer questions we may have, and to give societies some peace and some order. For example, isn't it great and necessary that we have traffic laws to keep us safe? The necessity is that everyone is obliged to follow them. So also is the necessity and great benefits of living the words of the Bible.

—Do you make efforts to read the Bible everyday?

Scripture: Second Reading at Mass James 5:1-6

This very challenging Reading may cause us to answer the two following questions:

Do I have way too much of some things in life?
Out of justice for others, do I listen carefully and patiently to the cries and needs of people around me?

Gospel Reading:

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

The first part of this Gospel gives a situation where a non-apostle yet faithful follower of Jesus was trying to perform a healing, a mighty deed without the permission or help of the Apostles. Jesus approved the man's efforts and even said, "Do not prevent him." Ask ourselves:

—Do we respect charitable acts of other non-Catholic Christians or are we jealous of how well they perform their abilities?

Catholic Tradition:

We, as Catholics, use Holy Water to bless objects of devotion such as Rosaries and Scapulars so that the blest water would cleanse and make holy these articles of devotion to be protected from evil and used in a holy way for healing purposes.

Service:

The corporate work of mercy of visiting those who are ill and sick. Ask yourself...

- —Is there someone sick whom you can visit?
- —If you are unable to visit those who are ill, do you try to remember them often in your daily prayers?

God Bless, Father Mark

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, September 27, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Ed Levanduski (birthday)	wife and children	Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest	Zec 8:1-8 Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday, September 28, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Alphonso Terlinski (birthday)	Tim Lovenduski - cousin	Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs	Zec 8:20-23 Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday, September 29 No Mass			Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a Jn 1:47-51
Thursday, September 30, 8:30 a.m. Mass	Raymond Gornati	Kim and Vicki Peters	Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Lk 10:1-12
Friday, October 1, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass First Friday	Winston Streich (15th anniversary)	Family	Saint Thérèse of he Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	Bar 1:15-22 Lk 10:13-16
Saturday, October 2, 2021 9:00 a.m. First Saturday	Communion Service, Adoration and Benediction		The Holy Guardian Angels	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday, October 2, 2021 5:30 p.m. Mass	Louis Chiappelli	Chiappelli Family	Vigil of the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(See below)
Sunday, October 3, 2021 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Gn 2:18-24 Heb 2:9-11 Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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St. Joseph Church

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Rev. Mark J. Mastrian..... Deacon Paul Bauman

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Church Hours

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

Sat. 9:00 am /Sun 8:00 a.m.—7 pm

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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-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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