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**Parish Stewardship for 2022-2023**

Weekly amount budgeted for 2022-2023 ..... \$3,365.00  
 Offertory collection 4/24/23 thru 5/1/2023 ..... \$2,082.00  
 CSA 2023 Campaign Parish Goal ..... \$31,773.00

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**Pope's Intention for May:**

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisma at the service of the needs in the world.



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

**Baptismal Training**

May, July, and August 2023

May 25	7:00 pm	St. Mary, St. Marys	781-1019
<b>July 11</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>St. Joseph, Force</b>	<b>787-4151</b>
August 22	6:30 pm	St. Mark, Emporium	486-0569



**Mother's Day is next week!** St. Joseph Church will be celebrating all mothers with the traditional Mother's Day breakfast. On May 14th after 9:15 am Mass, all ladies of the church—young and old— are invited to enjoy the delicious breakfast the men of St. Joseph Parish will prepare. Tickets for breakfast will be on sale in the social hall after Mass this weekend (May 6/7)

Adults - \$7.00 and \$3.00 for children 10.

**Faith Formation:** Our annual May Crowning will take place after Mass this Sunday, May 7th. All are invited to process from the Church to the Shrine as we gather in song and prayer to honor our Blessed Mother Mary, our Lady of Fatima. **This is a scheduled ceremony for Faith Formation children & youth and we look forward to you joining in the event.**

There are no classes after the crowning. We look forward to gathering again this fall.



The St. Joseph Faith Community congratulates this year's Confirmation Class who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 4th at St. Leo Magnus Church in Ridgway by Bishop Lawrence Persico.

We pray the following young women and men are strengthened through the gifts of the Holy Spirit to live as faithful and loving Christians.

**10th Grade**

Carly (Veronica) Antonelli \*  
 Mallory (Therese) Blythe  
 Braydon (Sebastian) Mosier  
 Trenton (Eligius) Mosier  
 Jude (John) Toney  
 Cole (George) Young

**11th Grade**

Sydney (Sebastian) Alexander  
 Casey (Vivian) Chittester  
 Quintilio (Vincent) Gavazzi  
 Malaney (Joan) Moyer  
 Mallory (Dymphna) Secco

\*confirmed April 23 at Queen of the World Parish, St. Marys

Spirit of God, fill us with joy and wonder at Your Love for us. Amen.

**What is Mary Our Blessed Mother Teaching Us?**

Last weekend I asked, What is Jesus Our Good Shepherd teaching us? This weekend I ask you, What is Our Blessed Mother Mary teaching us? We get the answer from Sacred Scriptures. At the wedding at Cana, Mary informed Jesus that there was no wine. She said to those waiting on the tables, "Do whatever He tells you." (Jn 2:5) **How do we do whatever Jesus tells us** — Ask Him to tell you through prayer, the Bible, and through others.

These words of Our Blessed Mother are the last recorded words mentioned in the Bible. They have echoed down through the centuries as Mary's directives to all of us believers.

Through Her Apparitions our Blessed Mother has taught faithful believers throughout the world to follow Her Son Jesus. On May 13th we celebrate the 106th anniversary of Our Blessed Mother's First Apparition to Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta of Fatima. Our Blessed Mother taught the children many things that She wanted people to know as in the following quotes.

- ✦ "I ask that on the First Saturday of every month, communions of reparation be made in atonement for the sins of the world."
- ✦ "My Immaculate Heart shall be your refuge and the road that will lead you to God."
- ✦ "Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world."

Through these words Our Dear Blessed Mother does indeed want us, Her sons and daughters, to have peace by encouraging and teaching us to seek refuge through Her Immaculate Heart and peace in praying the Rosary.

What a great invitation to grace and protection our Lord Jesus and Our Blessed Mother teach and offer to us. On Mother's Day we say **Thank You** to all mothers living and deceased. Thank you for giving us life and we pray for you that you always feel the grace and protection of Jesus our Lord and the refuge of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. God Bless, Father Mark

**May Parish Events**

**May 7 after 9:15 Mass—Crowning at our Fatima Shrine**  
**May 14 after 9:15 Mass—Mother's Day Breakfast**  
**May 8 thru May 29 at 7 pm—Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction**  
**May 18 Mass at 9am & 7 pm—Ascension of Our Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)**

**Memorial Day Masses**

**Monday, May 29 at 8:30 am at St. Joseph Cemetery**  
**Tuesday, May 30 at 5 pm at St. Cecilia Cemetery**  
 (followed with refreshments at the Betta Camp)



# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, May 8, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Marguerite Cortina	Robert — son	Easter Weekday	Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday, May 9, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Patsy Assalone (birthday)	Sandra Streich -daughter	Easter Weekday	Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday, May 10, 2023 No Mass			Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest	Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8
Thursday, May 11, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Mary Morelli	Rita Fenice and Carolyn Winkler	Easter Weekday	Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11
Friday, May 12, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Matthew P. Levanduski (birthday)	grandmother	Saint Nereus and Saint Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr	Acts 15:22-31 Jn 15:12-17
Saturday, May 13, 2023 No Mass			Our Lady of Fatima	Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21
Saturday, May 13, 2023 5:30 a.m. Mass	Blessed Mother's Intentions	Parishioner	The Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter	(see below)
Sunday, May 14, 2023 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21

## St. Joseph Church

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9a.m.—4 p.m.

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

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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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## St. Joseph Church

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