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*St. Joseph Parish
Force, PA
Bringing Eucharistic Life
to the Valley since 1872*

SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." - Jn 8:11b

Parish Stewardship for 2021-2022

Weekly amount budgeted for 2021-2022 \$3,365.00
 Offertory from March 21 thru March 28. \$1,702.00
 CSA 2022 Campaign Parish Goal. \$32,404.00
 CSA pledges to date \$21,135.00

Fish/Shrimp Dinners were a great success this past week!
 A total of 434 dinners were sold. Thank you for your support!

For Our Holy Father Pope Francis and His Intentions:
 We pray for healthcare workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.



“Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.” Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6:00 pm



Lenten Penance Service will be at 2:00 p.m. next Sunday (Palm Sunday).



Stations of the Cross will be 6:00 p.m. every Wednesday throughout Lent.

Please refer to the Holy Week Schedule you received last week of the important times of the Penance Service and the Sacred Triduum! Extra copies are in the vestibule.

Baptismal Training Sessions for February/March

April 19	7 pm	St. Leo, Ridgway	772-3135
May 19	7 pm	St. Mary’s, St. Marys	781-1019
June 7	7 pm	St. Leo, Ridgway	772-3135

The Benedictine Gift Shop is ready for Easter and the Season Sacrament! Stop in and take a look at all our new items! Located at 303 Church St., St. Marys.



Our Faith Formation Program needs teachers for classes of Grades K/1 and Grade 2 for the 2022-2023 school year. We also are in need of some volunteers to be substitute teachers. All those working with children and youth are required to have clearances. If you are interested, have some questions, or would like additional information, please contact Mary at 814-787-4151 #5. Consider sharing your Faith time and talent with the young people of our Parish.

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 our 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!



The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Learning to say the words “I’m sorry” to family, friends or anyone whom we have hurt is a good and necessary lesson we must learn in our life.

We, Catholics have within our tradition a remedy for the actions we have done that are not pleasing to God and neighbor. The remedy is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The purpose in going to confession is to acknowledge our sins with heart-felt sorrow, receive the forgiveness of God, and to do a penance which is an action or prayer in making satisfaction for the sins we have committed.

We go to confession to a priest because Jesus Himself forgave sinners and gave that authority to forgive sins to His Apostles according to Matthew’s Gospel 16:19. “I will entrust to you the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you declare bound on earth shall be bound in Heaven; Whatever you declare loosed on earth shall be loosed in Heaven.”

The bishops and priests by virtue of their ordination are the successors of the Apostles. So, we can go to the priest who represents the Church and Christ in this Sacrament and receive the healing forgiveness of Jesus our Lord.

As a friendly reminder the steps of going to confession are as follows:

- ✚ First, we must to do an examination of conscience. Call to mind the sins you need to confess both venial and mortal sins and the number of times they were committed.
- ✚ Next, say to the priest: **“Bless me, Father for I have sinned. It has been (weeks, months or years) since my last confession. I have committed the following sins.”** As you say these words, you make the Sign of the Cross.
- ✚ After, you tell your sins to the priest.
- ✚ Next, the priest assigns a penance for you to do; then you make an “Act of Contrition.”

“O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee. I detest all my sins because of Thy just punishments; but most of all because they offend Thee my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy Grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.”

✚ The priest prays the prayer of Absolution and concludes that prayer by saying: “In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

My friends, go to confession and believe with all your heart in the healing Grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, April 4, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Pauline Duttry	Cindy and Dale Duell	Saint Isidore. Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday, April 5, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Special Intention	—	Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest	Nm 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday, April 6, 2022 No Mass			Lenten Weekday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Jn 8:31-42
Thursday, April 7, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	George Chiodo (birthday)	wife—Terri and Children	Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest	Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59
Friday, April 8, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Manny Chiappelli (birthday)	Donald and Nancy Chiappelli	Lenten Weekday	Jer 20:10-13 Jn 19:31-42
Saturday, April 9, 2022 No Mass			Lenten Weekday	Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56
Saturday, April 9, 2022 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	(see below)
Sunday, April 10, 2022 9:15 a.m. Mass	Louise Rhoades	Barb McCracken and Family	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Lk 19:28-40 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Lk 22:14 — 23:56

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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 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 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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