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HAPPY
Labor Day

Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021

Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021 \$3,462.00
 Offertory from August 23 thru August 30, 2021 ... \$2,556.00
 CSA 2021 Campaign Parish Goal \$33,199.00
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged \$21,280.00
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged Amount Received \$20,075.00

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:**

Sept. 7 7:00 p.m. Queen of the World St. Marys 834-4701
 Sept. 22 7:00 p.m. Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg 965-2819

**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.

Next weekend throughout the Diocese of Erie, there
will be a **second collection to help all those in Haiti**
and other disaster areas. Please keep the people of the
nation of Haiti in your prayers. The terrible earth-
quake and rains of tropical storm Grace have cost these
many people not only their home and livelihood, but
also family members and friends. Thank you for your
constant generosity.

Our St. Joseph Church will have a **1st Annual Golf
Outing on Sunday, September 19th** at the Bavarian
Hills Golf Course in St. Marys.

The outing will begin at 1 p.m.
A flyer and sign-up sheet has
been sent in the mail to all pa-
rishioners who may want to join
in or pass the information on to a
family member or friend who
may want to participate in the
activities. All the details are given in the hand-out.
You are welcome to place your sign-up sheet in the
collection basket or call John Bower at the Golf
Course: 814-834-3602 or Father Mark at St. Joseph
Church: 814-787-4151 #4. All are welcome!



**Parents and Grandparents: Faith Formation Fam-
ily Mass** followed by refreshments will be celebrated
next Sunday, September 12th. Registration packets
will be given. Please return them by the first week of
Class on September 19th.

Grandparents Day! For all grandparents may our
Lord bless each of you with good health in spirit, soul
and body now and always. **We all Thank You!**

**The Dignity of Good Work**

As we celebrate Labor Day weekend, I call us
to briefly reflect on the dignity of good work. The
best example of a person of good work is Jesus Him-
self. In the early years of His Life, He learned the
work of a carpenter from St. Joseph which became His
work for most of His life.

From the school of Nazareth, so to speak, He
learned the Jewish faith, talked to the Jewish elders
about the Torah, and saw the Jewish faith lived out in
Mary and Joseph. He then went forth to His
Galilean ministry.

Jesus's new work then became building the
Kingdom of God, in choosing His Apostles, in preach-
ing the good news, and healing many people. Jesus
performed the work of healing as we read in today's
Gospel where He said to the deaf man who also had a
speech impediment: "Be opened and immediately the
man's ears opened, his speech impediment was re-
moved and he spoke plainly." (Mark 7:34b-35)

St. Pope John Paul II had once said that work
in itself has its own dignity. In other words, he was
saying whether you work for a company, train engi-
neer, plumber, nurse, teacher, carpenter, cashier, artist,
computer tech, medical doctor, volunteer at a food
bank or a mechanic there is dignity in the work you
do. Furthermore, in his document *Laborem Exercere*
(1981), the Pope makes it clear that our work, as laity,
is part of God's Divine Plan for us and actually leads
us closer to him. (Veronica Arntz, "The Spirituality of
Work: Perspectives from St. Pope John Paul II")

St. Pope John Paul II also writes in *Christfide-
les Laici* (1988) that "The world thus becomes the
place and the means for the lay faithful to fulfill their
Christian vocation because the world itself is destined
to glorify God the Father in Christ." (CL, art.15)

My friends, if we are truly seeking a perma-
nent, lasting relationship with our Lord Jesus and
giving God the glory in the work we do, then St.
Paul's affirming words are for us: "I am confident of
this, that the One Who began a **good work** in you will
continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus."
(Phil. 1:6)

God Bless,
Father Mark



We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, September 6, 2021 No Mass			Weekday	Col 1:24—2:3 Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday, September 7, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Adam, Jerome & Vincent Lease	Pauline Lovenduski	Weekday	Col 2:6-15 Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday, September 8 No Mass			The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Thursday, September 9, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Alphonse Terlinski	cousin Tim	Saint Peter Claver, Priest	Col 3:12-17 Lk 6:27-38
Friday, September 10, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Clara Gustafson	John and Rebecca Bricen	Weekday	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Lk 6:39-42
Saturday, September 11, 2021 No Mass			Weekday	1 Tm 1:15-17 Lk 6:43-49
Saturday, September 11, 2021 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(See below)
Sunday, September 12, 2021 9:15 a.m. Mass	Helen M Lovenduski	Sherry & George Sidelinger	The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 50:4c-9a Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35

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St. Joseph Church

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STAFF

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Parish Secretary: **Marlene Berasi**; Faith Formation Coordinator: **Mary Stoker**; Domestic Administrator: **Miriam Pane**Pastoral Council President: **Bryan Chiappelli**; Finance Council Moderator: **Leon Calliari****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 Email: stjosephforce@windstream.net Website: www.stjosephforce.org Faith Formation Email: stjosephforceff@windstream.net**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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