

*"Isn't this the son of Joseph?"*  
*- Lk 4:22*

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**Parish Stewardship for 2018-2019**

Weekly amount originally budgeted for 2018-19. . . . \$3,529.00  
 Offertory for the weekend of **January 26-27**.....\$2,456.00  
 Deficit/Surplus for weekend **January 26-27** ..... -\$1,072.85  
 Budget from July 1, 2018—June 30, 2019.....\$183,500.00  
 Deficit/Surplus to Date .....-\$6,623.73  
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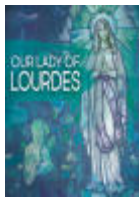
**St. Joseph “Prayer Chain” and “Care and Concern”**  
 If there is someone who could use the prayers of our Parish or who would like to be remembered with a card or note, please call Charlene Warmbrodt at 787-7601.



**Food Bank**  
 The many items brought for the food bank have been definitely appreciated. You may continue to bring your donations for the Food Bank by dropping them off at the church office or use the box in the church vestibule.



Our monthly **Rosary to the Blessed Mother** will be Monday, February 11 at Noon in the church. This day is also the **Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes.**



**Baptismal Training Classes:**

**Feb. 5 —St. Joseph Church — 787-4151 — 7 p.m.**  
 Feb. 16 — Sacred Heart — 834-7861 —10:00 a.m.  
 Feb. 28 — St. Mark, Emporium — 486-0569 —6:30 p.m.

**BV Senior Center** will hold an **Ice Cream Social**, Wednesday, February 12 beginning at 4:30 p.m. Cost: donation.

**Spaghetti Dinner-Boy Scout Troop #183 Fundraiser.**  
 Sunday, February 24 at Bennetts Valley Legion 11-2 p.m. (or until sold out). Adults: \$8/Children: 10 & under \$5. Pre-sale tickets can be purchased at the Weedville Hotel.

**Relay for Life of Elk Co. Basket BINGO** on Saturday, February 23 1-5 p.m. at St. Marys Moose Lodge, St. Marys. Tickets: \$20/call 389-3488.



**Sacred Relics of the Saints: Treasures of the Church.**

Christ the King Parish of 123 Good St., Houtzdale will

present a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Monday, February 25 at 6 p.m.. This special Vatican collection of over 150 relics (some as old as 2000 years) will be there to be examined and be venerated. Some of these treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, & St. Faustina Kowalska. Present will also be a portion of the **veil of Our Lady** and one of the largest remaining **pieces of the True Cross** in the world. In the Church’s history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.



**A Very Popular Scripture  
 (1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13)**

Almost all the couples whose wedding I have witnessed and blessed over the past many years choose *1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13* for the Second Reading during their wedding Mass or ceremony. Why? This is because these words of St. Paul give clear explanation of what real love—*God’s love* is all about and the attitude behind how we share it in relationship with others. This is especially true and needed between husband and wife. This Scripture is very popular for weddings because the couple wants to hear what real love is and the kind of love they want to have in their marriage.

Read the following passage very slowly. Think about the words and the phrases. After you have read it, then answer the question that follows.

“Brothers and sisters:

Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.  
 But I shall show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in human and angelic tongues,  
 but do not have love,

I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.

And if I have the gift of prophecy,  
 And comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge;  
 if I have all faith so as to move mountains,  
 but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give away everything I own,  
 and if I hand my body over so that I may boast,  
 but do not have love, I again nothing.

[Love is patient, love is kind.  
 It is not jealous, it is not pompous,  
 it is not inflated, it is not rude,  
 it does not seek its own interests,  
 it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury  
 it does not rejoice over wrongdoing  
 but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things,  
 hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing;  
 if tongues, they will cease;  
 if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing.

For we know partially and we prophesy partially,  
 but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away

When I was a child, I used to talk as a child,  
 think as a child, reason as a child;  
 when I became a man, I put aside childish things.

At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror,  
 but then face to face.

At present I know partially;  
 then I shall know fully, as I am fully known.

So faith, hope, love remain, these three;  
 but the greatest of these is love.]

Question: What words really speak to you at this time? Why?  
 God Bless, Father Mark

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scripture
Monday, February 4, 2019 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Agnes Caliarì	Family	Weekday	Heb 11:32-40 Mk 5:1-20 (323)
Tuesday, February 5, 2019 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Virginia Gralak Myers	Family	St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	Heb 12:1-4 Mk 5:21-43 (324)
Wednesday, February 6, 2019 <b>No Mass</b>			St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Mk 6:1-6 (325)
Thursday, February 7, 2019 <b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Deceased Members of the Lease Family	Pauline Lovenduski	Weekday	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 Mk 6:7-13 (326)
Friday, February 8, 2019 <b>8:30 a.m.</b>	George Agosti (birthday)	son Ken and Carol Agosti	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin	Heb 13:1-8 Mk 6:14-29 (327)
Saturday, February 9, 2019			Weekday	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Mk 6:30-34 (328)
Saturday, February 9, 2019 <b>5:30 p.m. Mass</b>	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, February 10, 2019 <b>9:15 a.m.</b>	Charles and Clara Tyler and Deceased Family Members	Lamont and Frances Gray	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11 Lk 5:1-11 (75)

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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. &amp; 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 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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