



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

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Parish Stewardship for 2022-2023

Weekly amount budgeted for 2022-2023 \$3,365.00
 Offertory collection 8/21/2023 thru 8/28/2023.....\$2,250.00
 CSA 2023 Campaign Parish Goal\$31,773.00
 Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church

Pope's Intention for September

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Please plan on having your picture taken for our
 St. Joseph Church Pictorial Directory!

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



The church office will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day. We will open on Tuesday, September 5 at 9am.

Baptismal Training September and October 2023

Sept. 5 6:30 pm Queen of the World, St. Marys 834-4701
 Oct. 14 10:00 am Sacred Heart, St. Marys 834-7861

"St. Joseph Prayer Chain"

If there is someone who could use the prayers of our Parish, please call the office @ 814-787-4151.

No Masses will be celebrated from Tuesday, September 12th through Friday, September 15th.

Father Mark will be away on retreat during this time. Saturday (September 16) and Sunday (September 17) Masses will be celebrated at the regular times.

Faith Formation: Catechist Meeting

We will be meeting in the Faith Formation Center on Wednesday, September 6th at 7 p.m. We have an exciting program year ahead of us that we want to share with you. We will, for example, be looking over our curriculum and be discussing some additional events for the upcoming school year. Enjoy these remaining weeks of summer!

"THE GRIEVING SPIRIT
 RETREAT SERIES"
 with Dr. Jan Satterlee
 September 26

Sudden, Unexpected Death

Visit bethanyretreatcenter.org or call 814-263-4855 to register.

St. Bernard Church, Falls Creek, famous spaghetti dinner will be on Sunday, September 17th. Dinner will be dine-in and take-out and available 11am-1pm OR until sold out. Sauce and meatballs only will be available for take-out on Saturday, September 16th, after the 4:30pm Mass. Please bring your own containers for take-out.

**Exciting New Fall 2023 Schedule**

Our Fall schedule for St. Joseph Church will begin this Labor Day weekend, Monday, September 4th at 11am, with our food booth on the old school grounds in Weedville, along with other booths, in celebration of the Bennetts Valley Labor Day festivities. Our booth will be selling pizza, chicken tenders, fries, pop, and water. This will be a great event this year! And what a great way to come and support our church.

The following Sunday, September 10th, beginning at 1pm in our social hall, the women of our church and their friends will be participating in our annual Women's Bash. This is another great way to support our parish. Our schedule of other events will continue as follows:

Catechist Sunday This will start on September 17th with our 9:15am Mass when all of our catechists will receive a blessing at Mass. Classes will begin for Faith Formation and parents will be meeting with Father Mark and our new Faith Formation Facilitator, Mary Ann Toney.

Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction This very important time to be with our Eucharistic Lord Jesus will begin on Monday, September 18th at 7pm and continue throughout the Fall.

Adult Faith Formation Class on the St. Ignatian-Spirituality on the Discernment of Spirits This adult Faith Formation class will be focusing on the teaching of St. Ignatius' steps for discernment of spirits within the life of a disciple of Christ. This class is for mature followers of Christ who want to go deeper into the life of The Holy Spirit at work within us. This class will begin on Monday, October 2nd at 7pm in the social hall and will continue each Monday at 7pm and will conclude Monday, November 27th. This class will be taught by Dr. Janet Satterlee.

Fall Fish Dinners We will be serving 2 Fall Fish Dinners. They will be on Friday, October 20th and again on Friday, October 27th from Noon to 6:30 pm.

Our Parish Retreat with Father Kevin McDonald Our parish retreat with Father Kevin McDonald will start on Saturday, November 4th and conclude on Wednesday, November 8th. Our theme will be The Holy Eucharist. Father McDonald was with us two years ago for a three day retreat. This year, his retreat will run for four days. We look forward to this time of personal and parish renewal in our faith life.

My friends, I hope all of you take the opportunity to participate in many of these events we have planned for in these next weeks and months. They are experiences of community building and growing in a deeper relationship with Christ our Lord.

God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, September 4, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass LABOR DAY	Rudy Cadori and son Robert Cadori	Cadodi Family	Weekday	1 Thes 4: 13-18 Lk 4: 16-30
Tuesday, September 5, 2023 8:30 am Mass	Richard Bonanno	Wife and children	Weekday	1 Thes 5: 1-6, 9-11 Lk 4: 31-37
Wednesday, September 6, 2023 No Mass	NO COMMUNION SERVICE		Weekday	Col 1: 1-8 Lk 4: 38-44
Thursday, September 7, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Helen Mitchell	The Mitchell Family	Weekday	Col 1: 9-14 Lk 5: 1-11
Friday, September 8, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Matthew Klender	Parents	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Mi 5: 1-4 or Rom 8: 28-30 Mt 1: 1-16, 18-23 or 1: 18-23
Saturday, September 9, 2023 No Mass			Saint Peter Claver, Priest	Col 1: 21-23 Lk 6: 1-5
Saturday, September 9, 2023 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, September 10, 2023 9:15a.m. Mass	Frank Michelini	Family	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ez 33: 7-9 Rom 13: 8-10 Mt 18: 15-20

St. Joseph Church

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9a.m.—4 p.m.

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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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St. Joseph Church

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