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CSA 2021 Campaign Parish Goal \$33,199.00
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged \$21,030.00
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged Amount Received \$13,000.00

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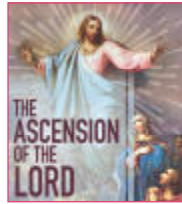


“Pray the Rosary every-day to obtain peace for the world.” Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6:00 pm.



Thank you for your continual support for the Food Bank.

This Thursday, May 13th is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. This day is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be 9 a.m. and 7p.m.



Baptismal Training Session Schedule:

May 20	7:00 p.m.	St. Marys	St. Marys	814-781-1019
June 8	7:00 p.m.	St. Leo	Ridgway	814-772-3135
July 6	7:00 p.m.	St. Joseph	Force	814-787-4151



Diocese will recognize wedding anniversaries

The 2021 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration liturgies for **couples celebrating 25, 50, 60 or more years of marriage** will be held at two locations in the diocese: Aug. 1 at Immaculate Conception Parish in Clarion, and Aug. 8 at St. Jude Parish in Erie. For more information and to register, go to www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html.

Electronic registrations are highly encouraged, but a hard copy registration form is available at the church office for those who are not able to register online. Further questions may be directed to your parish or the Faith Formation Office at 814-824-1210.

Congratulations to all our Confirmation students who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday. They are Brandin Anderson, Gina Antonelli, Brian Blake, Kailyn Blake, Emma Gavazzi, and Allie Senior. Also, thank you to Eric Blythe who was the Confirmation class instructor and Mary Stoker our Faith Formation Coordinator.

The Church Office will be closed Thursday, May 13.



St. Bernard Church in Falls Creek will have their **Famous Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, May 16** starting at 10 a.m. until sold out. Dinners are \$9 each, meatballs: 75¢ each and a quart of sauce is \$5.50. Please bring your own container. Take-out Only.

St. Joseph Website Saturday and Sunday Masses at our church have resumed. Recorded Mass at this time will not be available due to technical adjustment. Please refer to the website for updates and the bulletin.
 Website: stjosephforce.org



**Mothers
 Pope Francis’s Reflections**

Recently, Pope Francis had shared his reflections on the demanding role that mothers face in today’s world. Pope Francis said that, “A life without challenges doesn’t exist.” He further embellished in his speech that because of the many challenges in life is one reason a child needs a mother.

Mothers fulfill a very necessary and vital role by helping their children to “look realistically at life’s problems,” without getting “lost in them.” A mother helps her children “to tackle “problems courageously and to become strong enough to overcome the problems they inevitably confront. (Pope Francis)

Also, during a visit on May 4th to the Basilica of St. Marys Major in Rome, the oldest church in the West dedicated to Mary, our Blessed Mother , the Pope talked about mothers’ roles. He took the opportunity to explain Mary’s Motherhood over us the Church.

The Pope described that in Her own life, Mary “saw many difficult moments” and “like a good mother She is close to us, so that we may never lose courage before the adversities of life” and “might feel Her support in facing and overcoming the difficulties of our human and Christian journey.”

Pope’s Corner by For Your Marriage Staff and Associates foryourmarriage.org.
 (teaching about Catholic marriage from our Holy Father)

My brothers and sister, as we celebrate Mother’s Day this weekend, we pray for all mothers, grandmothers and those were like mothers to us, that Jesus our Lord will always strengthen them to be instruments of peace, courage and hope to us and to the whole world. Mary our Mother, pray for us. Amen!



God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, May 10, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Vincent Lovenduski	Nieces and Nephews	Saint Damien de Veuster, Pries	Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday, May 11, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Lucien & Theophila Benevich	Children	Easter Weekday	Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday, May 12, 2021 No Mass			Saint Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs: Saint Pencras, Martyr	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 Jn 16:12-15
Thursday, May 13, 2021 9:00 a.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Holy Day of Obligation	Lawrence Chiodo Living and Deceased Parishioners	wife	The Ascension of the Lord;	Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23; or Eph 4:1-13 or Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Mk 16:15-20
Friday, May 14, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Matthew Lovenduski (birthday)	Tim Lovenduski (father)	Saint Matthias, Apostle	Acts 1:15-17 Jn 15:9-17
Saturday, May 15, 2021	Saint Isadore		Easter Weekday	Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23b-28
Saturday, May 15, 2021 5:30 p.m. Mass	Veronica & Anthony Zukauskas Deceased Family Members		Vigil of 7th Sunday of Easter	(See below)
Sunday, May 16, 2021 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners	Germaine and Family	7th Sunday of Easter	Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 1 Jn 4:11-16

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Church
Hours

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

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday9:00 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 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 – 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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