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Our Lord Jesus Christ,
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“And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.’” - Mt 25:40

Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021
 Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021. . . . \$3,462.00
 Offertory from 11/10 thru 11/22/20 unavailable
 due to publisher's holiday closing.
 CSA 2020 Campaign Parish Goal \$32,626.00
 Parishioners' Pledged Amount \$29,545.00

Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church

Wearing a mask upon entering/remaining
 on Parish premises is required.

Every other pew is designated for seating at Mass.

Father Mark is available to hear Confessions during office
 hours. Call for an appointment at 814-787-4151 #4



The Rosary will be prayed **Tuesday**
at 6:00 pm at the Fatima Shrine
 (weather permitting) or in the Church.

Thanksgiving Week Church Hours:
 Sun., Mon., Tues., 7:30 am - 4 pm
 Wed. 8 am - 8 pm
 Thurs. & Fri. 9 am - 4 pm
 Sat. 9:00 am - 7 pm

Thanksgiving Week
Office Hours Closed
 Thanksgiving Day
 and
 Friday, November 27

“St. Joseph Prayer Chain”
 If there is someone who could use the prayers of our
 Parish, please call Gina at 787-7593.

“Care & Concern”
 Do you know someone who would like to be remembered
 with a card or note? Please call 787-4151.



Food Donations: As we make plans to
 celebrate Thanksgiving with a delicious
 meal, let us take this opportunity to
 donate to the Food Bank so that others
 may have the opportunity to have some-
 thing to eat. This Wednesday evening
 there will be a non-perishable food
 collection taken at the 7 pm Mass for
 Thanksgiving Day. If you are unable to attend Mass and
 want to donate any food items, you can place them in the
 box in vestibule of the church or take them to the church
 office until 4 pm. Monetary gifts are also appreciated and
 can be placed in the candle box at church or mailed to the
 church office. Thank you for your generosity.
 Have a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!

Baptismal Preparation for November . . .
 November 24 7:00 p.m. St. Mary's, St. Marys . . .781-1019

No Confirmation Class on Sunday, November 29.
Confirmation Class will resume Sunday, December 6.

St. Joseph Website
 Saturday and Sunday Masses at our church have resumed. Mass
 can be viewed **at any time** on the St. Joseph website if you do
 not wish to be at a public Mass yet. Please join us in participat-
 ing and in celebration of Mass at our website stjosephforce.org



Eschatology—*Last Things* (part 2)

✠ **Heaven.** Imagine the most perfect day—
 some would say this is **Heaven**. Imagine being totally
 free from worries, being at your best in serving others
 with your gifts and talents. This is **Heaven**, too.

Now, imagine a world where everyone is at
 peace with each other — no more wars, violence and
 poverty. Everyone is completely healed of their ills,
 sickness and inabilities. Everyone knows and loves
 God and each other and is happy. Most would say
 this is **Heaven**. Maybe all of the above *is* **Heaven**.

✠ **Hell.** We have always been told that this is
 the place where nobody wants to end up when we die.
 Why — the Catechism of the Catholic Church says
 “that this is the state of definitive self-exclusion from
 communion with God and the blessed . . .” (CCC 1033)
 A person in **Hell** is cut off for all eternity from God’s
 Love and Presence and the presence of others.

✠ The most important thing we need to know is
 how to avoid **Hell** when we pass away from this life.

1. Live the Ten Commandments daily.
2. Live Jesus’s Commandment of love the best you can.
3. Confess mortal and deadly sins when they are committed: pride, anger, envy, avarice, greed, lust and sloth.
4. Grow in your knowledge of God’s Will.
5. Meet the needs of the poor, ill and the needy the best you are able.

✠ **Purgatory.** “All who die in God’s Grace and
 Friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed
 assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they
 undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness
 necessary to enter the joy of Heaven.” (CCC 1030)

The Church gives the name **Purgatory** to this
 final purification of souls. Probably most souls are in
Purgatory before their preparation of **Heaven**.
 Striving for holiness and living Jesus’s sermon on the
 Mount (Mt chapters 5-7) may help avoid **Purgatory**.

✠ **Christ’s Second Coming.** The last judgment
 of Christ when He returns in glory is described in this
 Sunday’s Gospel on this Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus
 Christ, King of the Universe. In short, if we strive to
 serve Christ who lives in the least of our brothers and
 sisters, we will inherit the Kingdom of **Heaven**.

✠ **New Heaven, Earth & Resurrection of the Body.**

This fullness of God’s Promise is a new universe,
 the heavenly Jerusalem “where God will have His
 Dwelling among men.” (Rev 21:5) “God is preparing a
 new dwelling and a new earth in which righteousness
 dwells, in which happiness will fill and surpass all the
 desires of peace arising in the hearts of men.” G.S. 39:1)

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, November 23, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	The Living and Deceased Members of the Glenn & Elda Benigni Family and Deborah Dillon	The Family	Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday, November 24, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass 6:00 pm Rosary at the Shrine	Matthew Levanduski (1st anniversary)	Family	Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	Rv 14:14-19 Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday, November 25, 2020 7:00 p.m. Mass for Thanksgiving Day	Vincent and Mary Ann Brunelli	The Family	Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr	Rv 15:1-4 Lk 21:12-19
Thursday, November 26, 2020 No Mass			Weekday	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a Lk 21:20-28
Friday, November 27, 2020 No Mass			Weekday	Rv 20:1-4, 11— 21:2 Lk 21:29-33
Saturday, November 28, 2020			Weekday	Rv 22:1-7 Lk 21:34-36
Saturday, November 29, 2020 5:30 p.m. Mass	Terry Asalone	The Family	Vigil of First Sunday of Advent	(See below)
Sunday, November 29, 2020 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		First Sunday of Advent	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37

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OPEN CHURCH HOURS

St. Joseph Church will be open Sun., Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 7:30 am — 4 pm; Wed. 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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