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# 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41




**Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021**  
 Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021. . . . \$3,462.00  
 Regular Offertory 01/26/21 thru 02/01/21 . . . \$2,891.00  
**CSA 2021 Campaign Parish Goal . . . . . \$33,199.00**  
 Parishioners' Commitment Weekend — February 13/14  
**Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church**  
**Church Office will be closed Monday, February 15.**


	The Rosary will be prayed each Tuesday at <b>6:00 pm</b> in the Church. Join us.	<b>2021 CSA</b> <b>Commitment Sunday</b> will be this weekend February 13-14. The CSA envelopes will be given at each Mass and are available in the vestibule.
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February 21st — **Confirmation Classes** will be held in the social hall from 10:30-12:30. Lesson 15: “*Why do I have to go to Mass?*” & Lesson 16: “*What it means to say I do*” will be discussed.

**Blessed candles** from this past Tuesday, February 2 -- Candlemas Day -- are available in the church for \$3.



**Faith Formation Class Update:**  
 February 14 : In-person classes begin.  
**Grade 2 Parents: Reconciliation Meeting Sunday,**  
 February 21 At the Faith Formation Center 10:30-11:30.  
**All parents must attend** a training. If you cannot attend this meeting, call Mary Stoker to reschedule 787-4151 #5. Student do not have class this day.



St. Joseph Fish/Shrimp Dinners will be available for **take-out only from Noon thru 6:30 pm (or until sold out)** beginning Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent. The dinners can be ordered at **787-4151 #6** on the day of the dinner or **even** if you stop by and order at the parking lot booth between the hours given. **All dinners are \$12.00.** See the enclosed hand-out for details. **Dessert Donations** in monetary form or store-bought are requested for the Lenten Dinners. If you have any questions, please call Kelly at 787-5743.  
 Donations may be dropped by the church office between 8 and 4 Monday thru Thursday.

**Lenten Regulations each year** are as follows:  
**Fasting and Abstaining from meat is required** on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. **Abstinence from meat on all Fridays during Lent** especially for those ages 14-58.

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 participating and in celebration of Mass at our website [stjosephforce.org](http://stjosephforce.org)

Wearing a mask upon entering and remaining at the Parish is still required.  
**Every other pew** is designated for seating at Mass.



**St. Joseph Church Goals for 2021**

I had a music teacher many years ago encourage me to write down all of the goals I wanted to accomplish at the beginning of the year. I had to categorize what classical music pieces I wanted to learn on the piano and also what type of songs I wanted to compose. This process was very helpful.

In a like manner, I truly believe it is necessary that a church community creates important goals that would be good to fulfill throughout the year.

The following is an annual calendar of events that takes place here at St. Joseph. Hopefully, we can proceed in doing without grave intensity and restrictions due to the virus. Also, here is a list of goals for us to look at and consider reaching this year. Some of these goals will need consideration and input from the church councils and committees as the year proceeds.

**Goals for 2021**

- ✚ The most important goal is to strengthen the Spiritual health of all our parishioners. This is done by deepening our faith through daily prayer, encouraging the return to Sunday Mass, reading Spiritual materials for Lent, giving special attention to our Faith Formation families, reaching out to those most in need in our parish, and all of us praying for each other.
- ✚ For this *Year of Saint Joseph* **especially**, to refurbish our large stain glass window of Saint Joseph above the high altar.
- ✚ To continue to create new ways to maintain and beautify our cemetery, church grounds, and buildings.
- ✚ To encourage attendance and participation of all our parishioners towards supporting our fundraising throughout the year.

**2021 Calendar of Events thru April 25th**

- February 17th: Ash Wednesday Masses — 9 am & 7 pm;  
 The start of Lenten dinners every Friday
- February 24th: Stations of the Cross begins—6:30 pm
- March 1st: Adult Faith Formation classes — TBA
- March 19th-22nd: Celebration of *Year of St. Joseph*
- March 28th: Palm Sunday: Beginning of Holy Week
- April 1st: Mass of the Lord’s Supper — 6:30 pm
- April 2nd: Good Friday Service — 1:00 pm
- April 4th: Easter Sunday Mass — 9:15 am
- April 25th: 1st Eucharist of 3rd Grade-9:15 am Mass

God Bless,  
 Father Mark

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, February 15, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Arthur Zambanini	wife Gen, daughter and family	Weekday	Gn 4:1-15, 25 Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Guido and Tusca Michelini (91st wedding anniversary)	Frank and Family	Weekday	Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10 Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday, February 17, 2021 9:00 a.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners Msgr John T. Carter	Father Mark	ASH WEDNESDAY	Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday, February 18, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Glen & Elda Benigni and Deborah Dillon	The Family	Thursday after ASH WEDNESDAY	Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25
Friday, February 19, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Victoria Gornati	Steve and Roxann Skrzypek	Friday after ASH WEDNESDAY	Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15
Saturday, February 20, 2021 No Mass			Saturday after ASH WEDNESDAY	Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32
Saturday, February 20, 2021 5:30 p.m. Mass	Ed Warmbrodt	Family	Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent	(See below)
Sunday, February 21, 2021 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		First Sunday of Lent	Gn 9:8-15 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15

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STAFF

Rev. Mark J. Mastrian..... Pastor  
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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 11<sup>th</sup> grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School since 9<sup>th</sup> 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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