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7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you." - Jn 17:1

Parish Stewardship for 2022-2023

Weekly amount budgeted for 2022-2023 \$3,365.00
 Offertory collection 5/8/2023 thru 5/14/2023 \$2,532.00
 CSA 2023 Campaign Parish Goal \$31,773.00

Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church

Pope's Intention for May:

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisma at the service of the needs in the world.

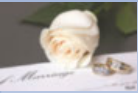


"Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world."
 Join us in St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

**Baptismal Training**

May, July, August & September 2023

May 25 7:00 pm	St. Mary, St. Marys	781-1019
July 6 7:00 pm	St. Joseph, Force	787-4151
Aug. 22 6:30 pm	St. Mark, Emporium	486-0569
Sept. 5 6:30 pm	Queen of the World, St. Marys	834-4701

**Wedding anniversary celebrations with Bishop Persico**

Diocesan anniversary celebrations for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2023 will be held at two locations in the Diocese of Erie this summer: Aug. 6 at Our Lady of Peace, 2401 W. 38th St., Erie at 2 p.m. and **August 20 at Saints Cosmas and Damian, 616 W. Mahoning St., Punxsutawney at 2 p.m.** Couples and/or parish staff may register by completing a registration form online at <http://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>, or by calling their parish office or by contacting the Marriage and Family Life Office at 814.824.1210. Registrations are being accepted until July 21 for the Erie celebration and until Aug. 4 for the Punxsutawney celebration.

Many thanks to the St. Joseph Parish men who prepared a delicious breakfast for the women on Mother's Day. Everyone had a great time socializing and enjoying the breakfast on this special day.

Thank you to everyone for making this traditional day great.

The annual Collection for International Needs will be taken up in the Diocese of Erie this weekend (May 20-21).

Thank you for your constant generosity.

Included in this weekend's bulletin is an insert of the schedule and location for **public veneration of the relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Saint Manuel González Garcia** which are traveling in our area.

May Parish Events

Each Monday from May 22 thru Monday, May 29 at 7 pm—Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction Memorial Day Masses

Monday, May 29 at 8:30 am at St. Joseph Cemetery

Tuesday, May 30 at 5:30 pm at St. Cecilia Cemetery (followed with refreshments at the Betta Camp)

**St. Joseph Church Summer Events and What Really is Glory?**

Pentecost Sunday: Vigil Mass May 27 @ 5:30 pm

Sunday Mass May 28 @ 9:15 am

Memorial Day Mass: Monday @ St. Joseph Cem. @ 8:30 am

Tuesday @ St. Cecilia Cem. @ 5:30 pm

(Refreshments at Betta home afterwards)

The Most Holy Trinity: Vigil Mass June 3rd @ 5:30 pm

Sunday Mass June 4 @ 9:15 am

The Most Holy Body

and Blood of Christ: Vigil Mass June 10 @ 5:30 pm

Sunday, June 11 @ 9:15 am

Solemnity of The Most

Sacred Heart of Jesus: Mass Friday, June 16 @ 8:30 am
 (not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Father's Day Breakfast: Sunday June 18 after 9:15 am Mass

Third Annual St. Joseph

Church Golf Outing: Sunday, July 9 @ 1 pm Bavarian Hills Golf Course

Annual Parish Picnic: **Sunday Mass @ 10:00 am, August 13**
 Picnic starts @ 11:00 am

Bus Trip to Sights and

Sounds "Moses" production: Thursday, August 24.

(Departure from St. Joseph parking lot @ 7:30 am)

Bennetts Valley Homecoming

Labor Day Celebration: Monday, September 4

Women's Bash: Sunday, September 10

What Really is Glory?

My friends, I believe that when we think about glory, we may recall the *Glory to God Hymn of Praise* that we sing together at the beginning of Mass. We sing this hymn because we want to give God the credit, praise, and thanksgiving for all that He has given us, especially the Mass and all that He enables us to do for His Glory (In other words glory is also the awesome *Goodness of God*). This kind of glory is reflected in our lives along with all our human gifts, talents, abilities and our spiritual life.

In our Gospel Jesus is acknowledging and thanking God the Father for the glory and work in His Life and the glory of discipleship in His Apostles. In this setting of the Last Supper, Jesus is offering a prayer aloud for His Apostles to hear so they, too, can give glory back to God for all they do for our Lord.

So, too, with us whenever each of us acknowledges God's Glory in our life through prayer and action as Jesus did, God takes our gifts and returns them to us in greater abundance. At the same time, God blesses other people with gifts and graces when we offer our prayers and service towards them. Jesus concludes His Prayer for His Apostles with the words: "I pray for them ... the ones You have given Me, because they are Yours ..." (John 17:9) The Glory of God is ultimately reflected in us because we belong to God.
 God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, May 22, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	JoAnn Klaiber (1st Anniversary)	Gerald—husband	Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious	Acts 19:1-8 Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday, May 23, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Louise Rhoades (birthday)	Pauline	Easter Weekday	Acts 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday, May 24, 2023 No Mass			Easter Weekday	Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday, May 25, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Penny Coccimiglio (birthday)	Richard - husband	Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin	Acts 22:30, 23:6-11 Jn 17:20-26
Friday, May 26, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Catherine and Joseph Asalone	Jim and Debbie	Saint Philip Neri, Priest	Acts 25:13b-21 Jn 21:15-19
Saturday, May 27, 2023 No Mass			Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	Acts 28:16-20 Jn 21:20-25
Saturday, May 27, 2023 5:30 p.m. Mass	Joseph and Catherine DeCarli	Fran and Gloria Bleggi	The Vigil of Pentecost Sunday	Gn 11:1-9 Rom 8:22-27 Jn 7:37-39
Sunday, May 21, 2023 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Pentecost Sunday	Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

St. Joseph Church

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

Office Email: stjosephforce@windstream.net Website: www.stjosephforce.org Faith Formation Email: stjosephforceff@windstream.net

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

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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