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 Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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

Baptismal Training Sessions 2026
 June 2 6:30 pm Queen of the World 814-834-4701
 July 25 9:30 am St. Leo, Ridgway 814-772-3135

Monday, May 25th, Memorial Day: Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph Cemetery @ **9:00 am** (weather permitting). 
 The Church Office will be closed on Memorial Day.

St. Joseph Church 6th Annual Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, June 13th at the DuBois Country Club in DuBois, PA. Shotgun start at 9:00 a.m.
 Cost is: \$80/person or \$65/member which includes greens fee, cart, lunch, dinner, prizes and refreshments.
 Sign up your team!

A Family Perspective: Like the Disciples in today’s Gospel, there are times when we shut the doors of our hearts to people or events, creating emotional distance. However, permanent distancing is harmful and prevents us from experiencing the PEACE that Jesus offers us today.

St. Boniface Feast Day Family Fest Friday, June 5th
 Main Street, Kersey 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm **All are invited!**

- Mass at 5 pm
- Food and drinks (ID required)
- Live music by the Trixx band
- Kids activities
- Small games of chance

Elk County Military Share Food Distribution
 Wednesday May 27th at 11:00 am
 Christian Food Bank, St. Marys, PA
 This drive-thru distribution is a free meal program for any income qualifying, actively serving, or retired veteran and their immediate family members residing within Elk County. Pre-register for each distribution by calling 814-459-3663 x117. Please bring military verification.

The Church’s Birthday - PENTECOST

The Feast of Pentecost has always been called the “Birthday of the Church” because of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Blessed Mother and the Apostles, who were all gathered in the Upper Room, fifty days after Jesus’ Resurrection from the dead. The emphasis of being the “Birthday of the Church” is that the Holy Spirit not only came upon the Apostles, but on other people and for the sake of bringing unity, peace, and harmony among all believers.

As we reflect today on the Miraculous Presence of the Holy Spirit, Who came upon the Apostles and the new born Church on that first Pentecost Sunday, I believe it is necessary that we reflect again and again on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that the Apostles experienced and received, according to the Acts of the Apostles. (Acts 2: 1-4) of the following quote:

“When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together and suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were.” Then, there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.”


The tongues of fire that came upon the Apostles is so very significant, because these “devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem” for the Jewish feast of Pentecost, were able to hear and understand, in their own language, all that the Apostles were saying about miraculous works of God. This brought clear understanding of Jesus’ Death and Resurrection, and the promise of the Holy Spirit to people of many different languages. (Acts 2: 5)

Many of these gifts of the Holy Spirit came to us, my brothers and sisters, at our Confirmation. Receiving the Holy Spirit at our Confirmation ceremony was a personal “Pentecost” for each of us. Let’s take a look at these gifts that we received.

Wisdom: This is the ability to make good decisions, and to discern the best course of action in a decision to be made.

Understanding: This is the ability to see the reason of one’s thoughts, actions, and words of oneself and of another person.

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

| Date | Intention | Requested by | Celebration | Scriptures |
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| Monday, May 25, 2026 9:00 a.m. Mass MEMORIAL DAY  | All deceased buried in St. Joseph and St. Cecelia Cemeteries | | The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church | Gn 3: 9-15, 20 or Acts 1: 12-14 Jn 19: 25-34 |
| Tuesday, May 26, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass | Joseph Caliarì | Donald & Nancy Chiappelli | Saint Philip Neri, Priest | 1 Pt 1: 10-16 Mk 10: 28-31 (348) |
| Wednesday, May 27, 2026 No Mass | | | Weekday <i>Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i> | 1 Pt 1: 18-25 Mk 10: 32-45 (349) |
| Thursday, May 28, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass | Edward Youngmark, Sr. birthday | Family | Weekday | 1 Pt 2: 2-5, 9-12 Mk 10: 46-52 (350) |
| Friday, May 29, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass | Eddie Zuchelli | Camp St. Dominic and Buttermilk Lodge | Weekday <i>Saint Paul VI, Pope</i> | 1 Pt 4: 7-13 Mk 11: 11-26 (351) |
| Saturday, May 30, 2026 No a.m. Mass | | | Weekday <i>BVM</i> | Jude 17, 20b-25 Mk 11: 27-33 (352) |
| Saturday, May 30, 2026 5:30 p.m. Mass | Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church | | Vigil of The Most Holy Trinity | (see below) |
| Sunday, May 31, 2026 9:15 a.m. Mass | Anna Mae Thompson | DeAnn & John | THE MOST HOLY TRINITY | Ex 34: 4b-6, 8-9 2 Cor 13: 11-13 Jn 3: 16-18 (164) |

St. Joseph Church

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday thru Thursday 9a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm Sunday: 9:15 am Holy Days: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm Daily: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:30 am No Mass on Wednesday

Knowledge: To know human and spiritual things and events with Divine Knowledge. In other words, to know it as God knows it.

Counsel: This is the ability to be able to reflect on the Divine Truth of ones thoughts, words, and behavior. This gift can help many people who care for others in their professional work.

Fortitude: This gift of the Holy Spirit gives us the strength and diligence to follow through with our vocation and calling from the Lord in our life. It also enables us to defend our Catholic faith, and the teachings of our Church.

Piety: This gift enables us to be prayerful and full of joyful anticipation at Mass and other experience of worship. It gives us a profound respect for the Holy, and we express this respect with the gestures and rubrics we do at Mass. Such actions are folding our hands, genuflecting and kneeling before one sits in the pew, and blessing ourself with Holy Water.

Fear of the Lord: Believing that God is always with each of us, and wants a relationship with us, we then in turn want to think right and good thoughts, say good and right words, and do good and right actions. We want to live the Ten Commandments and follow Jesus' Teaching, the best we are able. We want to also enjoy all of God's Creation with respect.

God Bless, Father Mark

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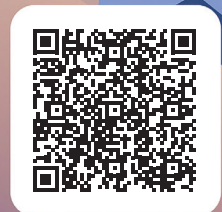
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