



St. Joseph Parish Force, PA Bringing Eucharistic Life to Bennetts Valley since 1872

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever receives one child such as this
in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:37

Parish Stewardship

Offertory collection for 09/15/24 not available
 Weekly offertory budgeted for 2023-2024 \$3,365.00
 CSA Campaign Assessment for 2024 \$31,134.00
 CSA Pledges to date \$28,210.00

Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church!

**Pope's Intention for September
 For the Cry of the Earth**

Let us pray that each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

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

Baptism Preparation Classes

September 25	6:00 pm	St. Boniface	814-885-4488
October 12	10:00 am	Sacred Heart	814-834-7861

PIZZA SALE We have 65 pizza shells left from Labor Day. So, we are going to have a Take & Bake pizza sale. You can choose either plain or pepperoni. The cost of a pizza is \$10. If you are interested in buying a pizza or two, call the Church office at 814-787-4151 x3 to place your order. Pick-up will be the weekend of September 28/29 after each Mass. Thank you!



Fall Fish/Shrimp Dinners We will be serving two delicious Fall fish/shrimp dinners. Friday, October 18th and October 25th. Mark your calendar! More information will follow soon.

Last weekend, our parish took up a collection to help support the faith formation and educational needs of our parish and diocese. Thank you for your generosity! If you missed the collection, please consider a donation by using the envelope provided in your offertory packet or an online donation at <https://www.eriercd.org/cec.html>.

A BIG THANK YOU to all of you who helped out and participated in our Labor Day Celebration at the Bennetts Valley Community Center grounds. I am grateful for those who helped me with the float and for all of the people who worked in our food booths, both days, Sunday and Monday, and all those who helped set up and tear down tables, chairs, equipment, and electrical work. We were very successful in our food booth in making a profit of \$3,785.41. THANK YOU for all who supported our food booth in partaking in our delicious wing-dings, french fries, pizza, chicken tenders, and drinks. It was a fun day and we look forward to participating each year in our Labor Day festivities!

Parenting Pointer #1111
If your kids are of school age, September can be a hectic time. Some children are naturally organized. Others need the help of a daily/weekly calendar, a check list, a bedtime review, etc. Ask your child what might help them even if it's you getting out of the way.



**Sharing our Catholic Faith Series
 Seek First the Kingdom of God...**

(Matthew 6: 33)

**Scripture James 3: 16--4:3
 Today's Second Reading**

“Beloved, where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconsistency or insincerity...”

--Where is there jealousy in my life, if any, and why?

--Where in my life do I need God's Mercy and Peace?

--Where can I find more wisdom?

The answer: read the Bible (the daily Readings).

Catholic Tradition: The Sign of the Cross

We as Catholics make the Sign of the Cross because we are acknowledging Whom we love and to Whom we pray--God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is the perfect prayer as we begin our day and continue our prayers and devotions during the day.

Service:

Jesus says in our Gospel Reading today that “if anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” (Mark 9: 35)

Think about all of the people you and I can serve through the Christian Food Bank when we place our contributions in the box in the vestibule of the Church.

Saints Cosmos and Damian: Feast Day Sept. 26th

Cosmos and Damian were twin brothers, born in the Third Century, in Arabia. They practiced medicine and surgery and responded to the Gospel call by giving medical treatment to all who came to them, without charge, selflessly giving their time and care to the poor. They were eventually arrested and martyred because of their faith and being well-known among the Christians. This happened during the Diocletian persecution, around 303AD. (2024 Sourcebook, pg. 338)



God Bless,
 Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, September 23, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Al Terlinski	cousin	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest	Prv 3: 27-34 Lk 8: 16-18 (449)
Tuesday, September 24, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Poor Souls in Purgatory		Weekday	Prv 21: 1-6, 10-13 Lk 8: 19-21 (450)
Wednesday, September 25, 2024 No Mass			Weekday	Prv 30: 5-9 Lk 9: 1-6 (451)
Thursday, September 26, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Germaine Olewnik	Tim & Lori Sims	Weekday <i>Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs</i>	Ecc 1: 2-11 Lk 9: 7-9 (452)
Friday, September 27, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Gerard Secco, Sr.	wife-Barb	Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest	Ecc 3: 1-11 Lk 9: 18-22 (453)
Saturday, September 28, 2024 No Mass			Weekday Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs; BVM	Ecc 11: 9--12: 8 Lk 9: 43b-45 (454)
Saturday, September 28, 2024 5:30 p.m. Mass	Charles Feldman 25th anniversary	Roger & Marleen Meraglia	Vigil of the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, September 29, 2024 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Nm 11: 25-29 Jas 5: 1-6 Mk 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48 (137)

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

St. Joseph Church

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

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.

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.

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.

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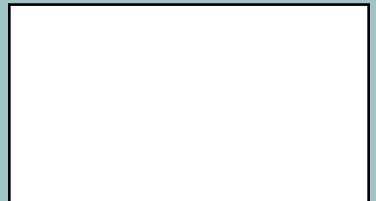


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