



Weekly Budget Goal .....	\$3,425.00
Weekly collection 06/28/26 .....	\$.00
Difference .....	\$.00
Weekly collection 07/05/26 .....	not available
CSA Assessment (2026) .....	\$30,986.00
Pledges to date .....	\$27,120.00
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**POPE'S INTENTION FOR JULY  
For Respect For Human Life**

**Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.**



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**

July 25	9:30 am	St. Leo, Ridgway	814-772-3135
August 06	7:00 pm	St. Joseph Church	814-787-4151

**SAVE THE DATE!** Mark your calendar to attend the 22nd Annual St. Joseph Parish Picnic on **Sunday, August 9th.**



More information will follow in future bulletins.

**A Family Perspective:** Today's Gospel emphasizes the call to be missionaries. Just as Jesus accepted His Mission, parents embrace the mission of raising a family. This exhausting and challenging vocation is not one they face alone. Jesus invites us to find solace in Him, saying, "Come to me, and I will give you rest."

**Parenting Pointer:** Perhaps you've heard of "The Power of Half" where a wealthy family decides to move to a house half the size and give the proceeds to a hunger cause. This is good, but many families don't have the luxury of downsizing this dramatically. My hope is that families can enter the spirit of such downsizing by jointly deciding what to give away. See Letting Go of Stuff for ideas.

**Marriage Moment:** "I Love You" are such easy words to say. The almost automatic reply is, "I love you, too." But words can sound cheap if too often said casually. Say "I love you," once, with heart, to your spouse today.

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- Online Gaming Safety Tips:** Online gaming is fun. It's cool to compete against people from every corner of the world but online gaming can expose kids to risks like cyber bullying, harassment, and predators. Teach your child these safety tips: **1. Protect identity:** Use a nickname and avoid real photos for avatars. **2. Keep personal information private:** Never share phone numbers, addresses, school details, or age. **3. Mute chats:** Prevent bullying and trash talk. **4. Block uncomfortable users:** Don't engage with anyone who feels unsafe. **5. Use parental controls:** Manage safety and screen time.

**Brave, Compassionate People**

Having some knowledge of historical events of people in the Old Testament can help with our understanding of people of faith up to this day and age. Let's look at some historical drama of the time of the Prophet Zechariah, who was a brave, compassionate person and the people that have stood then and those now standing in that same line of people, who gave great witness during the drama of our time.

In our First Reading at Mass, the Prophet Zechariah makes a totally overwhelming, almost unbelievable pronouncement to the Hebrew people of Israel. The proclamation is basically this - after 400 years of being controlled and attacked by Egyptians, Assyrians, Babylonians, and Persians, you need to start to "rejoice heartily and shout for joy" (Zech 9: 9) Why? Because "your King shall come to you, a just Savior is He." (Zech 9: 9)

This indeed happened and a time of peace had arrived. Zechariah was brave and took the risk of making such a proclamation. But, he did so because of his compassionate love for God's People.

Jesus, absolutely and even more perfectly, tells us in today's Gospel, to come to Him when we are burdened and He will give us rest, peace, and shalom, which means peace and "well-being."

A person that stands in the historical line of brave, compassionate people is Venerable Gieseppe Ambrosoli, who lived from 1923 to 1987. After earning a medical degree in 1949, he sometime later entered the Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus religious order and served the poor, suffering people in Africa. He arrived in Uganda in 1956 and extensively cared for the leprosy patients. He was known as the Doctor of Charity. Father Ambrosoli died on March 27, 1987. He was declared 'Blessed' in Kalongo on November 20, 2022.

Some final examples of brave, compassionate people are the many nurses, aides, and doctors who help people in hospitals and in nursing homes throughout our country and as missionaries in other countries. As we celebrate Independence Day this weekend, may we thank Almighty God for the many brave people who founded our country and fought for our independence. And, may we continue to pray for our brothers and sisters who serve in all branches of the military. We offer the following prayer for our country. (continued →)

God Bless,  
Father Mark

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, July 06, 2026 <b>No Mass</b>			Weekday <i>Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr</i>	Hos 2: 16, 17c-18, 21-22 Mt 9: 18-26 (383)
Tuesday, July 07, 2026 <b>No Mass</b>			Weekday	Hos 8: 4-7, 11-13 Mt 9: 32-38 (384)
Wednesday, July 08, 2026 <b>No Mass</b>			Weekday	Hos 10: 1-3, 7-8, 12 Mt 10: 1-7 (385)
Thursday, July 09, 2026 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Ed Levanduski anniversary	wife-Josephine	Weekday Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	Hos 11: 1-4, 8e-9 Mt 10: 7-15 (386)
Friday, July 10, 2026 <b>8:30 am Mass</b>	Tom Smith 1st anniversary	John & Becky Bricen	Weekday	Hos 14: 2-10 Mt 10: 16-23 (387)
Saturday, July 11, 2026 <b>No a.m. Mass</b>			Saint Benedict, Abbot	Is 6: 1-8 Mt 10: 24-33 (388)
Saturday, July 11, 2026 <b>5:30 p.m. Mass</b>	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		Vigil of Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, July 12, 2026 <b>9:15 a.m. Mass</b>	Philip Whitesell, Sr. and Linda Johnson	daughter-Jessica and Matthew Duell Dale & Cindy Duell	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Is 55: 10-11 Rom 8: 18-23 Mt 13: 1-23 or 13: 1-9 (103)

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A Prayer for America's

250th Anniversary



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HOLD  
THESE  
TRUTHS

O God, Lord of history and of every nation under heaven, we give You thanks for the 250 years since the founding of these United States. Look with favor upon this land which we love. Grant that its people may be guided by truth and charity. Bless all who serve in elected office. May they govern with integrity and humility. Strengthen families, renew communities, and heal every division that weakens our life together. We ask especially through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of these United States, that this nation may remain a land where human dignity is honored, where the weak are protected, and where hope is never extinguished. As we mark this 250th year, grant that we may recommit ourselves to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness in a way that is ever more just, more united, and more faithful to Your Will. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Office for Divine Worship, 2026, Diocese of Erie)

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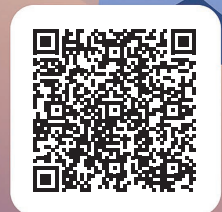
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