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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

Parish Stewardship

Offertory collection for 09/01/24 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 10	7:00 pm	St. Leo Church	814-772-3135
September 25	6:00 pm	St. Boniface	814-885-4488

Next weekend is the **2024 Catholic Education Collection**. Please give generously. Without you, our Faith Formation and religious education programs would not be as successful as they are. Because of you, our children and their families, both young and old, are led to greater faith. **THANK YOU** for your support.

Mark your calendars! We will be serving two of our fabulous fish dinners this Fall. The dates are going to be October 18th and October 25th.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS-DIOCESAN CHILD PROTECTION POLICIES:

The Diocese of Erie is committed to protecting minors who are entrusted to our care. The Diocese has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse, to aid in the prevention of abuse, and to develop and maintain safe environments. All those who minister to minors are screened, trained, and agree to a Code of Conduct.

To read the Policy that includes the Code of Conduct, go to:
<https://www.eriescd.org/childprotection/policies-1.html>

For more information, contact the diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

Christmas Spectacular Trip with Queen of the World Church Rosary Altar Society to Lancaster November 15/16.

Shows: “**Daniel**” at Sight & Sound, Dinner Show “**White Christmas**” at the Dutch Apple Theatre with full dinner meal. “**Joy to the World**” Christmas show at the American Music Theatre. Overnight @ the Country Inn with full hot buffet breakfast on Saturday. Visit the “Kitchen Kettle Village” Christmas Museum and a drive-thru light spectacular. Only \$498 pp dbl. Get your reservations in soon! Call 814-781-3481

‘Religious Item’ RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, September 14th from 8am to 1pm at the St. Mary’s Parish Center Cafeteria (325 Church St., St. Marys) PLUS after **all** Masses that weekend. They will take ALL religious items, crosses, bibles, books, rosaries at the St. Mary’s Parish Center Office. This is your chance to clean out all those things that you may have inherited when someone passed away that you don’t know what to do with. All donations benefit the Convent Grounds Renovation.



“I Send You...” Jesus says

Some final concluding thoughts I share with you about the teaching of The Mass. Jesus said to His Disciples after His Resurrection; “As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you.” (John Ch. 20: 21)

The intention of the very last words the priest prays at Mass is for this very purpose; to send the people of God to be witnesses of Jesus’ Love to all people to every corner of the world. The words are: Go forth, the Mass is ended. Dr. Ed Sri says “This is where the Mass literally receives it’s name. The word in Latin is *missa* which means (dismissal or sending).” (The Mass pg. 179 Dr. Ed Sri)

We are dismissed and sent to be instruments of affirmation and healing to others as the Prophet Isaiah says in the First Reading this weekend; “Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, He comes with vindication, with divine recompense, He comes to save you.” (Isaiah 35: 4)

Let’s ask ourselves:

1. Who are the people in our lives who need to hear these words from us?
2. Has there been others who have been there for me, offering words of comfort and hope?

From after Mass on, we are sent to be comfort to those who need affirmation in their faith life. We need each other as the Body of Christ; the Church.

God Bless,
 Father Mark

FAITH FORMATION AND CATECHIST SUNDAY

Faith Formation classes begin on Sunday, September 15th, following Mass and beginning at 10:30 am. The Faith Formation format for the first day will be a gathering of Faith Formation parents and students in the social hall immediately following Mass. During Mass, we will have the Blessing of the Catechists (teachers) and those who volunteer for Faith Formation. After the gathering, both students and teachers will assemble to their classrooms at the Faith Formation building. Edge classes will remain in the social hall. Classes will conclude at 11:45 am. Parents will pick-up their children at the FF building.

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, September 09, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Helen Meraglia	Libby Skrzypek Jackson and family	Saint Peter Claver, Priest	1 Cor 5: 1-8 Lk 6: 6-11 (437)
Tuesday, September 10, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Helen Mitchell 100th birthday	Jack & Deb Mitchell	Weekday	1 Cor 6: 1-11 Lk 6: 12-19 (438)
Wednesday, September 11, 2024 No Mass			Weekday	1 Cor 7: 25-31 Lk 6: 20-26 (439)
Thursday, September 12, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Blessed Mother Intention		Weekday <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	1 Cor 8: 1b-7, 11-13 Lk 6: 27-38 (440)
Friday, September 13, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Louis DeMonte	Donald & Nancy Chiappelli	Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22b-27 Lk 6: 39-42 (441)
Saturday, September 14, 2024 No Mass			The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Nm 21: 4b-9 Phil 2: 6-11 Jn 3: 13-17 (638)
Saturday, September 14, 2024 5:30 p.m. Mass	Leonard Lovenduski	Rob & Bernadette Iddings	Vigil of the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, September 15, 2024 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Is 50: 4c-9a Jas 2: 14-18 Mk 8: 27-35 (131)

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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OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 9a.m. to 4 p.m.

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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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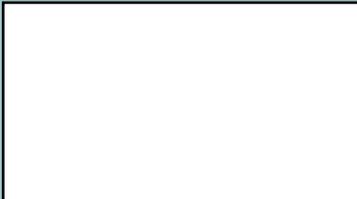
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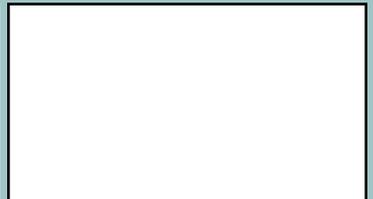
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PARISHIONER INFORMATION

All practicing Catholics living in the Bennetts Valley Area who consider themselves members of St. Joseph Parish should be registered in the parish. All registered members of St. Joseph receive envelopes and receive periodic parish mailings. St. Joseph Parish is a Sacrificial Giving Parish, committed to serving the Lord with God-given time, talents and treasures. All registered members should be using their envelopes regularly. Parish membership is required to be a sponsor, to be married in the parish, to have a child baptized or to be registered in our Faith Formation program. Please call the church office to arrange a meeting to register in our parish.