



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

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

Parish Stewardship

Offertory collection for 08/18/24 \$2,557.00
 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 August
 For Political Leaders**

Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

“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

August 29	6:30 pm	St. Mark Church	814-486-0569
September 10	7:00 pm	St. Leo Church	814-772-3135

St. Joseph Church 2024 Women’s Bash will be on Sunday, September 8th in the social hall. If you are interested in being a host or attending this event, please contact Mariah Mosier at 814-335-6124. Come and join us for food-fun-raffles!

LABOR DAY FESTIVITIES Please come to the Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 2nd starting at 11:00 am. St. Joseph Church will be having a float and we will also have our food booth featuring pizza, wing dings, French fries, and pop. We are happy that we are entering a float this year and as always our delicious food offerings! **SEE YOU THERE!**

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

PRAYERS FOR PEACE AT MASS Sharing our Faith series
 We Catholics...have prayers for peace built right into the prayers at every Mass. These prayers are prayed at the beginning of the Communion Rite after the Great Amen at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer.

The first one is the most important prayer for peace; The Our Father (The Lord’s Prayer). I will do a separate teaching on the Lord’s Prayer in another bulletin. But, basically, we are praising God at first in this prayer and then asking for God’s Kingdom of Peace, Love, and Righteousness. We are also asking for our daily bread (spiritual nourishment), forgiveness, protection from temptation, and deliverance from evil. The end result with this prayer: doing God’s Will and Peace in our souls.

Finally, the last two prayers of peace that the priest prays before the Lamb of God, are short prayers after the Our Father. These are prayers to be freed from distress, and another prayer based on John’s Gospel Chapter 14 where Jesus says; “Peace I leave you, My Peace I give you...”

My friends, there are times we may come to Mass with many concerns or heavy burdens on our mind. These prayers can truly comfort us and strengthen our Faith.



**The Structure of the Mass
 and Our Response
 (Part III)**

This week concludes the teaching and explanation of the Order of Mass.

C. THE COMMUNION RITE

This Rite is a very important part of the Mass. It is at this point at Mass when we the people of God receive the Body and Blood of Christ and experience the Holy Spirit uniting us closer to our Lord and to each other. The parts of this Rite is as follows:

1. **The Congregation** prays together the Lord’s Prayer asking God our Father for our daily bread and that God’s Will be done.
2. We then exchange **The Sign of Peace**.
3. The priest breaks the one large Host as a symbol of all sharing in the one bread of **unity**. The action of breaking bread was done by Christ at the Last Supper.
4. The priest breaks a small piece of Host and puts it into the chalice with the Blood of Christ to signify the unity of the Body and Blood of Christ. After this, **The Lamb of God** is said or sung.
5. The priest recites a prayer audibly and after a congregational response, the priest, deacon, Eucharistic Ministers, and congregation receive **Holy Communion**. Jesus gives Himself to us during every Mass as we receive Him in Holy Communion.

D. THE CONCLUDING RITE concludes the celebration of the Eucharist with the **Prayer after Communion** followed by the Blessing from the priest and the final **Dismissal Rite** from the priest or deacon with the words “**Go forth. The Mass is ended.**”
With these words, we are sent out to be instruments of love and peace to all.

Brothers and sisters,
 Let us all pray for the Grace to be enthusiastic in receiving the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass and to truly believe the Words of Jesus in John 6:51 that says “**whoever eats this Bread will live forever.**” Isn’t this what we want?



God Bless,
 Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, August 26, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Poor Souls in Purgatory		Weekday	2 Thes 1: 1-5, 11-12 Mt 23: 13-22 (425)
Tuesday, August 27, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Terry Miller	Janet Forster	Saint Monica	2 Thes 2: 1-3a, 14-17 Mt 23: 23-26 (426)
Wednesday, August 28, 2024 No Mass			Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	2 Thes 3: 6-10, 16-18 Mt 23: 27-32 (427)
Thursday, August 29, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Skrzypek Family	Family	The Passion of Saint John the Baptist	1 Cor 1: 1-9 (428) Mk 6: 17-29 (634)
Friday, August 30, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Christopher Forster	Grandma & Grandpa Forster	Weekday	1 Cor 1: 17-25 Mt 25: 1-13 (429)
Saturday, August 31, 2024 No Mass			Weekday <i>BVM</i>	1 Cor 1: 26-31 Mt 25: 14-30 (430)
Saturday, August 31, 2024 5:30 p.m. Mass	Agnes Winkler special intention	Family	Vigil of the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, September 01, 2024 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Dt 4: 1-2, 6-8 Jas 1: 17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mk 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (125)

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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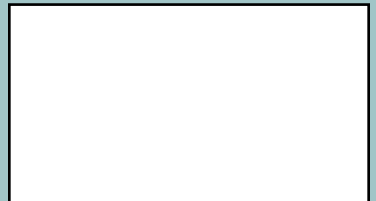
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All practicing Catholics living in the Bennetts Valley Area who consider themselves members of St. Joseph Parish should be registered in the parish. All registered members of St. Joseph receive envelopes and receive periodic parish mailings. St. Joseph 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.