



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

## 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:27

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**Parish Stewardship**

Offertory collection for 10/06/24 ..... \$2,672.00  
 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 October  
 For A Shared Mission**

Let us pray that the Church continues to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion, and mission shared by priests, religious, and laity.

“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**

November 26 7:00 pm St. Marys Church 814-781-1019  
 \*this is the final class for 2024

**Fall Fish/Shrimp Dinners** Our Fall fish/shrimp dinners will be served this Friday, October 18th, and next Friday, October 25th. Along with the choice of fish or shrimp, we will be offering chicken tenders or wing ding dinners. (only for the Fall dinners) Come and enjoy! See flyer for details.

Next Sunday, October 20th, is **World Mission Sunday**. This is a unique opportunity for us to support the Church’s mission work in over 1,150 territories worldwide. Our prayers and contributions help build churches, train clergy, and provide essential services to those in need. Please consider how you can participate and give generously next week. Thank you.

**Eco Tip #141 CLOTHING**

Got stuff you’re not wearing anymore? Donate them to a local charity, church, or resale store. Don’t donate torn, soiled clothing that cannot be worn and will therefore burden others.

**Parenting Pointer #1114**

**If your child is old enough to read, writing them a special letter can sometimes be more powerful than speech. Include 2 things – that you love them for who they are; then praise them for a couple of their unique abilities.**

**40 Days for Life Campaign**  
 PRAY TO END ABORTION  
 September 25 through November 5

The St. Marys Public Library is hosting two elder care sessions on Thursday, October 24. Both are open to the public. The first is Financial Planning for the Elderly at 11 am. The second is Financial Planning for Long Term Care at 2 pm. The speakers are two attorneys from Steinbacher, Goodall, and Yurchak, an elder care and special needs law firm, based in State College, PA. Plan to attend either or both. Please register at the Library. 814-834-6141.



**Sharing Our Faith Series  
 Sacred Scriptures and a Saint**

**Scripture: First Reading at Mass  
 Wisdom 7:7-11**

Wisdom is one of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that we receive at our Confirmation. A good way to look at this Spiritual Gift is in praying for the Grace in making good personal decisions for yourself and good decisions for the people for whom you are responsible.

**Psalm: 90: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17, 24**

We repeat the words: “Fill us with Your Love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy.” What beautiful words to say to God especially each morning as we get up and start our day. In fact, this positive outlook gets even better with the words of prayer in the second verse: “Fill us at daybreak with Your Kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days” and in the final verse: “Prosper the work of our hands.”  
 —Each morning this week, thank Jesus for your life and ask Him to fill you with love and kindness that you will radiate joy to others and also in the work that you do that day.

**Scripture: Second Reading at Mass  
 Hebrews 4: 12-13**

“Brothers and Sisters: Indeed the Word of God is living and effective . . .” The Bible is the Word of God. Therefore, the words of the Bible are living and effective words that can help us and guide each of us on the right path everyday. The Bible guides us with words of comfort and healing: “Your souls will find rest for my yoke is easy and my burden light” and, “I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.” (Matthew 11: 30) (Psalm 34: 5)

The Bible is also effective in guiding us with words of commands such as “you shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; . . .” (Mark 10: 18)

These are some of the Ten Commandments in this weekend’s **Gospel of Mark 10: 17-30** that Jesus reminds the young man when he asked Jesus: “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” After the young man said that he has observed these commands, Jesus presents to him a deep and real cost of discipleship which the man was unable to do: “Go sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven . . .” (Mark 10: 21) Let’s put the above Scriptures together in a prayer to God:

—My Lord and God, please give me the wisdom from these Sacred Words of the Bible to joyfully and faithfully follow You and to be Your Disciple wherever You lead me in life. Amen!

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# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, October 14, 2024 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Virginia Borovatz	Donald & Nancy Chiappelli	Weekday <i>Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr</i>	Gal 4: 22-24, 26-27, 31--5:1 Lk 11: 29-32 (467)
Tuesday, October 15, 2024 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Poor Souls in Purgatory		Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	Gal 5: 1-6 Lk 11: 37-41 (468)
Wednesday, October 16, 2024 <b>No Mass</b>			Weekday <i>Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin</i>	Gal 5: 18-25 Lk 11: 42-46 (469)
Thursday, October 17, 2024 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Dale Forster	Joe & Karen Anderson and family	Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr	Eph 1: 1-10 Lk 11: 47-54 (470)
Friday, October 18, 2024 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Curtis Knoff	Mr. & Mrs. T. Scott Frick	Saint Luke, Evangelist	2 Tm 4: 10-17b Lk 10: 1-9 (661)
Saturday, October 19, 2024 <b>No Mass</b>			Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs	Eph 1: 15-23 Lk 12: 8-12 (472)
Saturday, October 19, 2024 <b>5:30 p.m. Mass</b>	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, October 20, 2024 <b>9:15 a.m. Mass</b>	Bruno & Ermella Gavazzi and deceased family members	Walter & Christine Gavazzi	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Is 53: 10-11 Heb 4: 14-16 Mk 10: 35-45 or 10: 42-45 (146)

**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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Rev. Mark J. Mastrian ..... Pastor  
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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

## NEW FORMAT

**Saint John Paul II** Karol Józef Wojtyła was born in Wadowice, Poland, in 1920. He had much loss of his family at an early age; loss of his mother, father, and brother by the time Karol was twenty years of age. He had a deep prayer life and studied acting during his college years. Eventually, he entered seminary in the early 1940's during the hardest time of World War II.

Karol was ordained a priest in 1946, and eventually became the Archbishop of Krakow. He took part in the 2nd Vatican Council from 1962 to 1965. On October 16, 1978, he was elected Pope and took the name of John Paul II.

In his ministry as Pope, he had a special apostolic zeal for families and young people, as well as for the sick and suffering. He renewed the New Code of Canon (Church Law) in 1983 and gave us the New Catechism in 1995 and the Roman Missal during the renewal of Sacred Liturgy in 2010. He brought the Church into the new millennium by emphasizing new life in the spirit, devotion to our Blessed Mother, and a renewed dignity of human life. My personal experiences of Pope John Paul II in person was as a seminarian when he was in Philadelphia, and at World Youth Day in 1993, and again in 2002. An amazing person! God Bless, Father Mark

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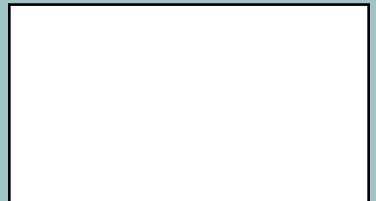
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**PARISHIONER INFORMATION**

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