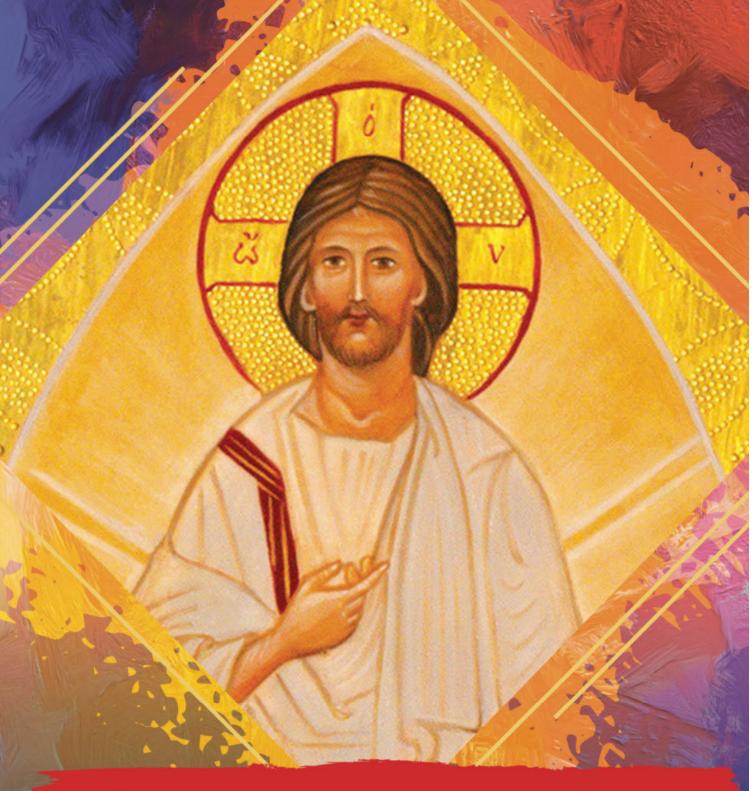
St. Joseph Parish Force, PA Bringing Eucharistic Life to Bennetts Valley since 1872



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die." - Jn 6:50

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH

<u>Parish Stewardship</u>

Offertory collection for 08/04/24 \$2,378.00
Weekly offertory budgeted for 2023-2024 \$3,365.00
CSA Campaign Assessment for 2024
CSA Pledges to date
Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church!

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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 September 10 7:00 pm

6:30 pm St. Mark Church 814-486-0569

m St. Leo Church 814-772-3135

St. Joseph Church <u>2024 Women's Bash</u> 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! See insert in the bulletin.

Collection for the Church in Latin America will be taken up next weekend, August 17/18. Thank you for your generosity!

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



Prayer Retreat with Dr. Jan Satterlee Saturday, August 24th 8:00 a.m. - NOON St. Mary's Church Parish Center in St. Marys, PA Please see insert in the bulletin for more details.

Sharing Our Faith Series

We Catholics...along with the priest at Mass make the Sign of the Cross on our forehead, over our mouth, and on our heart before the priest proclaims the Gospel.

This ritual happens after the priest introduces the Gospel Reading by saying; "The Lord be with you" and the people "and with your spirit." Priest; "A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark." People; "Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ."

Dr. Ed Sri says that the priest and "the people also make the three-fold Sign of the Cross over themselves, a ritual by which we consecrate our thoughts, words, and actions to the Lord, asking that His Word in the Gospel be always on our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts."

(pgs. 80-81 The Mass Dr. Ed. Sri ©2021)

A Family Perspective

"Stop murmuring" Jesus told the disciples in today's Gospel. Complaining is a dead-end; constant complaining is nagging. We might feel better but others feel bitter. Silence or grumbling will not resolve the problem. Address differences honestly and respectfully. Don't make them personal attacks.



The Structure and Order of Mass (Part 1)

The Catholic Church, for over two thousand years, has given us this beautiful and necessary prayer of the Mass, also known as the *Eucharist Liturgy*. In order to understand the Celebration of the Eucharist, it is important to review its structure. The order of Sunday Mass is as follows:

I. INTRODUCTORY RITES

A. Entrance and Greeting

The congregation stands and the gathering hymn is sung. At this time, the priest, along with the servers and lector, process to the front of the Church. The Book of the Gospels is placed on the altar and the ministers proceed to their places.

B. The Penitential Rite

During this Rite, we acknowledge that we need to ask for God's Forgiveness. Here we are preparing our hearts to worship God and to receive His Mercy.

C. The Gloria

The Gloria is sung or recited. The purpose of this prayer is to give praise to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is the song of the angels.

D. Collect

The priest then prays the Collect prayer which concludes the Introductory Rite. This prayer of petition is to "collect our thoughts" on a particular salvation message or feast day being celebrated.

II. THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A. The First Reading

This Reading is taken from the Old Testament of the Sacred Jewish Scriptures. We hear about stories and events as the salvation history began to impact the people of Israel.

B. Responsorial Psalm

This psalm is sung or recited. These are ancient hymns of the people of Israel of praise, thanks, and crying out in need of God's Love and Care.

C. The Second Reading

This Reading usually comes from St. Paul's Pastoral Letters to his communities.

D. The Gospel Reading

The Gospel is introduced by the Gospel Acclamation, which is the three Alleluias! The alleluia is either chanted or sung. The Gospel Reading of Jesus's Life, Words, and Actions is proclaimed at this time by the priest or deacon.

E. The Homily

The Homily is the preaching by the priest, who shares with us by using stories or illustrations of how the Gospel and the other Readings can impact and change our lives.

F. The Universal Prayers

These are the prayers in which the congregation prays for specific needs, led by the lector. Our response is generally **"Lord, hear our prayer!"**

> God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Prav

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, August 12, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Blessed Mother Intention		Weekday Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious	Ez 1: 2-5, 24-28c Mt 17: 22-27 (413)
Tuesday, August 13, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Kim Allegretto	Jim, Barb, Maria, and Rachel	Weekday Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs	Ez 2: 83: 4 Mt 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14 (414)
Wednesday, August 14, 2024 No Mass			Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr	Ez 9: 1-7, 10: 18-22 Mt 18: 15-20 (415)
Thursday, August 15, 2024 9:00 a.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Mass HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	Andrea Calliari (birthday) Ken Mitchell (3rd anniversary)	Family Jack & Deb Mitchell	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Vigil: 1 Chr 15: 3-4, 15-16; 16: 1-2/1 Cor 15: 54b-57/Lk 11: 27-28 (621) Day: Rv 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab 1 Cor 15: 20-27/Lk 1: 39-56 (622)
Friday, August 16, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Vicki Peters 44th wedding anniversary	husband-Kim	Weekday Saint Stephen of Hungary	Ez 16: 1-15, 60, 63 or 16: 59-63 Mt 19: 3-12 (417)
Saturday, August 17, 2024 No Mass			Weekday BVM	Ez 18: 1-10, 13b, 30-32 Mt 19: 13-15 (418)
Saturday, August 17, 2024 5:30 p.m. Mass	Bernadine Micale 1st anniversary	brother Donald and MaryAnn McCluskey	Vigil of the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, August 18, 2024 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Prv 9: 1-6 Eph 5: 15-20 Jn 6: 51-58 (119)

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

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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.

