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-BL. CARLO ACUTIS



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Offeritory collection for 07/21/24 ..... \$2,303.00  
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 CSA Campaign Assessment for 2024. .... \$31,134.00  
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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 8	7:00 pm	St. Joseph Church	814-787-4151
August 29	6:30 pm	St. Mark Church	814-486-0569



Our church picnic will be held next Sunday, August 11th.

**Mass will be held at 10:00 am !**

**Please complete and return your reservation form.** You can drop it off at the office.

**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! See insert in the bulletin.

**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.



**Collection for the Church in Latin America** will be taken up on the weekend of August 17/18. A letter from the Bishop is included with the bulletin. Thank you for your generosity!

**Lighting Votive Candles** *Sharing Our Faith Series:*

We Catholics...believe that it is helpful to our prayer intentions to light a votive candle at the candle shrine in the back of the Church. By lighting a candle, we are asking our Lord Jesus; the Light of the World, to bring blessings and healing to those for whom we are praying, including those in our prayer book and for ourselves. The candle burning symbolizes the fact that when you finish praying, your prayers continue to be offered up to God as long the candle is burning. We are offering a continued prayer non-stop. In this, our needs are continually offered up to God.

**Parenting Pointer** Don't think that you have to rush in with a solution to every problem your child has. Sometimes all that a child needs is your listening presence to figure out his or her own solution.

**Parenting Pointer #1104** You don't have to write a book to be an author. Ask each person in your family to write one word to guide their life for the next day. It might be wisdom, kindness, friendship...Too young to write? Have them draw a picture or simply say their word.



**The History of the Mass**

To look at the history of the Celebration of the Mass, it is necessary to understand the significance of bread and wine which is used at every Mass. The people in ancient times, especially the Hebrews, saw bread as the "fruit of the Earth" and wine as the "fruit of the vine" as Gifts from God directly because He created them for our nourishment. These gifts from nature were offered back to God in thanksgiving.

"In the Old Covenant, bread and wine were offered in sacrifice among the first fruits of the earth as a sign of grateful acknowledgment to the Creator. But they also received a new significance in the context from the Book of Exodus: that the unleavened bread that Israel eats every year at Passover commemorates the haste of the departure that liberated them from Egypt. This remembrance of the *manna* in the desert will always recall to Israel that it lives by the bread of the Word of God. Their daily bread is the fruit of the promised land, the pledge of God's Faithfulness to His Promises." (CCC #1334)

This *manna* that the people of Israel ate is mentioned in the Gospel Reading this weekend. The crowd with whom Jesus was talking said: "Our ancestors ate *manna* in the desert, as it is written: He gave them bread from Heaven to eat." (John 6: 31) Jesus's response to them is "Amen, Amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from Heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from Heaven." (John 6: 32) Then, fulfilling these words, Jesus says of Himself in Verse 35 "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." But, the Jews had all this history of the Passover and the *manna* in the desert that would always remind them of their daily bread. The New Testament story of the multiplication of the loaves prefigures the great abundance of the Eucharistic Bread at Mass.

Very simply, Jesus Our Lord instituted the Eucharist in the context of the Feast of Passover when He celebrated the Last Supper the night before He died. "He took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, saying, "This is My Body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of Me.' And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant of My Blood, which will be shed for you.'" (Luke 22: 19-20)

My friends, we really have a rich tradition from the Jewish Passover within the context of our celebration of the Eucharist (the Mass). Let us be grateful for its history and let us additionally grateful that Jesus will always provide His Body and Blood during Holy Communion at Mass.

God Bless,  
 Father Mark

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, August 05, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Connie Dezanet	BAHS Class of 1964	Weekday <i>The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major</i>	Jer 28: 1-17 Mt 14: 13-21 (407)
Tuesday, August 06, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Irene Gregori	Aldo Zuchelli	The Transfiguration of the Lord	Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14 2 Pt 1: 16-19 Mk 9: 2-10 (614)
Wednesday, August 07, 2024 No Mass			Weekday <i>Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest</i>	Jer 31: 1-7 Mt 15: 21-28 (409)
Thursday, August 08, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Lena Krulia and Sam Berasi	Paulette & Woodrow Yeane	Saint Dominic, Priest	Jer 31: 31-34 Mt 16: 13-23 (410)
Friday, August 09, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Dolly Garvelli 1st anniversary	Joanne McPherson	Weekday <i>Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr</i>	Na 2: 1, 3, 3: 1-3, 6-7 Mt 16: 24-28 (411)
Saturday, August 10, 2024 No Mass			Saint Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr	2 Cor 9: 6-10 Jn 12: 24-26 (618)
Saturday, August 10, 2024 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living & Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, August 11, 2024 10:00 a.m. Mass PICNIC	Lamont H. & Valjean Gray and deceased members of the Gray Family	Lamont & Frances Gray	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	1 Kgs 19: 4-8 Eph 4: 30--5: 2 Jn 6: 41-51 (116)

**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 11<sup>th</sup> grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School since 9<sup>th</sup> 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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**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.