

**THE LORD IS
MY SHEPHERD;
THERE IS NOTHING
I SHALL WANT.**



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Weekly collection for 10/26/25. \$2,631.00
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 CSA Pledges to date \$30,845.00

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POPE'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER
For the Prevention of Suicide

Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care, and love they need in their community and be open to the beauty of life.



Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world. Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Baptismal Training Sessions 2025

November 25th 6:30 pm St. Marys Church 814-781-1019

***THIS WILL BE THE LAST CLASSES UNTIL 2026**

Faith Formation: ALL students will meet for class in the Faith Formation bldg. on Sunday, Nov. 2nd following 9:15 am Mass.

Book of the Beloved Dead In preparation for the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls, a special **Book of Remembrance** will be available in the back of the Church. **Throughout the month of November**, please feel free to write down as many names as you wish. The Book will continue to be displayed in our Church so that all of the names you write in the book will be included in our prayers.

Celebration of Hope with hors d'oeuvres being served after Mass on Saturday, November 1st, at the BV Community Center. Doughnuts and coffee will be served after Mass on Sunday, November 2nd, at the BV Community Center.

A Family Perspective Today is All Souls Day. A special day when we remember and pray for all the people who have died, especially those who are in Purgatory. It's a time to think about our loved ones who have passed away and to pray that they are at peace with God. This day helps us to remember that our prayers can help those who are no longer with us. Can you think of someone special who has passed away that we can pray for today?

The **2026 Mass** calendar will be open for scheduling Masses on Wednesday, November 5th. You can come into the office M-Th between 9am and 4pm, call the office at 814-787-4151 x3, drop your request into the collection basket at church, or mail your request. Thank you.

Just a reminder to please remove any old flowers/decorations that were placed on your loved one's grave. Clean-up of the cemetery will begin soon. Any old/faded flowers left on graves will be discarded. Thank you.

The Power of Hope in Bennetts Valley
(Part One)

The strong faith in God and power of hope living and active in the lives of the early Catholic settlers in Benezette, enabled them to build the first Catholic Church in Bennetts Valley--St. Cecelia Church, in 1872.

The strong fortitude in the hearts of these people was not only to survive in Bennetts Valley, but to thrive in clearing the land for farming and logging, and making sure that after a hard work week, they would gather on the Lord's Day, every Sunday, to pray and give thanks to God for all of the blessings they received that week. They would then pray that the new week ahead would be as good and blessed with further progress. Even though St. Cecelia Church only had one Mass a month, by a traveling priest, Fr. James Brennen, and the laymen would lead the prayers and worship on the other Sundays.

The power of hope in these faith filled Catholics spread throughout the Valley in establishing the first Catholic Church in Jay Township--Our Lady Help of Christians, Byrnedale, PA, in 1902. The inspiration and enthusiasm of building more churches so that the Mass can be celebrated continued with the building of our own St. Joseph Church in Force, in 1906, and St. Stanislaus Church in Tyler that same year. Father Joseph Orlando served as Pastor of both the Byrnedale and Force Churches until 1921. Father Francis Robaczewski served as the first pastor of St. Stanislaus Church until 1911. After Father Robaczewski, twelve more priests have served as pastor over the years, up until 1969, when the church had closed.

We are grateful for the power of hope that our founding pastors had in leading the people so very well in prayer and in some cases having to learn our English language. The power of hope, in addition, is especially due to the active faith of the parents of these priests. Our parents are our first teachers of our faith in God. The vocation of those priests that have served our Church was nurtured and encouraged by their parents and even by their siblings. In real ways, this affirmation and encouragement of one's religious vocation from their parents continues to our time today.

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We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, November 03, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Eddie Klaiber birthday	brothers and sister	Weekday (Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time) <i>Saint Martin de Porres, Religious</i>	Rom 11: 29-36 Lk 14: 12-14 (485)
Tuesday, November 04, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Louis Chiappelli	Family	Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop	Rom 12: 5-16b Lk 14: 15-24 (486)
Wednesday, November 05, 2025 No Mass			Weekday	Rom 13: 8-10 Lk 14: 25-33 (487)
Thursday, November 06, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Janice Scull birthday	niece-Janice Levenduski	Weekday	Rom 14: 7-12 Lk 15: 1-10 (488)
Friday, November 07, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Kelly Duell	Family	Weekday	Rom 15: 14-21 Lk 16: 1-8 (489)
Saturday, November 08, 2025 No a.m. Mass			Weekday <i>BVM</i>	Rom 16: 3-9, 16, 22-27 Lk 16: 9-15 (490)
Saturday, November 08, 2025 5:30 p.m. Mass	Leonard Lovenduski birthday (11-09-33)	Sherry & George	Vigil of The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	(see below)
Sunday, November 09, 2025 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	Ez 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Cor 3: 9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2: 13-22 (671)

St. Joseph Church

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The bulk of my sharing about the power of hope in Bennetts Valley is the power of hope in the hearts of our faithful people who attend and participate at weekend Mass here at St. Joseph Church! The faith of you, my brothers and sisters, has and continues to be developed through life's challenges, as well as life's opportunities.

The challenges have been the day to day responsibilities that there might not be enough time to complete. The challenges have been health issues, financial problems, conflicts within the family, having to work a tiring third shift and even a second job to make ends meet, and dissatisfaction with one's occupation. Some of these things have lead to addictions. In addition, all of us have experienced the loss of our family members and other active members of our parish through death. The gift they have given to us, is their witness of their Catholic faith and their love for others. They inspire us!

(Part two will be continued next week.)

God Bless, Father Mark

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