

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHAT GOD  
HAS JOINED  
**TOGETHER.**

— MARK 10:9 —

**Parish Stewardship**

Offertory collection for 09/29/24 ..... \$2,088.00  
 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**

October 12	10:00 am	Sacred Heart	814-834-7861
November 26	7:00 pm	St. Marys Church	814-781-1019



Sunday, October 6th, St. Joseph Church will have a pet blessing. If you would like to have your pet be a part of this blessing, please meet between the social hall and the church at 11:15 am. **ALL** pets must be either caged or on a leash. St. Francis, pray for us and all of our animals.

**Fall Fish/Shrimp Dinners** Our Fall fish/shrimp dinners will be served on Friday, October 18th and 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.

**World Mission Sunday** will be celebrated on October 20th. We will have a special collection for this mission. It is a time for us to remember our call to be missionaries and to support those who bring the Gospel to the farthest corners of the earth. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

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

**Parenting Pointer #1113**

Are you tired of repeating yourself over and over to your kids? Step 1: Get at eye-level with your child, then start to speak. Step 2: Ask for an "Echo" Let your child repeat what you've said. (Family Minute)

**Marriage Moment #1113**

Listening is not the same as being quiet. After the quiet, an effort to show your beloved you understand should follow. It may not require words, but it takes paying attention.

**Kersey K of C Monthly Breakfast** Sunday, October 6th, from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. or sold out. St. Boniface Social Hall. \$10 for adults; \$5 for 16 and under. All are invited to come and enjoy this "all you can eat" breakfast buffet!



**Sharing Our Faith Series**  
 This weekend's theme: **Covenant Love**

**Scripture: First Reading at Mass**

**Genesis 2: 18-24**

In this part of the story of creation, the animals and man have been created, "man gave names to all the cattle..." (Gen 2: 20a). As we read that none of the animals "proved to be a suitable partner for the man" (Gen 2: 20b). In the next scene, as the man is asleep, God "took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The Lord God then built up, into a woman, the rib that He had taken from the man." (Gen 2: 21-22) This new human being is united to man in the likeness they share. This likeness is further made ever new when these two human beings are united in the Sacrament of Matrimony and become one flesh. This Sacrament can and does enable man and woman to be more bonded to each other.

--Isn't this what married couples want?  
 --Isn't this what we want for them?

**Psalm: 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5, 6**

This Psalm is a prayer of blessing: "Blessed are you who fear the Lord and walk in His Ways." (Ps 128: 1) The Lord blesses you from Zion - may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

--Do you believe that you and your family are blessed by God? OK. Now, make a list of your blessings, then thank God for each of them.

**Scripture: Second Reading at Mass**

**Hebrews 2: 9-11**

This Reading may draw us more closely to the humanity of Christ our Lord with the following words: "He (meaning Jesus) for a little while was made lower than the angels, that by the Grace of God, He might taste death for everyone." (Heb 2: 9)

--We thank Jesus for dying on the cross for our salvation and rising again for us also to share in His Resurrection.

**Gospel Reading at Mass:**

**Mark 10: 2-16**

"The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?'" (Mk 10: 2) A very sensitive issue in this day and age. Some questions to answer:

--What can we do as a couple to strengthen and affirm this marriage or in some cases to salvage this marriage? Pray together and talk things out. "A family who prays together, stays together." (saying by Father Payton)  
 --Are you striving to do this?

God Bless, Father Mark

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, October 07, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Blessed Mother Intention		Our Lady of the Rosary	Gal 1: 6-12 Lk 10: 25-37 (461)
Tuesday, October 08, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Ray & Angeline Wonderling and deceased members of the Wonderling Family	Lamont & Frances Gray	Weekday	Gal 1: 13-24 Lk 10: 38-42 (462)
Wednesday, October 09, 2024 No Mass			Weekday <i>Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest</i>	Gal 2: 1-2, 7-14 Lk 11: 1-4 (463)
Thursday, October 10, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Dr. John Veronesi	Ronald & Ruthann Barbazzeni	Weekday	Gal 3: 1-5 Lk 11: 5-13 (464)
Friday, October 11, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Victor & Irene Gregori wedding anniversary	Louie & Louie, Jr. Gregori	Weekday <i>Saint John XXIII, Pope</i>	Gal 3: 7-14 Lk 11: 15-26 (465)
Saturday, October 12, 2024 No Mass			Weekday <i>BVM</i>	Gal 3: 22-29 Lk 11: 27-28 (466)
Saturday, October 12, 2024 5:30 p.m. Mass	Anna Castellani birthday	Family	Vigil of the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, October 13, 2024 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Wis 7: 7-11 Heb 4: 12-13 Mk 10: 17-30 or 10: 17-27 (143)

**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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**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 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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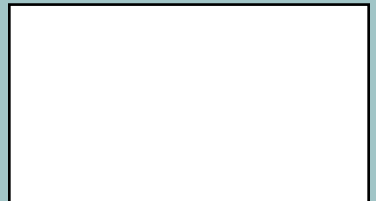
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**PARISHIONER INFORMATION**

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.