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"HEAVEN AND EARTH WILL PASS AWAY, BUT MY
WORDS WILL NOT PASS AWAY." - MK 13:31

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Stewardship

Offertory collection for 11/10/24 not available
 Weekly offertory budgeted for 2023-2024 \$3,365.00
 CSA Campaign Assessment for 2024.....\$31,134.00
 CSA Pledges to date.....\$28,210.00

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Be Ready Today and Everyday

Every year, at the end of November, we hear Readings at Mass that speak of “end times” or final things that may happen. We experience these Readings because we are coming to the end of Liturgical Year B (Mark’s Gospel), to get ready for the Liturgical Year C (Luke’s Gospel), beginning with the First Sunday of Advent. Being the conclusion of the Gospel Readings, at this time of the Autumn season, we hear Jesus basically saying: Hey people, get ready!

Okay, we may say, then we may ask; get ready for what? Answer: Jesus’ coming to us personally to give us a more fulfilling life. If we are open to Jesus’ invitation, this would mean then one or some of the following:

- to offer forgiveness to someone...
- to start praying that devotion we have put aside.
- to be more disciplined in our studies and reading. And, for students in school to strive to get better grades.
- to ask oneself; how can I help out a neighbor or volunteer in our Church?
- to remind ourselves; are we truly living the Ten Commandments everyday and avoiding the deadly sins?

Jesus, also wants us to know and be ready that He can take our regrets, too. We might be burdened with some of those regrets like for example: if only I knew then what I know now, I would not have done...or, I should have said...

As we find moments during the day to pray, we are opening ourselves up to the Holy Spirit to guide us. It is especially during these times that Jesus can reveal the truth of our lives and also embrace us with His Love. It is in these experiences that we need to be ready to listen to Jesus.

Let’s **be ready** for Jesus’ Coming into our lives through daily prayer, in order that He may give us a more fulfilling life here on earth, so that we can **be ready** for THE MOST FULFILLING ETERNAL LIFE IN HEAVEN when that **Glorious Day and Hour** arrives for us.

God Bless, Father Mark



**Pope’s Intention for November
 For the Pope**

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

“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

The 2025 Mass Book is open for scheduling Masses. You can come into the office M-Th between 9am & 4pm, call the office at 814-787-4151 x3, drop your request into the collection basket, or mail your request.

Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated Wednesday, Nov. 27th, at 7:00 pm. Please bring a non-perishable food item or a monetary donation to place at the altar after the homily. These donations will be given to the Christian Food Bank in St. Marys. Thank you for your generosity.

REMEMBRANCE BOOK

It is so necessary that we offer prayers for those loved ones who have passed on. Please continue to write in our Book of Remembrance those who you want to pray for during this month of November.

Thanksgiving Pumpkin Roll Sale November 27th. \$10/roll pre-orders only until sold out. 814-834-7861 #1. Pick-up on November 27 from 2pm-5pm. Benefits: Sacred Heart Parish

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Tuesday, December 3rd at St. Leo Church in Ridgway **AND** Saturday, December 7th at Sacred Heart Church in St. Marys. Both concerts will begin at 7:00 p.m. Social to follow. Please join them in ushering in the Christmas Season!

St. Boniface Parish Holiday Gift Card Raffle Drawing will be held on Saturday, November 23rd, following their 4:15 pm Mass. In addition to picking 5 lucky winners, please join them for a soup and sandwich social after Mass. The cost for the social will be by donation. Drawing for the raffle tickets will be held at the beginning of the social. The cost of a ticket for the drawing is \$10.00/ticket. Tickets in bulletin insert.

CEMETERY Just a reminder to please take advantage of the unusually warm weather to remove any flowers or decorations that are on the graves in the cemetery. Thank you.

Blue Jay Market Saturday, November 23rd 10am to 3pm
 BV Community Center 19073 BV Hwy, Weedville, PA

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, November 18, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Donald Dudley	wife-Kitty	Weekday <i>The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles</i>	Rv 1: 1-4, 2: 1-5 Lk 18: 35-43 (497)
Tuesday, November 19, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Joseph Grano Family	Dennis & Deborah Bonanno	Weekday	Rv 3: 1-6, 14-22 Lk 19: 1-10 (498)
Wednesday, November 20, 2024 No Mass			Weekday	Rv 4: 1-11 Lk 19: 11-28 (499)
Thursday, November 21, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Mike Chiodo	Dave & Barb Lease	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Rv 5: 1-10 Lk 19: 41-44 (500)
Friday, November 22, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Leno Zambanini 4th anniversary	daughter Rita, Joe, and Family	Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr	Rv 10: 8-11 Lk 19: 45-48 (501)
Saturday, November 23, 2024 No Mass			Weekday <i>Saint Clement I, Pope & Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr; BVM</i>	Rv 11: 4-12 Lk 20: 27-40 (502)
Saturday, November 23, 2024 5:30 p.m. Mass	Robert J. Burke and Helen L. Froesch	Family	Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	(see below)
Sunday, November 24, 2024 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	Dn 7: 13-14 Rv 1: 5-8 Jn 18: 33b-37 (161)

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

Visiting Our Beloved Dead at the Cemetery

Taking time to visit our loved ones at the cemetery can be sometimes a difficult, but also a healing and cherished moment, when we reflect on how they have influenced our lives. The cemetery is always open to make a visit. The times that we are encouraged to visit the cemetery is always on American celebrations such as Memorial Day, Independence Day (4th of July), Labor Day, and Veterans Day. We can visit the cemeteries any day that we want to. It is especially important to visit the cemetery on All Saints Day (November 1st) and All Souls Day (November 2nd). There can be special blessings for all who take the time to visit their loved ones on one of these days. We need to always understand that our loved ones, friends, and those important people we have met in life, whose bodies and ashes are now buried and laid to rest in this particular cemetery, are now with Jesus and others who have gone before them and are living in the dwelling place that Jesus has prepared for them, according to John’s Gospel Chapter 14. Making a visit in the cemetery to our loved ones can bring a deeper sense of healing and acceptance in place of the grief of our loss that we had experienced. I believe it is important to our loved ones that we visit them as often as we are able and to thank God for giving them to us. AMEN

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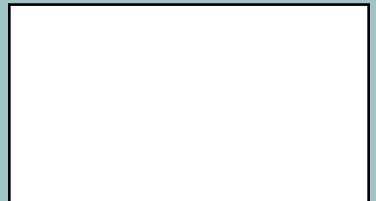
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