

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

## 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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“There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.” - Mk 9:39



**Parish Stewardship**

Offertory collection for 09/22/24 . . . . . \$2,231.00  
 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 September  
 For the Cry of the Earth**

Let us pray that each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

“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**

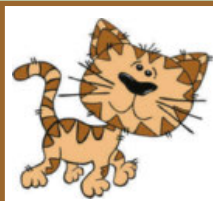
October 12 10:00 am Sacred Heart 814-834-7861  
 November 26 7:00 pm St. Marys Church 814-781-1019

The Women’s Bash, which was held on September 8th, was also a great success! A total of \$2,231 was raised. A portion of the funds will go toward purchasing grocery store vouchers (for community outreach purposes) and The Christian Food Bank. The remainder of the funds will remain at St. Joseph Church for future needs. Thank you!

**PIZZA SALE PICK-UP** If you ordered pizza, you can pick up your pizzas in the social hall this weekend, September 28/29, following each Mass. Thank you for supporting the church!



Next Sunday, October 6th, at 11:15, 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. All pets must be either caged or on a leash.



**Elk County Right To Life** is sponsoring a Life Chain on Sunday, October 6th, from 2pm-3pm in downtown St. Marys. This is a peaceful but powerful witness of ProLife individuals, standing for one hour, praying for our nation and an end to abortion. Participants are invited to gather at the St. Marys K of C, located on Washington Street, after 1:45pm. Prayer signs will be handed out. Call Mary Bea Maloney 814-834-3834 for more information.

**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!

**B I N G O** Sacred Heart Parish Center Bingo Friday, Oct. 4th  
 Doors open at 4:00 p.m. Games start at 6:45 p.m.

**Fox Township Women's Club Chinese Auction**  
 Sunday, October 6th at the Fox Township Community Bldg. Opens at 12 NOON. Drawings at 2 PM  
 Sloppy Joes-Hot Dogs-Chili Dogs-chips-sliced pie available. For more information or to donate, call Roxanne 814-885-8211.



**Sharing Our Faith Series**

**Scripture: First Reading at Mass  
 Numbers: 11: 25-29**

God poured out His Spirit of prophesizing on the seventy elders of Israel (and two others that had not been in the camp that day). This was a portion of the Spirit that had come down to Moses as God spoke to him in a cloud. Now, answer the following question.

--Have you ever sensed the “Spirit of God” speaking to you about something going on in your life or about a decision you need to make?

**Psalm: 19: 8, 10, 12-14**

“The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.” Laws are given to protect us, answer questions we may have, and to give societies some peace and order. For example, isn’t it great and necessary that we have traffic laws to keep us safe? The necessity is that everyone is obliged to follow them. So, also, is the necessity and great benefits of living the words of the Bible.

--Do you make efforts to read the Bible everyday?

**Scripture: Second Reading at Mass  
 James 5: 1-6**

This very challenging Reading may cause us to answer the two following questions.

--Do I have way too much of some things in life?

--Out of justice for others, do I listen carefully and patiently to the cries and needs of people around me?

**Gospel Reading:  
 Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48**

The first part of this Gospel gives a situation where a non-apostle, yet faithful follower of Jesus, was trying to perform a healing, a mighty deed, without the permission or help of the Apostles. Jesus approved the man’s efforts and even said, “Do not prevent him.”

Ask ourselves:

--Do we respect charitable acts of other non-Catholic Christians or are we jealous of how well they perform their abilities?

**Catholic Tradition:**

We, as Catholics, use Holy Water to bless objects of devotion, such as rosaries and scapulars, so that the blessed water would cleanse and make holy these articles of devotion and protect them from evil and to be used for healing purposes.

**Service:**

The corporate work of mercy of visiting those who are ill and sick. Ask yourself:

--Is there someone sick whom I can visit?

--If I am unable to visit those who are ill, do I try to remember them often in my daily prayers?

God Bless, Father Mark

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

| Date   | Intention                        | Requested by                 | Celebration   | Scriptures  |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|
| Monday, September 30, 2024<br>8:30 a.m. Mass                   | Wanda Daghir                     | Donald & Nancy Chiappelli    | Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church   | Jb 1: 6-22<br>Lk 9: 46-50 (455)                       |
| Tuesday, October 01, 2024<br>8:30 a.m. Mass                    | Helen Allegretto                 | Jim, Barb, Maria, and Rachel | Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church                                     | Jb 3: 1-3, 11-17, 20-23<br>Lk 9: 51-56 (456)          |
| Wednesday, October 02, 2024<br>No Mass                         |                                  |                              | The Holy Guardian Angels  | Jb 9: 1-12, 14-16 (457)<br>Mt 18: 1-5, 10 (650)       |
| Thursday, October 03, 2024<br>8:30 a.m. Mass                   | Louis Chiappelli                 | Family                       | Weekday   | Jb 19: 21-27<br>Lk 10: 1-12 (458)                     |
| Friday, October 04, 2024<br>8:30 a.m. Mass<br>First Friday     | Peter Joseph Morelli birthday    | sister-Rita Olszewski        | Saint Francis of Assisi   | Jb 38: 1, 12-21; 40: 3-5<br>Lk 10: 13-16 (459)        |
| Saturday, October 05, 2024<br>8:30 a.m. Mass<br>First Saturday | Rose E. McCall                   | Tim & Lori Sims              | Weekday<br><i>Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin;<br/>Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos,<br/>Priest; BVM</i> | Jb 42: 1-3, 5-6, 12-17<br>Lk 10: 17-24 (460)          |
| Saturday, October 05, 2024<br>5:30 p.m. Mass                   | Living and Deceased Parishioners |                              | Vigil of the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time   | (see below)   |
| Sunday, October 06, 2024<br>9:15 a.m. Mass                     | Pete & Lucy Kline                | Kim & Mike Carcella          | TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  | Gn 2: 18-24<br>Heb 2: 9-11<br>Mk 10: 2-16 or 10: 2-12 |

**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 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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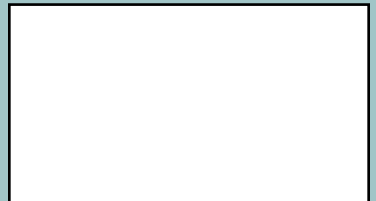
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All practicing Catholics living in the Bennetts Valley Area who consider themselves members of St. Joseph Parish should be registered in the parish. All registered members of St. Joseph receive envelopes and receive periodic parish mailings. St. Joseph 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.