

15th Sunday

"But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:33 ST. JOSEPH PARISH FORCE, PA

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection for 06/22/25	\$2,703.00
Weekly collection for 06/29/25	
Weekly collection for 07/06/25	
Weekly budget goal	
Difference (06/22/25)	
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POPE'S INTENTION FOR JULY For Formation in Discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.



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

 August 7th
 7:00 pm
 St. Joseph Church
 814-787-4151

 August 28th
 6:30 pm
 St. Mark, Emporium
 814-486-0569

National Needs Collection will be taken up the weekend of July 19/20. This collection is a combination collection of two other collections: The Catholic Home Mission Appeal and The Black and Indian Mission Collection. A letter from the Bishop is included with the bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity.

Our **5th Annual Golf Outing** will be held on Sunday, August 17th, at Treasure Lake Silver Course in DuBois. Shotgun start @1:00 PM. The cost will be: \$80/person. \$65/member. This cost includes: greens fees, cart, boxed lunch, dinner, prizes, and refreshments on the course. We will have a 50/50 drawing, auction baskets, skill prizes, 1st & 2nd place monetary prizes, best ball, four man scramble. We will also have a \$10,000 Hole-in-One Par 3 which is sponsored by St. Marys Insurance. There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. You can also call Jude Lander at Treasure Lake @ 814-913-1480 OR Jim Allegretto @ 814-594-9708. Get your team together for a day of fun!





Our church picnic will be held on Sunday, August 10th.
Make plans to attend!

MASS will be at 10:00 a.m. Picnic to follow. We will eat at NOON. Food will

be provided by the Church. You are welcome to bring a non-refrigerated dessert for all to enjoy!

Please see the insert included with the bulletin this week. The reservation form is on the insert. Please complete and return your reservation form by August 4th. You can drop it into the collection basket or bring it to the office during the week M-Th from 9 am to 4pm.

Food-Fun-Games-Music-Raffles

Sharing Our Faith Series

Having Masses for Loved Ones Saints for July A Gospel of Mercy

We Catholics have a great need and desire to schedule Masses either for loved ones who have passed or for the intention of those who are living. This is so important because it unites us with *the Church* on earth, with *the Church suffering*, (*Purgatory*) and the *Church in Heaven*.

There is a lot to be said about the Church but having a Mass for others can help us gain a greater sense of peace in the midst of our own feelings of loss when someone close to us dies, but also it is intercessory prayer for them to grow closer to God and to receive the fullness of eternal life in Heaven.

The important Saints for the month of July...

St. Benedict; St. Kateri Tekakwitha; St. Bonaventure; St. Mary Magdalene; St. James, Apostle; St. Joachim and St. Anne; St. Martha, St. Mary, and St. Lazarus. July 11th: St. Benedict--Founder of the Benedictine Order that emphasizes prayer and work. He wrote the Monastic Rule as a guide for his religious order. He was the brother of St. Scholastica.

(Feast Day Feb. 10th). He died in 547.

July 14th: St. Kateri Tekakwitha--She was called the "Lily of the Mohawks." She lived in Quebec and was the first Native American to be declared Blessed. She led an inspiring life of prayer.

July 15th: St. Bonaventure--He was a Cardinal Bishop of Albano, Italy and wrote many commentaries about the Bible.

July 22nd: St. Mary Magdalene--She was a disciple of Jesus who was also present with Jesus as He was dying on the Cross. She also saw our Risen Lord on the morning of His Resurrection.

July 25th: St. James the Apostle--He was a fisherman along with his brother, St. John, before he started to follow Jesus. He was the first of the twelve apostles that was martyred.

July 26th: St. Joachim and St. Anne--They are the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

July 29th: St. Martha, St. Mary, and St. Lazarus--Close friends of Jesus. Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.

My brothers and sisters, just as the Good Samaritan took the time to take care of the man who was dying on the side of the road to Jericho, we too, are called by our Lord to take the time to treat others with compassion. Where are these people we ask? In your neighborhood, in the hallways of your school, your work, the aisles of Church, or at home. It is at these places where we are to stop and take the time to listen and care for the person in front of us. God Bless!

Gn 18: 1-10a

Col 1: 24-28

Lk 10: 38-42 (108)

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

e Celebrat Intention Requested by Celebration **Scriptures** Date Monday, July 14, 2025 Ex 1: 8-14, 22 8:30 a.m. Mass Mt 10: 34-11: 1 (389) Lawrence Chiodo Rosanna and family Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin birthday Tuesday, July 15, 2025 Ex 2: 1-15a Mt 11: 20-24 (390) 8:30 a.m. Mass Poor Souls in Purgatory Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Wednesday, July 16, 2025 Ex 3: 1-6, 9-12 Weekday Mt 11: 25-27 (391) Our Lady of Mount Carmel Thursday, July 17, 2025 Ex 3: 13-20 8:30 a.m. Mass Mt 11: 28-30 (392) Lamont H. & Valjean Gray Lamont & Frances Gray Weekday Ex 11: 10--12: 14 Friday, July 18, 2025 Weekday 8:30 a.m. Mass Mt 12: 1-8 (393) Terry Miller wife-Esther Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest and family 1st anniversary Saturday, July 19, 2025 Ex 12: 37-42 Mt 12: 14-21 (394) No Mass Weekday BVMSaturday, July 19, 2025 (see below) 5:30 p.m. Mass Vigil of the Sixteenth Sunday Robert E. & Leonore Burke Family in Ordinary Time

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SHORT PRAYERS DURING THE DAY

Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church

Sunday, July 20, 2025

9.15 a m Mass

Our lives can be very busy throughout the day with our work, school, and responsibilities that need to get done **that day**. We want to pray, but we may feel that there will not be enough time to pray a rosary or read a Scripture Passage before going to work. In these situations, it is important to know that our Lord Jesus understands the time that we have and that we do not have during the day. So, He encourages us to pray short prayers during the day.

The short prayers that we can pray would be, for example, "help me God today" "Jesus, I trust in You" (from St. Faustina's writings) "Lord God, help me to do Your Will today" "Jesus, help me to believe that You are always with me" (Matthew 28: 20)

These, and any Scripture Passages from the Daily Readings and other Scriptures, are very helpful. The important thing is to keep it short and simple and believe God will answer our short prayers.

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