



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

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.” - Mk 7:15

Parish Stewardship

Offertory collection for 08/25/24 \$2,419.00
 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

September 10 7:00 pm St. Leo Church 814-772-3135
 September 25 6:00 pm St. Boniface 814-885-4488

The Church office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.

St. Joseph Church 2024 Women’s Bash will be next Sunday, September 8th in the social hall. If you are interested in being a host or attending this event, please contact Mariah Mosier at 814-335-6124. Come and join us for food-fun-raffles!

LABOR DAY FESTIVITIES Please come to the Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 2nd starting at 11:00 am. St. Joseph Church will be having a float and we will also have our food booth featuring pizza, wing dings, French fries, and pop. We are happy that we are entering a float this year and as always our delicious food offerings! **SEE YOU THERE!**

‘Religious Item’ RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, September 14th from 8am to 1pm at the St. Mary’s Parish Center Cafeteria (325 Church St., St. Marys) PLUS after **all** Masses that weekend. They will take ALL religious items, crosses, bibles, books, rosaries at the St. Mary’s Parish Center Office. This is your chance to clean out all those things that you may have inherited when someone passed away that you don’t know what to do with. All donations benefit the Convent Grounds Renovation.

Bethany Retreat New Website:

<https://www.anawiministries.com>

Upcoming Retreats: Enneagram Retreat 09/06/24 - 09/08/24, Daily Prayer Through Mary Retreat 10/07/24, Drumming Retreat 10/12/24, Personal Days 11/04/24-11/08/24

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS-DIOCESAN CHILD PROTECTION POLICIES:

The Diocese of Erie is committed to protecting minors who are entrusted to our care. The Diocese has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse, to aid in the prevention of abuse, and to develop and maintain safe environments. All those who minister to minors are screened, trained, and agree to a Code of Conduct.

To read the Policy that includes the Code of Conduct, go to:

<https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/policies-1.html>

For more information, contact the diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.



The Dignity of Good Work

As we celebrate Labor Day weekend, I call us to briefly reflect on the dignity of good work. The best example of a person of good work is Jesus Himself. In the early years of His Life, He learned the work of a carpenter from Saint Joseph, which became His Work for most of His Life.

From the school of Nazareth, so to speak, He learned the Jewish faith, talked to the Jewish elders about the Torah, and saw the Jewish faith lived out in Mary and Joseph. He then went forth to His Galilean ministry. Jesus’s new work then became building the Kingdom of God, in choosing His Apostles, in preaching the Good News, and healing many people.

St. Pope John Paul II had once said that work in itself has its own dignity. In other words, he was saying whether you work for a company, are a train engineer, plumber, nurse, teacher, carpenter, cashier, artist, computer tech, medical doctor, volunteer at a food bank, or mechanic, there is dignity in the work you do.

Furthermore, in his document *Laborem Exercere* (1981), the Pope makes it clear that our work is part of God’s Divine Plan for us and actually leads us closer to Him. (Veronica Arntz, *“The Spirituality of Work: Perspectives from St. Pope John Paul II”*)

St. Pope John Paul II also writes in *Christifideles Laici* (1988) that “The world thus becomes the place and the means for the lay faithful to fulfill their Christian vocation because the world itself is destined to glorify God the Father in Christ.” (CL, art. 15)

My friends, if we are truly seeking a permanent, lasting relationship with our Lord Jesus, and giving God the glory in the work we do, then St. Paul’s affirming words are for us: “I am confident of this, that the One Who began a **good work** in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Phil. Chapter 1: 6)

God Bless,
 Father Mark



We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, September 02, 2024 No Mass Labor Day			Weekday	1 Cor 2: 1-5 Lk 4: 16-30 (431)
Tuesday, September 03, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Germaine Olewnik	Joann Georgino	Saint Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church	1 Cor 2: 10b-16 Lk 4: 31-37 (432)
Wednesday, September 04, 2024 No Mass			Weekday	1 Cor 3: 1-9 Lk 4: 38-44 (433)
Thursday, September 05, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Virginia & Stanley Gralak, Sr. and Family	Family	Weekday	1 Cor 3: 18-23 Lk 5: 1-11 (434)
Friday, September 06, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass First Friday	Dale Forster	Donald & Nancy Chiappelli	Weekday	1 Cor 4: 1-5 Lk 5: 33-39 (435)
Saturday, September 07, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass First Saturday	Bernadine Micale	O'Bryon Family Medicine	Weekday <i>BVM</i>	1 Cor 4: 6b-15 Lk 6: 1-5 (436)
Saturday, September 07, 2024 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, September 08, 2024 9:15 a.m. Mass	Deceased members of the Michelini Family	Bill & Marie Michelini Kathy & Dave Vargas	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Is 35: 4-7a Jas 2: 1-5 Mk 7: 31-37 (128)

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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OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 9a.m. to 4 p.m.

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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 11th 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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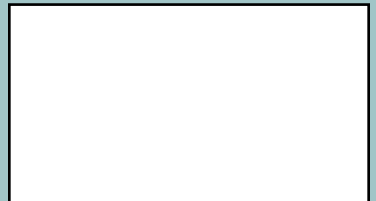
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All practicing Catholics living in the Bennetts Valley Area who consider themselves members of St. Joseph Parish should be registered in the parish. All registered members of St. Joseph receive envelopes and receive periodic parish mailings. St. Joseph 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.