

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Peace I leave with you.”
- Jn 14:27a

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection for 05/18/25\$2,270.00
 Weekly budget goal\$3,425.00
 Difference**\$1,155.00**
 CSA 2025 Assessment Goal\$30,504.00
 CSA Pledges to date\$30,065.00

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POPE'S INTENTION FOR MAY
For Working Conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.



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

June 10th	6:30 pm	Queen of the World	814-834-4701
August 7th	7:00 pm	St. Joseph Church	814-787-4151

The Church office will be closed this week from Monday, May 26th through June 1st. Reopen on June 2nd at 9:00 am.

Memorial Day Mass time:

Monday, May 26th @ 9:00 am - Mass will be celebrated at the St. Joseph Church cemetery (weather permitting). If it is raining, we will have Mass inside.

Our parish bus trip to see **NOAH** at Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster will be on Friday, July 25th. The show is at 3:00 pm. After the show, we will have dinner at Hershey Farm. Deadline to sign up is June 10th. Contact Bernadette at 814-371-0108 for more information.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST will be held on Sunday, June 15, 2025, after Mass. Tickets will be on sale after Mass on May 31/June 1 and June 7/8. Cost will be \$9 for adult and \$4 for boys 10 and under. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Mark your calendar for our **5th Annual Golf Outing** which will be held on **Sunday, August 17th**. It will be held at Silverwoods Golf Course at Treasure Lake, DuBois. Start getting your team together! More information will follow.

Kersey K of C Monthly Breakfast Sunday, June 1st, 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! *This will be the last breakfast until October.

The Concert Choir of Elk County proudly presents "A Little Bit of Country and A Little Rock 'n Roll" on Friday, May 30th and Saturday, May 31st @ 6pm at the Royal in Ridgway. Tickets available at The Diamond Perk in St. Marys or ECCOTA in Ridgway. Price: \$40 per ticket includes dinner and show. Dinner selections: Baked Fish, Chicken Parmesan, or Stuffed Pork Chop. You must call the Royal @ 814-773-3153 with your ticket number and meal choice by May 24th.

My Peace I Give to You

The sun is so very important, along with the rain, to grow flowers and all kinds of vegetation in our gardens and for ecology in general. The sun warms us after many cold days. It does, however, need to be in balance with precipitation; otherwise, everything in nature would be too dry.

Sunlight images the happiness of a day and the joyful, lively activity of work. The light of the moon, shining in late evening and night, images a peacefulness at the end of the day. In a like manner, in our Second Reading in the Book of Revelations, the images of the sun and moon describe the heavenly reward of Divine Light for the persecuted Christians of the first century who remained faithful to the Lord.

"The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb." (Revelation 21: 23)

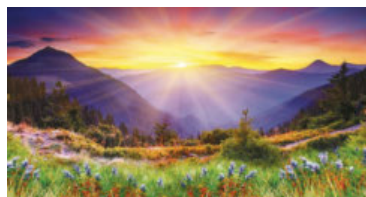
In the Gospel of John, Jesus offers the promise of peace in the Holy Spirit for those who need peace with the words "Peace I leave with you; My Peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (John 14: 27)

Ask yourself:

- ✚ Where in my own life do I need peace the most?
- ✚ With whom do I need to be at peace in a relationship?


My brothers and sisters, these shining, heavenly gifts from our Second Reading and the promises of peace from our Gospel Reading are here for us right now. Jesus won for us these gifts of light and peace through His Victory of death on the cross and His Resurrection, Ascension, and sending to us the Holy Spirit.

May praying for peace be an important priority



for us to have in our lives and to let it shine for others in our homes, villages, country, and world. God Bless!

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, May 26, 2025 9:00 a.m. Mass  MEMORIAL DAY	Peggy Mitchell Ingram birthday AND All deceased buried in St. Joseph Church Cemetery	sister-Janice	Saint Philip Neri, Priest	Acts 16: 11-15 Jn 15: 26--16: 4a (291)
Tuesday, May 27, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Grace Gavazzi	Parishioner	Easter Weekday <i>Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i>	Acts 16: 22-34 Jn 16: 5-11 (292)
Wednesday, May 28, 2025 No Mass			Easter Weekday	Acts 17: 15, 22--18: 1 Jn 16: 12-15 (293)
Thursday, May 29, 2025 9:00 a.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Mass THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	Ronald Mitchell Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church	John & Becky Bricen	Easter Weekday <i>Saint Paul VI, Pope</i> THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	Acts 18: 1-8 Jn 16: 16-20 (294) Acts 1: 11 Eph 1: 17-23 or Heb 9: 24-28; 10: 19-23 Lk 24: 46-53 (58)
Friday, May 30, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Gelindo "Boots" Bonfardine	Donald & Nancy Chiappelli	Easter Weekday	Acts 18: 9-18 Jn 16: 20-23 (295)
Saturday, May 31, 2025 No Mass			The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Zep 3: 14-18a Rom 12: 9-16 Lk 1: 39-56 (572)
Saturday, May 31, 2025 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		Vigil of the Seventh Sunday of Easter	(see below)
Sunday, June 01, 2025 9:15 a.m. Mass	Anna Mae Thompson	DeAnn & John	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Acts 7: 55-60 Rv 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20 Jn 17: 20-26 (61)

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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

2025 Jubilee Year of Hope-Part 1

Every 25 years, the Catholic Church celebrates a Jubilee year. In 2000, the emphasis was a celebration of entering into a third millennium of Christianity. This Jubilee Year's purpose is a call to return to the Lord Jesus in personal prayer and for a renewed "Holy Commitment" to receive the Sacraments of the Church, namely the Sacrament of Confession and to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist (the Mass). This Jubilee's theme is "Pilgrims of Hope." This means we journey in life and faith, together, with other people.

In a unique way, one of the particular celebrations during this month of May, is the "Jubilee of Families." The following prayer has been given to us by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops.

"We bless Your Name, O Lord, for sending Your Own Incarnate Son, to become part of a family, so that, as He lived its life, He would experience its worries and its joys. We ask You, Lord, to protect and watch over this family, so that in the strength of Your Grace, its members may enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of Your Peace, and, as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to Your Glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen!"

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