



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." - Jn 10:27-28b

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection for 05/04/25\$3,493.00
 Weekly budget goal\$3,425.00
 Difference - \$68.00
 CSA 2025 Assessment Goal \$30,504.00
 CSA Pledges to date \$28,115.00

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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

May 22nd	6:30 pm	St. Marys Church	814-781-1019
June 10th	6:30 pm	Queen of the World	814-834-4701

CONGRATULATIONS to the 3rd Grade Faith Formation class who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 27th. They are:

Angelo Barbazzeni
 Constantine Prince
 Shay Stauffer
 Christian Swackhammer
 Melia Yost



GOD BLESS YOU!

THANK YOU Faith Formation Teachers and Substitutes!

I want to thank the following teachers and substitutes for their time of preparation and gift of teaching our Faith Formation students this past school year.

Kindergarten and 1st Grade: Lilly Phillips and Jolene Rippey

2nd Grade-First Reconciliation Class: Emily Luchini
 Emily is also our Faith Formation Coordinator.

3rd Grade-First Eucharist Class: Rebecca Bricen

4th & 5th Grade: Bethany Prince

6th, 7th, & 8th Grade-Edge: Tracy Phillips and Linda Dipalo

Our office aid: Dawn Rollick

Our substitutes: Mary Stoker, Julia Rollick, Debi Mitchell, and Dawn Rollick



Thank you to our 2025 May Crowning Queen
 Gemmabell Nedza.

Our Lady of Fatima-Pray for us!

Dr. Janet Satterlee will be leading an Adult Faith Formation class on The Blessed Mother, Mary and the Rosary. The class will be on Monday, May 12th and also May 19th, beginning at 6:30 pm in the Faith Formation Center. All are welcome!

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. See the insert in the bulletin for more information.

Mothers Given as Real-Life Examples

A **mother** who cheers for her son at his baseball game or for her daughter during her softball game.

A **mother** whose husband has died: She works two jobs to support her family. She takes college courses part-time and eventually finishes her teaching degree and as a teacher is able to spend more time with her children, especially as they have their summers off.

A **mother** who prepares the Sunday dinner for all of the family members notices that she needs to enlist a few of her adult children to help her.

A **mother** who is also a grandmother and a great grandmother waits patiently for her busy family to visit her in the nursing home. She is pleasantly surprised when they come to visit her, and especially on Mother's Day!

My friends, the examples of these mothers are women who have been enlightened by God as to what they need to do and what they need to pray for in their real-life situations. Our mother is so very important to us. Whether our mother is young, old, or in heaven with our Lord Jesus, she will always be so very important to each of us.

Like the situations of the mothers listed above, our mother has her own unique story of life. The many mothers who chose to pray through life's challenges and trusting in God are like the great multitude of people the "Book of Revelations" describes in this weekend's Second Reading as people, "before the Lamb wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands." (Rev 7: 9b) Some of our mothers are also like the "ones who have survived the time of great distress." (Rev 7: 14)

With a strong faith in God, our mother has taught us about life lessons and about God. She has cheered us on in times of success; and in challenging times, she has encouraged us to pray and trust in God. May each of us strive to follow her faith-filled example for our lives.

I wish all mothers, those who have been like mothers, all grandmothers, and great-grandmothers a very, very **Happy Mother's Day!**



God Bless,
 Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, May 12, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Matthew P. Levanduski	grandma-Josephine	Easter Weekday <i>Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr</i>	Acts 11: 1-18 Jn 10: 1-10 (279)
Tuesday, May 13, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Poor Souls in Purgatory		Easter Weekday <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	Acts 11: 19-26 Jn 10: 22-30 (280)
Wednesday, May 14, 2025 No Mass			Easter Weekday Saint Matthias, Apostle	Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26 Jn 15: 9-17 (564)
Thursday, May 15, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Aaron & Mabel Rosman wedding anniversary	Louie and Louie, Jr.	Easter Weekday <i>Saint Isidore</i>	Acts 13: 13-25 Jn 13: 16-20 (282)
Friday, May 16, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Matthew M. Lovenduski	father	Easter Weekday	Acts 13: 26-33 Jn 14: 1-6 (283)
Saturday, May 17, 2025 No Mass			Easter Weekday	Act 13: 44-52 Jn 14: 7-14 (284)
Saturday, May 17, 2025 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter	(see below)
Sunday, May 18, 2025 9:15 a.m. Mass	Vincent & Germaine Olewnik	Kitty Dudley	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Acts 14: 21-27 Rv 21: 1-5a Jn 13: 31-33a, 34-35 (54)

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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

Our Social Hall and Recent Development

At this time, I share with all of you the most recent situation and development of the restoration of our Social Hall here at St. Joseph Church. The company, SERVPRO, has completed all of the mitigation which involves clean up and removal of items, such as tiles, cooking equipment, lights, and plaster board on some walls. Further intervention involved the removal of asbestos materials.

Also, at this present time, we have received the insurance monies that will help us move forward to bring contractors in the Social Hall in order to offer us a bid for its restoration. I will continue to keep all of you informed as we progress.

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