



21st Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 16:18-19

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FORCE, PA

Parish Stewardship

Weekly budget	\$3,425.00
Weekly collection 08/09/26	\$1,788.00
Difference	\$.1,637.00
CSA Assessment (2026)	\$30,986.00
Pledges to date	\$27,145.00

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. JOSEPH CHURCH!

POPE'S INTENTION FOR AUGUST For Evangelization In The City

**Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by
anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to
proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to
build community.**



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 2026

October 10 10:00 am Sacred Heart Church 814-781-1019

Marriage Moment: "Marriage is a give-and-take
experience, involving hurt and forgiveness, failure and
sacrifice." (Follow the Way of Love) It's the Paschal
Mystery of death and resurrection.

A Family Perspective: Like Jesus in today's Gospel, we
are perceived by others in various ways. However, those
who know us best are usually our own family. Who do they
say you are?

Parenting Pointers: Is your child a whiner, complainer, or
blamer? Sometimes, it's just a stage, but sometimes parents
unwittingly encourage these traits by responding to the
whines when they get annoyed enough. All this teaches is to
complain longer. Teach your child to take responsibility for
his or her mistakes, fix it, or learn from it. It might not have
been their fault but making excuses and blaming doesn't
solve anything except make you look like a wimp. Model it.

Do you like to sing?? Why not consider sharing your voice
and talent with the choir at St. Joseph Church!

Come to practice on Wednesday, September 9th at 4:00 pm.
Sing at Mass on Sundays and for funerals.

We would love to have you!

Getting to Know the 12 Apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ

Saint Peter: According to the Gospel of Mark,
Chapter One, beginning with Verse 16, "Simon, who
later was named Peter by Jesus, was fishing with his
brother, Andrew. Jesus came to where they were
fishing and simply said; "Follow me, and I will make you
fishers of men." (Mt 1: 17) Both Peter and Andrew left
their nets and followed Jesus.

Jesus could see the leadership quality in Peter,
so that is why He gave him the name Peter, which
means "Rock." Christ Jesus gave this new name to
Peter after He asked the question: "But who do you say
that I am? Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the
Son of the Living God.' And Jesus answered him,
'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood
has not revealed this to you, but my Father, Who is in
heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and upon this
rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades
shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of
the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on
Earth, shall be bound in Heaven, and whatever you
loose on earth, shall be loosed in Heaven.'" (Mt 16: 15-19)

In this unique and special relationship that
Jesus had with Peter, Jesus would invite Peter to lead
the other Apostles and ultimately, the entire "people of
God," the Church.

Things and events that are important to know
about St. Peter is that, along with Sts. James and John,
he was privileged to be present on the mountain when
Jesus was transfigured before them; and several
miracles, including the restoring of life to the little girl,
the curing of His Own Mother in Law, being with Jesus,
along with James and John in the Garden of
Gethsemane, and at the tomb with St. John after Jesus' Resurrection.

Peter walked on the water toward Jesus when
Jesus came to the Apostles on that stormy night, when
they were out on the Sea of Gallilee. It was, though,
that kind of faith and quick responses to make things
right and defend Jesus that enabled Peter to lead the
other Apostles, even though his faith had to be greatly
tested.

Peter led the Church in very powerful ways as
the first Pope and was ultimately crucified upside down
in Rome around the year 67 A.D. under the reign of
Nero. His Feast Day is June 29th.

St. Peter, Pray for us!

(Sources used; Saint of the Day, pgs. 146-147, Leonard Foley, OFM and Lives of the
Saints for Every Day of the Year by Catholic Book Publishing Co. pgs. 260-261)

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, August 24, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Jennie Chiappelli	Family	Saint Bartholomew, Apostle	Rv 21: 9b-14 Jn 1: 45-51 (629)
Tuesday, August 25, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Helena Leair	Bob & Libby	Weekday <i>Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest</i>	2 Thes 2: 1-3a, 14-17 Mt 23: 23-26 (426)
Wednesday, August 26, 2026 No Mass			Weekday	2 Thes 3: 6-10, 16-18 Mt 23: 27-32 (427)
Thursday, August 27, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Thomas Jerzak	Jerzak Family	Saint Monica	1 Cor 1: 1-9 Mt 24: 42-51 (428)
Friday, August 28, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Deceased members of the Skrzypek Family	Family	Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	1 Cor 1: 17-25 Mt 25: 1-13 (429)
Saturday, August 29, 2026 No AM Mass			The Passion of St. John the Baptist	1 Cor 1: 26-31 (430) Mk 6: 17-29 (634)
Saturday, August 29, 2026 5:30 p.m. Mass	Denny Guido	Chuck & Vina	Vigil of the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, August 30, 2026 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Jer 20: 7-9 Rom 12: 1-2 Mt 16: 21-27 (124)

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
PO Box 124 Force, PA 15841
Phone: 814-787-4151
Rev. Mark J. Mastrian Pastor

MASS TIMES: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm Sunday: 9:15 am
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm
DAILY MASS: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:30 am
Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saint Simon the Canaanean

Saint Simon is also called "The Zealot" because of his association with the Jewish sect, who were a group of men very much against the Roman domination of the Jewish People. They also did not appreciate Jews who would "collaborate" with the Romans, because it appeared as if the Jews were supporting the Romans. Saint Simon was certainly one of the Apostles at the Last Supper with Jesus and he had suffered martyrdom in Persia. His Feast Day is October 28th.

St. Simon the Canaanean, Pray for us!

God Bless, Father Mark

Straub Insurance Agency

201 John Street
St. Marys, PA 15857
834-2490

Ralph M. Geer Funeral Home

Five Generations Serving the Bennetts Valley Area

Joseph M. Nedza F.D. / Owner
(814) 637-5401
www.nedzafamilyfuneralhomes.com



12045 Bennetts Valley Hwy.
PO BOX 6
Penfield, PA 15849

Valley Farm Market

Route 255,
18211 Bennetts Valley Hwy
Weedville, PA 15868
(814) 787-8911



Gasoline, Kerosene, and Diesel
Large Assortment of Deli, T-shirts, Ice Cream,
Groceries, and Model Trains

KORB MONUMENTS

COMPLETE MONUMENT SERVICES
SINCE 1901
Visit our large display & production plant in downtown DuBois
1-800-752-1601
www.korbmonuments.com

PA# 892857

PA POWER WASHING

Residential & Industrial
Call or Text: Ryan Wehler
814-594-5756
Fully Insured-Free Estimates

Denise M. Cuneo

Attorney at Law
283 River Rd. • Weedville, PA
814-787-7368
1-855-209-8461

SMP
PHARMACY & HOME MEDICAL
Medical Equipment & Supplies
1-800-876-3442
SMPRX.com

Never miss our bulletin!

Get this bulletin delivered straight to your inbox every week.

Scan to subscribe on
parishesonline.com



CALLIARI, MEHOLICK & Co.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC
ACCOUNTANTS
TELE: (814) 371-7499

SAVE MONEY, LIVE COMFORTABLY

GARY & SONS
SINCE 1978
HEATING & COOLING

24hr EMERGENCY SERVICE

- FURNACES
- HEAT PUMPS
- WATER HEATERS
- WOOD & COAL STOVES
- AIR CONDITIONING
- DUCT CLEANING

482 Beechtree Rd., Falls Creek, PA
814-371-4885

Providing Personal, Friendly
Funeral Services Since 1996

Baronick
Funeral Home & Crematorium, Inc.
211 South Main St., Dubois
814-371-2040

Support Our Advertisers!

ROSE'S HILLTOP DINER
Breakfast
Lunch
Dinner
Daily Specials
814-834-4492
24716 Bennetts Valley Hwy., Weedville

ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



ADT Authorized Provider SafeStreets

833-287-3502

ST. MARYS STONE MULCH & MORE

Now at 133 Locust Rd • St. Marys, PA
Wood Pallets • Bag Rock Salt • Cut/Split Firewood
HARD & SOFT COAL • CAR PORTS
CUSTOM BUILT SHEDS
Delivery Available W Conveyor
(814) 781-8334



Residential &
Commercial
Services

Free Estimates

814-389-2344

Justin Gradl, Owner

Advertise in Our Church Bulletin!

Contact Joseph Sardelle
jsardelle@4LPi.com
(800) 950-9952 x9946



Made you look.

Advertise here to reach your local audience.

Visit 4lpi.com/advertising-solutions

Scan to get started!



St. Joseph Church

PARISHIONER INFORMATION

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.



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

St. Joseph Church, Force, PA

14-1197