



• 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER •

**THEY REALIZED
IT WAS THE LORD.**

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection for 04/27/25	\$1,741.00
Weekly budget goal	\$3,425.00
Difference	\$-1,684.00
CSA 2025 Assessment Goal	\$30,504.00
CSA Pledges to date	\$28,115.00

Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church!

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

May Crowning May 4th All Faith Formation families are to attend Mass and after Mass, as a Parish family, we will process to the Fatima Shrine for the May Crowning celebration.
This is a great way to honor our Blessed Mother!

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST will be held on Sunday, May 11, 2025, after Mass. Due to the damage at the Social Hall, we will gather for breakfast at the Bennetts Valley Community Center (former elementary school).
 Tickets will be on sale after Mass this weekend May 3/4.
 The cost will be \$7 for adult/\$3 for children 10 and under.



THANK YOU to all who donated to our Easter Flower fund. We were able to purchase the beautiful flowers that decorate our Church environment. Your donations are greatly appreciated! **GOD BLESS!**

Additional memorials received from Janice Levenduski in memory of...
 Edward J. Levenduski
 Olive and Ambrose Mitchell
 Peggy Mitchell Ingram
 Ronald E. Mitchell

Thank You to everyone who helped to prepare for and celebrate Holy Week and Easter Masses here at St. Joseph Church. The many hours of your time and talents are so greatly appreciated!

God Bless You!



Good Shepherd Collection for retired diocesan priests will take place on the weekend of **May 10/11**. A letter from the Bishop is included with this bulletin. Thank you for your generosity.

Kersey K of C Monthly Breakfast Sunday, May 4th, 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!

From Fishing to Shepherding

I haven't gone fishing for many years. I know that it is a very popular sport. I do enjoy eating fish, especially at our dinners during the season of Lent. Along with millions of other people, I am very grateful for those who make their living by fishing, in order to provide this food for the whole world.

We hear in this weekend's Gospel that Jesus again reveals Himself to His Apostles after His Resurrection. This time, Jesus shows up at the shore along the Sea of Tiberias. Several hours before this, Peter had decided to go fishing in late evening with the other Apostles joining him, "but that night, they caught nothing." (John 21: 3)

At dawn, the Risen Lord was already on the seashore, baking fish on an open fire for His Apostles. He told His Apostles to cast their nets on the right side of the boat. The Apostle John recognized it was Jesus. In doing this, they brought in an overwhelming number of large fish--153! The number of 153 fish symbolizes that they caught a large number of fish.

In this chapter from St. John's Gospel, we learn a lot about the Apostle Peter. He is absolutely set on following Jesus. In this story, Peter was the first to jump out of the boat and run to Jesus, Who was standing on the seashore. The Disciples had breakfast with Jesus. The vocation of Peter's work at this time would now go from **fishing to shepherding**.

No longer would Peter need a net to fish for a living. As we have heard last Sunday, in the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 5, and this Sunday as well, Peter's full time work now would be healing in Jesus's Name and teaching about Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Toward the end of this Sunday's Gospel from John 21, Jesus asks Peter three times "Do you love me?" Peter, who denied our Lord three times during His Passion, is now so deeply taken by the Risen Lord, that his response is "You know that I love You." (John 21: 17) Peter then is given the ministry of **shepherding and feeding** God's People with the Word of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

We are grateful for all of the deacons, priests, monsignors, bishops, and cardinals who shepherd our Church today. May we continue to pray for each of them.

God Bless,
 Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, May 05, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Vicki Peters 3rd anniversary	husband-Kim	Easter Weekday	Acts 6: 8-15 Jn 6: 22-29 (273)
Tuesday, May 06, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Frank Michelini 2nd anniversary	Don & Rita Olszewski	Easter Weekday	Acts 7: 51--8: 1a Jn 6: 30-35 (274)
Wednesday, May 07, 2025 No Mass			Easter Weekday	Acts 8: 1b-8 Jn 6: 35-40 (275)
Thursday, May 08, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Mary Ann Swisher	John & Becky Bricen	Easter Weekday	Acts 8: 26-40 Jn 6: 44-51 (276)
Friday, May 09, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Joe & Anna Castellani anniversary	John & Family	Easter Weekday	Acts 9: 1-20 Jn 6: 52-59 (277)
Saturday, May 10, 2025 No Mass			Easter Weekday <i>Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest</i>	Act 9: 31-42 Jn 6: 60-69 (278)
Saturday, May 10, 2025 5:30 p.m. Mass	Jim Long	Elyse Long & Family	Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Easter	(see below)
Sunday, May 11, 2025 9:15 a.m. Mass MOTHER'S DAY	 Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Acts 13: 14, 43-52 Rv 7: 9, 14b-17 Jn 10: 27-30 (51)

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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

On the following Mondays, during the month of May, the 5th, 12th, and 19th, Dr. Janet Satterlee will be leading an Adult Faith Formation class on The Blessed Mother, Mary, and the Rosary, beginning at 6:30 pm in the Faith Formation Center. (All are welcome)

**Blue Jay Market
Craft & Vendor Show
Saturday, May 10th
10 AM to 3 PM
Bennetts Valley Community Center**

We are going to have a table set up at the Blue Jay Market on May 10th. Books and puzzles will be sold for \$1-\$2 All proceeds to benefit St. Joseph Church Social Hall renovations. Thank you for your support!

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