

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FORCE, PA

#### **Parish Stewardship**

Weekly collection for 06/08/25	\$2,867.00
Weekly budget goal	
Difference	
CSA 2025 Assessment Goal	\$30,504.00
CSA Pledges to date	

Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church!

#### POPE'S INTENTION FOR JUNE

#### That the World Might Grow in Compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from His Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world. Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6pm

#### **Baptismal Training Sessions 2025**

August 7th 7:00 pm St. Joseph Church 814-787-4151 August 28th 6:30 pm St. Mark, Emporium 814-486-0569

Mark your calendar for our **5th Annual Golf Outing** which will be held on **Sunday, August 17**.

It will be held at Silverwoods Golf Course at Treasure Lake, DuBois. Start getting your team together! More information will follow.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Mark your calendar to attend the 21st Annual St. Joseph Parish Picnic on **Sunday, August 10th**. More information will follow in future bulletins.

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. The deadline to sign up has been extended to July 18th. Contact Bernadette at 814-371-0108 for more information.

A Family Perspective Today's Gospel tells us that God wants to be with us always and in all ways. Every family is called to be a tabernacle where God dwells. Is Jesus a permanent member of your family or a temporary guest? Today, the promise is given. The choice is yours.

#### Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments-Listen:

This summer, when children are out of school, meeting new people and going to new places, make sure that you talk to them often about their experiences and the people they've met. Listen carefully to your children. If possible, observe and get to know the other children and adults who are part of your children's summertime fun. Above all, communicate your safety concerns to your children. Make sure your children know they can come to you with any concerns they may have about the people they interact with. And if you hear of or observe behaviors that may be inappropriate, make sure to communicate your feelings to people who are in a position to intervene. Communication is key in creating and maintaining a safe environment all year round. For additional resources visit: <a href="https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/">www.eriercd.org/childprotection/</a>

#### The First and Easiest Prayer

My friends, the very first and easiest prayer that is prayed over us in a very necessary way is when the priest or deacon pours Holy Water over our head and baptizes us "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." We receive this precious Sacrament in the name of the Most Holy Trinity.

Most of us are taught in our early childhood years by our parents how to make the *Sign of the Cross* over ourselves *in the Name of the Father*, as we touch our forehead, *and of the Son*, as we touch our stomach area, *and of the Holy Spirit*, as we touch our left shoulder and then our right shoulder. In doing this prayer with our right hand, we are renewing and acknowledging the graces and protection of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit over our life.

We are taught that this holy action is the best way to start any other prayers we want to pray. We pray it again at the end of our petitions; and, we make the Sign of the Cross to acknowledge the presence of the **Most Holy Trinity** in us as we conclude our prayers.

On this **Trinity Sunday**, let us take time to reflect on how important and yet very simple this prayer of making the *Sign of the Cross* over ourselves really is **for us**. In praying this very simple and profound prayer throughout the day, we are inviting God the Father and Creator, God the Son our Savior and Redeemer, Jesus our Lord, and God the Holy Spirit, our Sanctifier and Consoler, into our hearts and lives for a deeper relationship.

Do you want to grow into a deeper love for God, your neighbor, and yourself? Then make the *Sign of the Cross* and do this simple prayer, silently to yourself or aloud, everyday for the rest of your life and abundant joy and peace will be yours and a gift to share with others.



God Bless, Father Mark <u>We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray</u>

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Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures	
Monday, June 16, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Irene Gregori birthday	Kathy Calliari	Weekday	2 Cor 6: 1-10 Mt 5: 38-42 (365)	
Tuesday, June 17, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Leo Brown	Family	Weekday	2 Cor 8: 1-9 Mt 5: 43-48 (366)	
Wednesday, June 18, 2025 No Mass			Weekday	2 Cor 9: 6-11 Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18 (367)	
Thursday, June 19, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Rose Youngmark	John & Becky Bricen	Weekday Saint Romuald, Abbot	2 Cor 11: 1-11 Mt 6: 7-15 (368)	
Friday, June 20, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Johnnie & Gerry Muccio anniversary	Rick & Donna Muccio and family	Weekday	2 Cor 11: 18, 21-30 Mt 6: 19-23 (369)	
Saturday, June 21, 2025 No Mass			Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	2 Cor 12: 1-10 Mt 6: 24-34 (370)	
Saturday, June 21, 2025 5:30 p.m. Mass	Angeline Cheslock 4th anniversary	Larry & Jean Brown	Vigil of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	(see below)	
Sunday, June 22, 2025 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	Gn 14: 18-20 1 Cor 11: 23-26 Lk 9: 11b-17 (169)	

#### St. Joseph Church

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Rev. Mark J. Mastrian ...... Pastor

Parish Secretary: **Barb Allegretto** Faith Formation: **Emily Luchini** Domestic Administrator: **Miriam Pane**Pastoral Council President: **Bryan Chiappelli** Finance Council Moderator: **Leon Calliari** 

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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

#### Prayer to be an Athlete for Christ

(a continuation of Jubilee of Sports: Pray this today!)

Lord Jesus, You love me and You know the story of my life. I thank You for Your Forgiveness and Love! I humbly come to You in prayer. Please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Just as Saint Paul followed You and described the Christian disciple as like a disciplined athlete and a runner who does not lose sight of the finish line, help me in a similar way as I follow You, to be Your Disciple in serving You and Your People. Help me to be at my best and honest in sports and all other activities I partake in. Please enable me to do Your Holy Will and allow Your Plan for my life to be accomplished through me. Help all of us to work together as Your Disciples and to make this world a better place for Your Glory and Honor through Christ our Lord. Amen!

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