

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THAT THE WORLD
MAY BELIEVE
THAT YOU
SENT ME.

— JOHN 17:23 —

Parish Stewardship

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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 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

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, following 9:15 am Mass. Tickets will be on sale after Mass on May 31/June 1 and June 7/8. Cost will be \$9 for adults 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 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.

Marriage Moment #1150: Just for today, pay attention to your breath, your spirit, your physical well being and be thankful for life no matter how fragile. Ask your spouse to remind you.

Parenting Pointer#1147:

Disciplining your child does not always mean punishment. Sometimes, a child learns self discipline by experiencing the consequences of their actions. If they choose not to study for a test, a poor grade results. Perhaps a hard lesson, but better to learn it as a child when the stakes are low than if losing a job might be the consequence.

Sacred Heart Bingo Friday, June 6. BIG GIVEAWAY (4) gift certificates worth 3 months of BINGO. Must be present to win! Doors open @ 4pm. FREE lunch served @ 5:30 pm. Games start 6:45 pm.

Coming Together and Celebrating

We all come together and celebrate significant events throughout the year, especially during the holidays. This special time of the year of summer events, many people come together to celebrate graduations, weddings, anniversaries, and family reunions. Most often, our continual celebrations and gatherings may happen once a week for a large dinner at grandma and grandpa's house, and of course, special gatherings for annual birthday parties. Celebrating together at these kind of gatherings bring families and friends closer.

Coming together and being ready to celebrate Jesus' Gifts to each of us is the emphasis of our Second Reading from the Book of Revelation in this Sunday's Readings. The Apostle John writes the Words of Jesus' Message to His Loved Ones, His Bride the Church. The word *come* (coming) is used six times in this Reading: "Behold, I am *coming* soon." (Rev 22: 12c) and again toward the end of the passage when Jesus says: "The Spirit and the Bride say, "*Come*." Let the hearer say, "*Come*." Let the one who thirsts *come* forward and the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water. The One Who gives this testimony says, Yes, I am *coming* soon: Amen! *Come*, Lord Jesus." (Rev 22: 17, 20)


In these final words of the whole Book of Revelation, Jesus invites those who have believed in His Message and have lived Jesus' Message by their deeds, to come together and to receive these eternal gifts, which is everlasting life.

Finally, at the Last Supper, Jesus prays to God the Father that the Apostles would come together as one and always strive for unity among each other "...that they may be one, as we are one." (John 17: 22)

Coming together can always be an opportunity of having good fellowship, having a meal, but especially responding to Jesus' Invitation of being united together by God's Love. Ask yourself at your next gathering: *In what ways is Jesus inviting us to be more united, more forgiving, more loving, and more open to being one?* And then at Mass, pray: Jesus, help us to be more patient and kind. Help us to come together in unity.

God Bless,
 Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, June 02, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	John Lovenduski	Family	Easter Weekday <i>Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs</i>	Acts 19: 1-8 Jn 16: 29-33 (297)
Tuesday, June 03, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Leonard & Helen Lovenduski 64th wedding anniversary	Family	Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs	Acts 20: 17-27 Jn 17: 1-11a (298)
Wednesday, June 04, 2025 No Mass			Easter Weekday	Acts 20: 28-38 Jn 17: 11b-19 (299)
Thursday, June 05, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Johanna DeMonte	Donald & Nancy Chiappelli	Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr	Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11 Jn 17: 20-26 (300)
Friday, June 06, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Angeline Cheslock	grandchildren	Easter Weekday <i>Saint Norbert, Bishop</i>	Acts 25: 13b-21 Jn 21: 15-19 (301)
Saturday, June 07, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass FIRST SATURDAY	Deceased members of the Serafini Family	Family	Easter Weekday	Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31 Jn 21: 20-25 (302)
Saturday, June 07, 2025 5:30 p.m. Mass	Lucian & Theophila Benevich	Peggy Lou, Jerry, and Bernadette	Vigil of Pentecost Sunday	(see below)
Sunday, June 08, 2025 9:15 a.m. Mass 	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		PENTECOST SUNDAY	Acts 2: 1-11 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13 Rom 8: 8-17, Jn 20: 19-23 Jn 14: 15-16, 23b-26 (63)

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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 II

Traditionally, every 25 years in Old Testament Hebrew thinking and practice, would be a Jubilee Year that would celebrate God's Forgiveness to His People. What this meant was that all debts were forgiven, relationships were restored, and people were profoundly called back to a relationship with God through personal prayer and worship in the temple on the Sabbath. The whole year was considered a sabbatical year.

Wow! I think all of us, younger and older, can certainly benefit from a sabbatical year. Well my friends, the good news is that it is here for us. Let us seize the day, so to speak.

We can celebrate this Jubilee Year of Hope by emphasizing the gift and virtue of hope, in recognizing where we have hope in our own personal lives and where we need hope to survive and thrive in our spiritual lives. Reading the Bible everyday and being faithful to our devotions can help us bring the gift of hope then to our families, friends, and our fellow parishioners here at St. Joseph Church. Finally, we can celebrate the gift of hope in all of our parish activities that we are doing together this year. I will share with you some ideas to come that are activities that bring hope.

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