

St. Joseph Parish



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SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-12:00 pm &
1:30-4:00 pm by appointment
(Closed Friday)

Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:15 pm | Sunday - 8:30 & 11:00 am
Weekday: M, T, Th, Fri - 8:00 am and Wed. - 12:10 pm

Confessions

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 pm or by appointment

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Baptism: Please contact the parish office to schedule a time and date. A pre-baptism class is required preferably before the child is born.

Matrimony: Please contact the pastor for marriage preparation at least one year in advance of the wedding.

Prayer Line: For intentions, please call 724-981-3232.



Welcome New Parishioners & Visitors!
We welcome and invite you to become part of our parish community!

To pre-register, fill out the form below and place in the offertory basket. For full registration, please feel free to pick up a Welcome Packet located at each entrance and return at your convenience.

PARISHIONER PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY & ZIP _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

Place your completed form in today's offertory collection basket.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH



FIRST COMMUNION

APRIL 20, 2024

CONGRATULATIONS TO
JOSEPH SIMKO AND MYLES MINICH

MAY YOU ALWAYS KNOW THE PEACE
OF JESUS, THE LIGHT OF HIS LOVE
AND THE JOY OF HIS LIFE
WITHIN YOU.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This Saturday, April 27, at 10:00 am we will be having a parish clean-up day. We have such a beautiful church building and church grounds, but we want to make sure they are taken care of. Please come if you are able. We will be having crews both outside and inside. **Bring hard rakes, pitch forks, wheelbarrows, shears, loppers, shovels, and gloves.** The outside crews will be primarily mulching and trimming the hedges. The inside crews will be doing general cleaning. Pizza will be provided at 12:30. If we get enough people, all of the work should be done by then.

This is the joyful time of year when we celebrate First Holy Communion and Confirmations. Our 3rd graders celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 20, at the 5:15 pm Mass. Our Confirmation students will be Confirmed this Thursday, April 25, at 7:00 pm at Notre Dame Church. Please keep our First Communicants and Confirmation Students in your prayers. As we celebrate these sacraments, it is a good opportunity to reflect on our own experiences and to recognize the places in which Jesus has been present in our lives, whether we noticed it or not. Perhaps God was particularly present in our lives in our own big moments, such as our own First Communion, Confirmation, or wedding. Perhaps he was present in our lives in small ways, or perhaps even in times of trouble and difficulty. With eyes of faith, we are called to recognize the hand of God shepherding us through our lives in the midst of joys and sorrows. This is a good time to recall when God was powerful in our lives in the past, and to be reinvigorated to see the face of Jesus more clearly in the present and the future.

Lastly, I would like to thank our Women's Guild, Music Ministry, and Liturgy Committee for making last weekend such a wonderful celebration. We are blessed to have such dedicated parishioners who are willing to give their time and talent. Please continue to keep Deacon Michael in your prayers as he begins his ordained ministry.

In Christ,
Fr. Power



Parish Spring Cleanup Day Saturday, April 27 at 10:00 am

Next Saturday, April 27 at 10 am we will be having a parish clean-up/gardening day. Please come if you are able. We have such a beautiful property and we need to make sure it is looking as good as it can.

All are invited to help. Many hands make light work, so bring a friend. A pizza lunch will be provided.



Family Perspective

Today's gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people the most influential shepherd in their lives is a parent. Every parent is called to be a "good shepherd" to "freely lay down their life" for their children, to "love" and "know" their children and to "lead" them so "they know your voice."

April 22 is [Earth Day](#). Take stock of what your family already recycles (paper, plastic, cans...) Good! Can you add one more thing to recycle? Better yet, commit to avoid buying something that needs recycling, especially plastic.



MOTHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUET

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12. Spiritual Bouquet Card Sets were issued in last week's bulletin.

In order to make the bulletin publication we ask you to please **print clearly** on the outer envelope and return the outer envelope no later than **Sunday, May 5** by placing it in the offertory basket at Mass or dropping it off in the church mailbox outside the office door.

Also available is online giving at our secure website, Vanco at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZA2Z/home>. Click the Mother's Day tab to submit your loved ones' names and your donation.

If you did not receive a card set but would like one, please call the church office at 724-981-3232.

BAPTISM CLASS If you are planning to have your child baptized, a baptism class is required for the parents. To register, please call the church office at 724-981-3232.



Featured Item of the Week

"Canned Tuna"

Please place your donation in the shopping cart located in the Gathering Space or at the Clepper's entrance.

Upcoming Featured Items

Can/Box Soups * Pancake Mix & Syrup * Jelly

For qualified individuals, upcoming May Food Pantry distribution dates are Friday, May 3rd and 17th from 9:30-11:00 A.M.

WEEKEND COLLECTION-April 9, 2024

Number of Adult envelopes sent..... 611
Number of Adult envelopes used..... 173
Number of unused envelopes..... 438
Sunday Offertory.....\$ 7,013
Budgeted Offertory..... \$10,650
Deficit\$ 3,637

WEEKEND COLLECTION-April 15, 2024

Number of Adult envelopes sent..... 611
Number of Adult envelopes used..... 179
Number of unused envelopes..... 432
Sunday Offertory.....\$ 7,402
Budgeted Offertory..... \$10,650
Deficit\$ 3,248



The Blue Army of Mercier County invites everyone to gather on Monday, May 13, 2024 for the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Our gathering will take place at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Farrell, PA. We will begin at 12:00 pm with prayerful events including the Crowning of Our Holy Mother of God, Rosary

Prayer, and community intentions.

The Our Lady of Fatima traveling Pilgrim Statue will be present with First Class Relics. A special thanks given in advance to the Knights of Columbus, Knights of the Blue Army, and the many Blue Army members praying with us.

Sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima ~ Blue Army of Mercer County. For more information, contact Tina Scoccia at 724-877-0987.

Child Abuse Prevention Month: National CyberTipline: The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's CyberTipline is the nation's centralized reporting system for the online exploitation of children. Anyone can make reports of suspected online enticement of children for sexual acts, molestation, child pornography, child sex tourism, child sex trafficking (includes prostitution), child sextortion and unsolicited obscene materials sent to a child. Misleading domain names, misleading words or digital images on the internet can also be reported to the CyberTipline. All tips are reviewed to find a potential location for the reported incident. It is then made available to the appropriate law-enforcement agency for possible investigation. NCMEC provides resources/help in removing an online image. Reports can be made 24/7 online at www.cybertipline.org or by calling (800) 843-5678.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Ford Bartle, Liam Rueberger, Peggy Heldorfer, Gene Pacsi, William Haroldson, Helen Donnelly, Msgr. Andrew Karg, Lois Trimble, Adele Ontko, Delbert Ontko, Beth Bottenfield, Rich Pannutti, Ed Doughty, Jean Hetrick, Barbara Burdick, Frances Rice, Marie Peterson, Ed Gursky, Joe Biro, Chuck H., Mary Ellen Luensman, Lorraine Penhos, Walter Zuhosky, Loretta Krutsch, Bridget Titus and Lisa Dawson.



This weekend all parishes and missions in the Diocese of Erie are taking a special collection to support the needs of our retired Diocesan priests. This special collection will assist those dedicated priests who are elderly, seriously ill or incapacitated, and in need of supplementary assistance for expenses such as non-insured medical costs, nursing home and long-term care assistance. As the number of retired priests increases in the upcoming years, the Priest Retirement Plan will need additional funding to cover future needs. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of priests who have served faithfully and serve now as a "thank you" for their many years of faithful service. Help provide them the same love and generosity they provided for us for generations.

Table with Mass Schedule for Weekend of April 27/28. Columns: April 27/28, SATURDAY 5:15 pm, SUNDAY 8:30 am, SUNDAY 11:00 am. Rows: Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Servers, Greeter.

MASS Intentions
+ INDICATES MASS * PARISH EVENTS

- Monday, April 22-Acts 11: 1-18 / Jn 10: 1-10
+8:00 Amanda Mohan (Mom & Dad)
Tuesday, April 23-Acts 11: 19-26 / Jn 10: 22-30
+8:00 Jack Heldorfer (Family)
Wednesday, April 24-Acts 12: 24-13:5a / Jn 12: 44-50
+12:10 Juliana Varraux (Shirley Kovac)
Thursday, April 25-1 Pt 5: 5b-14 / Mk 16: 15-20
+8:00 David U'Halie (Ann U'Halie)
+7:00 Confirmation at Notre Dame, Hermitage
Friday, April 26-Acts 13: 26-33 / Jn 14: 1-6
+8:00 Anna Romelfanger (Mary Ann Mustake)
Saturday, April 27-Acts 9: 26-31 / 1 Jn 3: 18-24 / Jn 15: 1-8
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
*10:00 Parish Clean-up Day
+5:15 Living Parishioners of the Parish
Sunday, April 28-Acts 9: 26-31 / 1 Jn 3: 18-24 / Jn 15: 1-8
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
+8:30 Juliana Varraux (Patricia Benes)
+11:00 Ann Baldarelli (Arlett & Jim Eulo)

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