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MASS SCHEDULE

Lord's Day Masses
Saturday 5:30PM, Sunday 8:30AM & 10:45AM
Weekday Masses: Monday through Friday, 7:30AM
Holy Day Masses: 7:30AM & 7:00PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:30–5PM (or by appointment)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By appointment. Please call to arrange for date and instruction.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the rectory office at least one year prior to the marriage to make arrangements.

CARE OF THE SICK

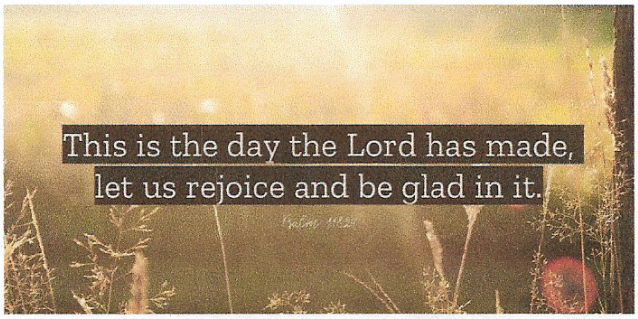
Please advise us of parishioners who are sick or in the hospital, that we might keep them in prayer and, if possible, visit them. Anyone who is unable to celebrate Mass with us in Church is urged to advise us so that we might bring the Eucharist to them at home.

Your Family Parish

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00 AM -12:00PM

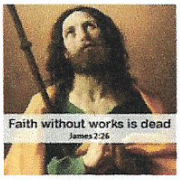
Stewardship – Time - Talent –Treasure

Sunday Collection	**$**	**-**
Parish Repairs & Cap. Improvement	**$**	**-**
Peter's Pence	**$**	**-**
Annual Collection	**$**	**-**
Total Collection for 7/12/20	**Not**	**Available**



St. James is the brother of John the Evangelist. The two were called by Jesus as they worked with their father in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. James & John were nicknamed "sons of thunder" by Jesus, likely reflecting the fiery enthusiasm of these two apostles.

St. James, man of prayer,
pray that we may listen and respond to God's call in our lives.
Blessed James, may your inner spirit of peace,
good work, discipleship &prayer always be an inspiration to us.
Holy Apostle, walk with us on our journey of faith. May your prayers obtain for us the wisdom to discern God's call and the strength to endure, so that we may grow in holiness and rejoice in communion with all the saints.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. -Amen



Mass Intentions

Week End Schedule

Sat July 18th 5:30pm Mass ✝Jimmy Bent, requested by his wife Almerinda Bent
Sun. July 19th 8:30am Mass ✝Edna Lennon, requested by her daughter Denise Davis
Sun. July 19th 10:45am Mass for Parishioners
Sat July 25th 5:30pm Mass ✝John Morris, requested by his Family
Sun. July 26th 8:30am Mass OPEN
Sun. July 26th 10:45am Mass OPEN

Week Day Mass Schedule

Mon. July 20th– 7:30am Mass ✝Fr. Robert D. Bruso
Tues., July 21st – 7:30am Mass for Parishioners
Wed. July 22nd– 7:30am Mass for Parishioners
Thurs. July 23rd– 7:30am Mass for Parishioners
Fri. July 24th – 7:30am Mass for Parishioners
The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus
1 Corinthians 11:25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Holy Saints this Week
Wed. July 22nd –*St. Mary Magdalene*
Sat. July 25th –*St. James*

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH
Join Fr. Tokarz for our weekly novena to St. Joseph our patron saint on Wednesdays, after morning Mass. St. Joseph is our patron and we must pray to him for favors and blessings.

Tabernacle Light, July 19th – July 25th
In loving memory of Deceased Parishioners of,
St. Joseph the Good Provider Parish

Intercessions for Life
May married couples embrace their call to total, faithful, and fruitful love, and joyful openness to new life;
We pray to the Lord

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom."-Matthew 13:24, 37-38
As children of God, we are all "good seeds." We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others, and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

Prayers for the sick: Lindsey, Terry, George Pendergast, Mary Baer, Jennifer Berube, Elsa Polewarczyk, Ray Renzoni, Pat Renzoni, Cathy Simmons, Skip Spinney, Bill, Mark, Cory, Luke LeSage, Marianne, Nick, Treasure, Karen Baum, Jason, Maureen, Don, Michael Shutt, Robert Wild, Jim, Evelyn Centeno

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday July 18th– 5:30 pm	**Sunday July 19th- 8:30am**	**Sunday July 19th- 10:45 Mass**
Altar Servers:	**Altar Server:**	**Altar Server:**
Acolyte: George	**Acolyte:**	**Acolyte:**
Lector: Lucille Roux	**Lector:** Bob Rainville	**Lector:** Jim Wrobel
Eucharistic Ministers:	**Eucharistic Ministers:**	**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Parishioners of St. Joseph the Good Provider, To describe the kingdom of heaven, Jesus turns again to his number one teaching tool – parables. He explains about the wheat and the weeds, yeast and flour, a mustard seed that grows large for the birds to settle in. We have enemies in the world who try to disrupt everything. They will be collected at the end of time along with the good people. The evil ones will be destroyed; the good ones will be in the kingdom of God. God's lenience and mercy are extolled throughout today's scriptures. Wisdom teaches us that God's mercy gives us all "good ground for hope." The Holy Spirit helps us in our human imperfection; St. Paul explains. Jesus' parables illustrate that with God's patience we can rise and shine like the sun, even as part of a field of weeds or as a seemingly insignificant as a tiny mustard seed. Reassured, we sing together "Lord you are good and forgiving." Jesus reveals to his disciples' parables are not meant to be taken literally. God the wise and merciful judge is patient with weeds, allowing them to grow to completion. Growth implies change. Change effected by the Spirit, who comes to the aid of human weakness, and is transformative. Throughout the human growing season – our lifetimes – there remains hope for even the most wicked of weeds. Heaven is a place for everyone. No matter whom you are, where you come from, or what you've done, God has a spot waiting for you. Your faith is the key to getting there. The image of a huge bush filled with birds flying in from every direction to nest together in its branches is a beautiful vision of the heavenly kingdom. May our example draw others to flock to God's welcoming, loving, infinite embrace. May the Holy Spirit guide us. Lord Jesus, you are the searcher of hearts, calling us to a life of love for one another.

NIECH BEDZIE POCHWALONY JEZUS CHRYSTUS! PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST! - *Fr. Tom Tokarz, Pastor*

PRAYER for REVERANCE

Awaken me, O God, to the beauty of life.
Quicken my instincts when I reach a "thin place"
-that sacred moment that provides glimpses
of the Divine in the midst of the ordinary.
Gentle my thoughts so that I am better able
to view others and myself
with tenderness and generosity.
Give rhythm to my steps so that
I may keep time with the real life
lying below the surface of my anxieties
and relentless pursuits.
Awaken me O God,
to moments of reverence.
- Amen

Important

Fall Fair News!

Thank you to all who attended the Meeting!

More Details to follow!

It has been decided that due to the continued threat of the Corona Virus & the mandates for public gatherings we must cancel both the Fall Fair and the Christmas Shoppe Fair for 2020

Although we were confident we could take the steps to ensure the health and safety of our visitors and volunteers there was concern for the adherence to the Commonwealth's guidelines for social distancing.

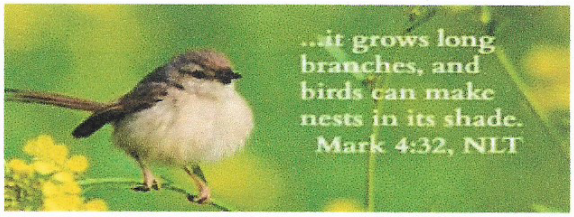
In response there will be Two Raffles this year to help support the parish which has depended upon the proceeds from the two fairs combined to cover operating expenses.

Partners in Charity

Partners in Charity is continuing.
The appeal is for charity and education.

For those who have contributed, I thank you for your generosity, 30 families have pledged $11,730. Those who have not given, please look into your hearts, help us. Note:checks should be made out to St. Joseph the Good Provider.

Please continue to pray for this appeal.



Become a Bible Lover with 'Bible Talks'

Wednesday evenings in July!

Please consider joining Bro. Jorge Sanchez OMV on Wed. nights beginning July 8 at 6:30pm and each consecutive Wednesdays

You don't have to attend every session! Join us when you can!

Talk 1: Healing and Forgiveness, was well attended and enjoyed!
Talk 2: The Eucharistic Heart of Jesus – July 15
Talk 3: Preparing for Holy Mass with Venerable Bruno Lanteri (Br. Jonas Verdeflor, OMV) – July 22
Talk 4: Living a Eucharistic Life – July 29

Every week the attendees will hear a presentation. There'll be assigned meditations based on the talks and drawn from Holy Scripture.

"I have asked the Lord to give you great courage & firm hope in God."

Berlin Family Food Pantry will be collecting items July 26, the 4th Sun. of the month. Donation Box at the Church entrance. *Thank you for your continued support and generosity!*

We remember all those who have died and those affected by the Coronavirus as we pray for strength, mercy & peace.

Prayer in Time of Pandemic

O God, whose Only Begotten Son bore the weight
of human suffering for our salvation,
hear the prayers of your Church
for our sick brothers & sisters and deliver us
from this time of trial.
Open our ears and our hearts to the voice
of your Son: Be not afraid, for I am with you always.
Bless all doctors and nurses, researchers
and public servants;
give us the wisdom to do what is right
and the faith to endure this hour,
that we might gather once again
to praise your name in the heart of your Church,
delivered from all distress and confident in your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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