Welcome to ...

Saint Joseph the Good Provider Parish

52 West Street, P.O. Box 284
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Blessed is the Mother, who lets
the Lord be her guiding hand,
whose faith brings her
family courage,
whose wisdom comes from God.

May you have a happy and Blessed Mother's Day!

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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	**$**	**-**
Fuel	**$**	**-**
Repairs and Capital Improvements	**$**	**-**
Easter	**$**	**-**
Total Collection 5/2/21	**Not**	**Available**

ROSARY & LITANY for the MONTH OF MAY
Each Sun. in May we'll recite the Rosary & Litany after 8:30 Mass
The month of May is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God please consider joining us for a Rosary and the Litany of the Virgin Mary on Sundays following 8:30 Mass
Weather permitting we will recite the Rosary at the grotto on the back hill. Everyone is welcome!

Bring flowers of the rarest,
bring flowers of the fairest,
From garden and woodland
and hillside and vale.
Our full hearts are swelling,
our glad voices telling,
The praise of the loveliest rose of the dale.
O Mary, we crown Thee
with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

Mass Intentions

Week End Schedule

Sat May 7th 5:30pm Mass ✝ Dorothy Morvillo, requested by her husband Dario
Sun. May 8th 8:30am Mass ✝Catherine Pope, requested by Jack and Nancy McDonald, and All Mothers, Living and Deceased
Sun. May 8th 10:45am Mass ✝Rose McDonald, requested by Jack and Nancy McDonald
Sat May 14th 5:30pm Mass ✝ Dorothy Morvillo, requested by her husband Dario
Sun. May 15th 8:30am Mass ✝Catherine Pope, requested by Jack and Nancy McDonald, and All Mothers, Living and Deceased
Sun. May 15th 10:45am Mass ✝Rose McDonald, requested by Jack and Nancy McDonald

Week Day Mass Schedule

Mon May 10th 7:30am Mass for Parishioners
Tues. May 11th – 7:30am Mass ✝Americo Texeira, requested by his children
Wed. May 12th – 7:30am Mass for Parishioners
Thurs. May 13th – 7:30amMass for Parishioners
Thurs. May 13th – 7:00pm Mass for Parishioners
Fri. May 14th– 7:30am Mass for Parishioners
This coming Thursday, May 13 is Ascension Thursday, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at at 7:30 am or 7:00pm
We are in the month of May dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Let us take time out to pray the Rosary and the Litany to our Blessed Mother for peace in the world.
During the Month of May, after the morning Mass, we will recite the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mother.

Holy Saints this Week
Thurs. May 9th – *Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord*
Fri. May 14th – *St. Matthias*

Intercessions for Life
For all mothers: That they may be encouraged and supported as they live out this special vocation;
We pray to the Lord

Tabernacle Light, May 9th – May 15th
In loving memory of Marie Spinney
requested by her children and grandchildren

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.

6th Sunday of Easter
"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" - JOHN 15:12-13
Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

Prayers for the sick: Grace Shelia Chace, Maryanne MacLeod, Skip Spinney, Judy, Paul, Kayleigh, Jerry, Mary, Marty, Jean, Ed, Theresa, Laura, Jacqui, Lindsey, Terry, Mary Baer, Jennifer Berube, Elsa Polewarczyk, Ray Renzoni, Pat Renzoni, Cathy Simmons, Mark, Karen Baum, Jason, Don, Michael Shutt, Robert Wild, Evelyn Centeno

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday May 8th– 5:30 pm	**Sunday May 9th- 8:30am**	**Sunday May 9th- 10:45 Mass**
Altar Servers:	**Altar Server:**	**Altar Server:**
Acolyte:	**Acolyte:**	**Acolyte:**
Lector:	**Lector:** Lucille Roux	**Lector:** Jim Wrobel

Parishioners of St. Joseph the Good Provider, It is apparent that in today's gospel, Jesus speaks of love. It is mentioned over a dozen times. The love Jesus has for his children is more than we can imagine. St. John in the second reading tells us to "love one another because love is of God." This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded. Today's Gospel holds the formula to finding complete joy. Jesus states it forthrightly to his disciples: "love one another as I love you" He says this so that the pure joy he feels may also be in them; and now, in us. Joy comes from a selfless attitude, from selfless action. It comes from loving others as we are loved. It is no accident that the word love appears in today's second reading and Gospel a total of eighteen times. Self-sacrificing love, in imitation of Jesus, brings unparalleled joy. All our readings move us from acceptance to love. Peter points out that the Holy Spirit comes to Gentiles and Jews alike. It does not discriminate. John calls on us to love one another. Jesus tells his disciples there is no greater love than laying down one's life for others. Let us listen to these lessons of grace filled tolerance and selfless love. From the beginning of creation God loved what he had made and still to the present loves us despite our failings.

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

Mother's Day is a special day for all mothers. As we celebrate this most honored day for all mothers we ask our Blessed Mother to bless them and keep them safe. Happy Mother's Day!

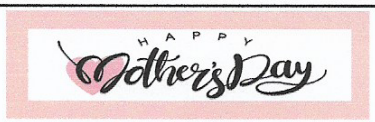
Final Religious Ed Class – May 9, 2021

Special Mother's Day
Final CCD Celebration – May 9

All Grades will participate in a Celebration of the Blessed Mother on May 9, our final class!.

We'll begin with a special liturgy at 8:30 and move outside to continue our celebration. The children will Crown Mary and weather permitting, all classes will join together to recite the Rosary outside. Parishioners are invited to join us on the back knoll for the devotion for Mary during her month of May.

Refreshments will be served following the rosary.



A Prayer for Mothers

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise
For mothers young and old.
We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes
and tend to our every need;
May they be blessed with patience & tenderness
to care for their families and themselves with great joy.
We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us;
May they continue to guide in strong and gentle ways.
We remember mothers who are separated
from their children because of war, poverty or conflict;
May they feel the loving embrace of
our God who wipes every tear away.
We pray for women who are not mothers
but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.
We remember mothers, grandmothers
& great-grandmothers who are no longer with us
But who live forever in our memory
and nourish us with their love.
Amen

Berlin Family Food Pantry

BFFP will be collecting items May 23, the 4th Sunday of the month The Food Donation Box is at the Church entrance.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Partners in Charity

2021Appeal continues this weekend please prayerfully consider giving!

Thank you to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2021 Partners in Charity Appeal. If you have not made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located in every pew. Our parish goal is $20,500, we are at 58% -$11,950 with 30 families giving. Donations may be sent directly to the Diocese (no postage) in the envelopes provided in the church.

"SPRING RAFFLE " TICKETS ARE IN THE MAIL!

Parishioners watch for your letter! You will be receiving tickets in the mail for our Spring Raffle to be drawn on

Sun, June 20 – Father's Day

Proceeds will benefit our new furnace for the church. Our current heating system is antiquated and in need of replacement

Additional books of tickets are available, please call the rectory.

Part-time Custodial Position: Our handy and capable custodian, Deb Anderson will be leaving her position. We are looking for an energetic & dedicated individual to maintain the church & property. Thank you Deb for your tireless dedication, extra care & attention, especially through Covid. Interested persons may contact the office.

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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