

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 1

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Bob & Rose Marie Bates + by their Children

Sunday, July 2

- Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Larry Sanders + by Marg Sanders

Monday, July 3

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Maurice Harvey + / Bill Lautzenheiser + by Mike & Debbie Lautzenheiser
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, July 4 - Independence Day

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. James Kistler + / Andy Anderson + by Carmie Anderson
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, July 5

- 6:25 p.m. Rosary
- 6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu Intention

Thursday, July 6

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Jim Cole + by Diana Cole
- 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Adoration
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 6:45 p.m. Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction
- 7:00 p.m. Mass

Friday, July 7

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Dennis Heyne + by Family
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, July 8

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Alice Pearson by Ray & Chris Hartman
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Ed Smith + by Phyllis Makowski Family

Sunday, July 9

- Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Angie Flowers Morris + by Mary Ann Flowers



Bud & Sharon Miller, Ramon Villamil, Genevieve Lohmuller, Dolores Borton, Gloria Gordon, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, James A. Yonker, Sr., Priscilla Rogers, Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, Ron Payne, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, George Bitzer, Dorothy 'Dottie' Marbach.

13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: JULY 2, 2017 YR. A.

WE ARE INVITED TO TAKE UP OUR CROSSES AND FOLLOW CHRIST.

From the Pastor's Desk:

“HOSPITALITY, PATIENCE, GENTLENESS, TRUST AND FAITH IN GOD IS ALWAYS REWARDED

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, in the name of the Lord Jesus, I say peace with you all. (1) **I want to thank you all my dear parishioners. You all are wonderful. My home Bishop Hilary Odili Okeke was very happy. He thanked you all. Other friends from other parishes also thanked you for coming out in such numbers. The good food. The Priests were very happy and surprised that you came out in such vast numbers, when it was not on a weekend. For all these I say: Thank You So Much. God Bless You.** (2) **I want also to thank all those who helped and artistically set up those things at the Narthex and the hallway, and coordinated the Bible Vacation School. It was wonderful. I must thank Kerry & Tracey and family and Michelle for coordinating this. Thanks to parents who brought the children and the catechists. Thanks to the children who volunteered and participated. May God continue to bless you all.** (3) **Thanks to all who participated in the Eucharistic Corpus Christi Procession. It was very good. Keep it up. “You are not far from the Kingdom of God.”**

Take up your cross and follow the Lord for **there is reward** when you carry your cross according to the will of our heavenly Father. **For: “Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.”** Cross in this context does not mean a piece of wood or pieces of wood. It means difficulty in our Christian Catholic life.

In the 1st Reading; 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a: A woman of influence, in the city of Shunem, was humble, patient with God and charitable, **although she has no son.** She was not angry with God for not giving her a son. She urged her husband to provide a place for **Elisha “the holy man of God”**. For her humble, charitable action, she was rewarded with a son. Patience is necessary for our salvation and success in life. (Please find time and read the whole passage 2 Kings 4:8-37). You will see how goodness and hospitality were rewarded. It is good to be a **Good Person**. Have trust and faith in God, He will take care of you and all your needs.

In the Gospel; Mt 10:37-42: The Lord Jesus said: **“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son, or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ... And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple -amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.”** HOME WORK: (1) **What does: a cup of cold water mean?** (2) **What does: one of these little ones mean?** {(1) A gift from the heart. (2) Give without strings, expecting nothing in return}.

You see, my dear brothers and sister in Christ, Hospitality, charitable acts, trust and faith in God, all these are rewarded. God promised to reward us. **Think deep about these: To love God more than your mother, father, your beloved daughter and son are not easy at all. You may think that these are easy, but when it comes to real action you will surely discover that they are not easy at all. They are not easy to come by, but not impossible. Take the case of Abraham and Isaac, his only son of the old age. Abraham trusted God with faith and really wants to sacrifice his son. But God timely intervened. Abraham did not physically sacrifice Isaac, but really in his heart, mind and will sacrificed him. And God rewarded him.**

So, be a good person. Trust and have faith in God. Love your neighbor, be generous, kind, gentle, loving, patient, humble etc. Do these and salvation will be yours.

God bless you Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu

Remember: “Heaven is for us all. I hope you are doing something about it”.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING DATE CHANGE!



The Knights of Columbus will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 5 (the 4th of July is on the first Tuesday) the Rosary is at 6:40 in the Church and the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the social hall.

ALL DAY ADORATION/ EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT ST. JOSEPH, BLUFFTON



Thursday, July 6, 2017 - 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. /

Evening Prayer- 6:30 p.m. /Litany of the Eucharist/ Benediction- 6:45 p.m. /Mass- 7:00 p.m.

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you plan to come and spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This helps us plan the day making sure Jesus is not left alone while exposed on the altar. Thank you!

PARISH PICNIC



Our Parish Picnic this year will be Sunday, September 10 at Roush Park, 925 W. Silver Street, Bluffton. This is the usual start date for Religious Education classes/Sunday School (the Sunday after Labor Day), since the Parish Picnic was scheduled for this date, we will begin Religious Education classes/Sunday School the following Sunday, September 17th. Please watch the bulletin for details about the picnic/signup sheet and also for information regarding Religious Ed/Sunday School classes. Thank you!



REDEEMER RADIO- Redeemer Radio's newest Odyssey:

Greece: In the Footsteps of St. Paul, May 4-12, 2018 led by Fr. Bob Garrow, Parochial Vicar of St. Jude parish in Fort Wayne. Watch for more information in the form of brochures coming soon.

ST. JOSEPH'S 2017 PARISH CALENDAR

- Mon., and Tues., July 3 & 4- Office Closed for the Holiday
- Thurs., July 6- All Day Adoration- Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.
- Thurs., July 6- New Evangelization Team meeting- 7:00 p.m.
- Sun., July 16- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses by St. Joseph Social Group
- Sun., Aug. 20- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses by Knights of Columbus
- Mon., Sept. 4- Labor Day- Office Closed for the Holiday
- Thurs., Sept. 7- All Day Adoration
- Sun., Sept. 10- Parish Picnic at Roush Park- 925 W. Silver Street, Bluffton- details coming!
- Sun., Sept. 17- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses by St. Joseph Youth Group
- Sun., Sept. 17- First day of Religious Education Classes- 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Sept. 19 - Thurs., Sept. 23- Bluffton Street Fair- Parking Lot Fundraiser
- Thurs., Oct. 5- All Day Adoration
- Sun., Oct. 15- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses by St. Joseph CCW
- Fri., Oct. 20 - Sun., Oct. 22- Parish Based Marriage Encounter- watch for details!
- Sat., Nov. 11- St. Joseph CCW 4th Annual Bazaar- 9a-3p.

WEEKEND OF July 8 and 9, 2017

CANTORS:

- 5:00 Leeann Kennerck
- 7:30 Mike Morrissey
- 10:00 Jay Crisp

LECTORS:

- 5:00 Ginny Fenstermaker
- 7:30 Carol Butler
- 10:00 Dan Geimer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 5:00 Joe Baur, Mary Ann Flowers. Virgil Lochtefeld
- 7:30 Donna Geisel, Jill Morrissey, Dave Gruss
- 10:00 Diana Cole, Monica Harris, Steve Higgins, Ann Reifsteck, Rick Singer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

- 5:00 Mike/Becky/Lorenz/Randy Anderson
- 7:30 Al/Mary Porrata
- 10:00 Todd Hartman & Sons & Chris Reifsteck & Sons

SERVERS:

- 5:00 Elisse or Darren Huss, Corey or Brooklynn Huss, Wyatt Girod
- 7:30 Brenden McCorkle, Mark/Beth Geisel
- 10:00 Quinn Dreiband, Kody/Cassie Coyne

Collection for Weekend of June 24 and 25 weekend

- Adult Envelopes- \$3,127.00
- Child Envelopes- \$7.80
- Loose- \$166.00
- Religious Ed. Fund- \$0
- Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$5.00
- Votive Candles- \$56.16
- Patterson Memorial- \$20.00
- Tri Kappa Donation- \$25.00
- Total- \$3,406.96**

Please remember to send your weekly contributions to St. Joseph's while you are away on vacation this summer!

The amount needed each week to make budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$1,709.44 behind budget from last week and \$2,467.44 behind for the month of June

Other Collections within our Parish-

Diocesan Special Collections:
Peter's Pence Coll.- \$1,080.00

Thank you for your gifts to St. Joseph's!

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon., July 3 - Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time - St. Thomas, Apostle - Eph 2:19-22/ Jn 20:24-29**
- Tues., July 4 - Independence Day - Gn 19:15-29/ Mt 8:23-27**
- Wed., July 5 - St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal - Gn 21:5,8-20a/ Mt 8:28-34**
- Thurs., July 6 - St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr - Gn 22:1b-19/ Mt 9:1-8**
- Fri., July 7 - Gn 23:1-4,19;24:1-8,62-67/ Mt 9:9-13**
- Sat., July 8 - Gn 27:1-5,15-29/ Mt 9:14-17**
- Sun., July 9 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Zec 9:9-10/ Rom 8:9,11-13/ Mt 11:25-30**

THANK YOU!

A big **THANK YOU!** to all who helped with Vacation Bible School! It was a great week and we had so much fun! It is such a pleasure teaching children about our loving God! See you next year!



Never lose an opportunity to seeing anything that is beautiful; for beauty is God's handwriting—a wayside sacrament. Welcome it in every fair face, in every fair sky, in every fair flower, and thank God for it as a cup of blessing