

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, July 10

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Hildegard Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, July 11

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Dale Morrissey + by Family
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, July 12

- 5:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/ Adoration
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 6:45 p.m. Litany of the Eucharist & Benediction
- 7:00 p.m. Trent Patterson + by Bill Haecker Family

Thursday, July 13

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Mother of Ben Cruz by Ben Cruz
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Friday, July 14

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Leola Lehman + by Donna Jean Warnimont
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary


Saturday, July 15

- 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. Herbert Lohmuller + by Genevieve Lohmuller

Sunday, July 16

- Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Steve & Nancy Wagner by Ray & Chris Hartman
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Parish Family

 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, and Dorothy 'Dottie' Marbach.

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: JULY 9, 2017 YR. A. GOD'S KINGDOM, TO BE ESTABLISHED

From the Pastor's desk:

WE ARE INVITED TO ESTABLISH THE KINGDOM OF GOD, BY LIVING IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST: THE SPIRIT OF LOVE, GRACIOUSNESS, GENTLENESS, MERCY, HUMILITY AND FORGIVENESS

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, in the name of the Lord Jesus, I say peace with you all. Most kingdoms of the world are established through war, violence, revolution. But the King of God is established differently. Unlike earthly kingdoms, God's Kingdom is established through love and justice. This is the sort Kingdom the Lord Jesus came and established,

Thus, in the 1st Reading, Zec 9:9-10, Zechariah, the prophet, prophesied about the Kingdom, that would be established by Lord Jesus Christ. A kingdom of peace, love and justice. Thus, he said: "Rejoice heartily, O daughter of Zion, ... See your king shall come to you; ... meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass." Zachariah the prophet set down this prophecy, when the country was overrun by the mighty power of Greek Alexander the great. He visualized a Messianic King to come. The king will enter Jerusalem peacefully. This is the kind of kingdom you will inherit, if you live in the Spirit of Christ.

Therefore, in the 2nd Reading; Rom 8:9, 11-13: St Paul said that if any one does not have the Spirit of Christ in him/her. he/she does not belong God and Christ. He/she who lives in flesh will die. But if you live in the Spirit of Christ, you put to death the deeds of the flesh which is corruption and decay.

And in the Gospel Mt 11:25-30: The Lord Jesus prayed to the Father on our behalf. Since Christ is pleading for us, we shall live and not die. He invites us to come to Him and have rest. Our work shall light and easy if we work in the Lord's vine yard. Let us embrace the work of Christ and be saved.

God bless you Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu

**Remember: "Heaven is for us all. I hope you are doing something about it".
NB: 1. We are organizing Marriage Encounter, "Parish Based."**

2. We are also planning a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year. It will be after Easter. So get ready to register, Details soon TBA.

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., July 10 - Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - Gn 28:10-22a/ Mt 9:18-26

Tues., July 11 - St. Benedict, Abbot - Gn 32:23-33/ Mt 9:32-38

Wed., July 12 - Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a,17:24a/ Mt 10:1-7

Thurs., July 13 - St. Henry - Gn 44:18-21,23b-29,45:1-5/ Mt 10:7-15

Fri., July 14 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin - Gn 46:1-7,28-30/ Mt 10:16-23

Sat., July 15 - St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/ Mt 10:24-33

Sun., July 16 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 55:10-11/ Rom 8:18-23/ Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

A true friend inspires you to believe the best in yourself, to keep pursuing your deepest dreams— most wonderful of all, they celebrate all your successes as if they were their own!

Michelle Vacation... I just wanted to inform you that I will be out of the office on vacation from July 25 through August 4; I will return to the office on Monday, August 7th. There will be someone in the office while I am away from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you need me to prepare Baptismal Certificates, etc., please contact me prior to July 25 or after August 7th. I will be out of the state during that period of time, however, I will be available by cell phone to the office person and to Msgr. Pius should questions or concerns arise. I will also advise the local funeral homes of my absence, God forbid, if help is needed to make arrangements. Thank you and God Bless You All! Michelle

A FAMILY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family.
Enlighten our hearts and minds that
we may live more fully this vocation to love.

In our daily life and work,
may we reflect the self-giving love which you,
O Father, eternally show with your Son
and the Holy Spirit.

Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns
in our home and in the faith we profess and live.
May our family always be a place of generosity,
understanding, forgiveness and joy.

Kindly give us the wisdom and courage
to be witnesses to your eternal design for
the family; and grant that the Holy Family
of Nazareth may always guide our path
to holiness as a family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.
Amen.



Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Supreme Chaplain.
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ST. JOSEPH'S 2017 PARISH CALENDAR


- Sun., July 16– Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.
Masses by St. Joseph Social Group
- Tues., July 25–through Aug. 4– Michelle vacation; will return
to the office Mon., Aug 7.
- 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– Park-
ing 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 Encoun-
ter– watch for details!
- Sat., Nov. 11– St. Joseph CCW 4th Annual Bazaar– 9a-3p.

WEEKEND OF July 15 and 16, 2017


CANTORS:

 **5:00** Nancy Leitz
7:30 Tammy Horn
10:00 Nichole Decker


LECTORS:

 **5:00** Glenn Ryan
7:30 Geoff Frank
10:00 Michelle Paxton


EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

 **5:00** Kevin or Jessica Seago, Missy Huss, Virgil Lochtefeld
7:30 Twilla Herr, Sherry Makowski, John Horn
10:00 Diana Cole, Rick Singer, Sandy Smythe, Jeff Miller,
Dan Geimer

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** Faith Loshe, Wyatt Girod, Any Huss Sibling
7:30 Oriana Makowski, Mark/Beth Geisel
10:00 Quinn Dreiband, Grayson Christal, Grant Reifsteck

Collection for Weekend of July 1 and 2 weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$2,815.00
Child Envelopes- \$28.30
Loose- \$193.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$50.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund-
\$1,097.00
Votive Candles- \$134.00
Flower donation- \$270.00
Total- \$4,587.30

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

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

We are \$529.10 behind budget
from last week.

Other Collections within our Parish-

St. Vincent de Paul Fund-
\$65.00
Bolivian Mission- \$10.00

Diocesan Special Collections:

Peter's Pence Coll.- \$40.00

PARISH BASED MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

A WEEKEND FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Attention all married couples!!! This
weekend, July 8 and 9, George and
Dianne Witwer discussed with us a Parish Based Marriage Encounter
weekend taking place on Friday, October 20, Saturday, October 21
and Sunday, October 22. This weekend is for couples with great
marriages to make them even better! Watch for details and bro-
chures as the planning is underway for this special weekend!

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Will be served after both 7:30 and 10:00
a.m. Masses next Sunday, July 16 by the
St. Joseph Social Group.

Please join together for fellowship in the
narthex after Mass
and enjoy a donut and coffee!



Save the date!

St. Joseph Annual Picnic will be Sunday,
September 10 at Roush Park,
925 W. Silver Street, Bluffton.
Watch for details and a sign up sheet!

