

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 24

- 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. Parish Family

Sunday, June 25

- Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Lloyd Smith Family by Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Gene & Kay Keys- Wedding Anniversary by Gene & Kay Keys

Monday, June 26

No Morning Mass, however, this intention will be celebrated at a private Mass...

- Edward & Hildegard Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey

Tuesday, June 27

6:00 p.m. Mass celebrated by Most Rev. Hilary Paul O. Okeke & Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu - Potluck Party to follow! - Frances Braun + & Mildred Huss by Dave & Margie Huss

Wednesday, June 28 - Please note time changes!

- 7:50 a.m. Rosary
- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of Welling & Sanders Family by Marg Sanders

Thursday, June 29

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Fr. John Gillig + by Family
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 10:30 a.m. Mass at River Terrace and visitation of the sick and homebound

Friday, June 30

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

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

Pray Daily and Love Always!



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.

12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: JUNE 25, 2017 YR.A.

From the Pastor's Desk:

WE ARE INVITED TO BE WITNESS OF GOD AND NEVER FEAR

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, in the name of the Lord Jesus, I peace with you all. **I am back from my Annual Priests' Retreat at Angola. It all went well and thanks to God. I prayed each of you and all your loved ones. Thanks for your own prayers for me. Remember that Tuesday June 27, 2017 my home Bishop, Most Rev. Hilary Paul O. Okeke will celebrate the Holy Mass for and with us. The Holy Mass starts by 6:00 p.m. and party starts after Mass about 6:30 p.m. It is POTLUCK PARTY. Everybody is invited.**

We all are invited by God to be witnesses. As witnesses of God and the Lord Jesus Christ, and of our faith, we must not fear.

In the 1st Reading; Jer 20:10-13: Prophet Jeremiah, witnessed without fear. The mystery of Kingdom of God can only be known by the witness of those who are committed with their faith. Who are they? It you and me. All of us. So, Jeremiah despite the plot of the enemies of God and faith, denounced evil without fear. That is what we are called to do. Listen to what Jeremiah said about those who wanted to kill him because he opposed their evil way of life. "Yes, I hear the whispering of many: 'Terror on every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce!'" Jeremiah was frightened by his enemies but he remained steadfast in telling the truth, witnessing to God's commandment. God came to his rescue and he said, "... Sing to the Lord, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!" You see, God always come to the help of his messengers.

In the 2nd Reading; Rom 5:12-15: St. Paul explained to us how sin and death entered the world. If by one man's sin, everyone sinned and thus death, by one Man's obedience grace entered the world and by that grace we gain life, we shall not be afraid of death. For Christ has conquered sin and death. So, do not be afraid to bear witness for God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the Gospel; Mt 10:26-33: The Lord Jesus Himself assured us of his support. He said to the 12 Apostles and to us: "Fear no one. ... what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both body and soul in Gehenna. That is in hell. So what you need to fear is sin for it destroys both body and soul in hell. God's protection is assured as said in the Gospel: "Are not sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. ... So, do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. You see! You hear that! Let us trust God and do God's work well and He will protect us and save.

God bless you Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu

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

Scatter seeds of kindness everywhere you go; Scatter bits of courtesy— watch them grow and grow: Gather buds of friendship; keep them till full-blown; You will find more happiness than you have ever known.

AMY R. RAABE

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., June 26 - Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time - Gn 12:1-9/ Mt 7:1-5

Tues., June 27 - St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - Gn 13:2,5-18/ Mt 7:6,12-14

Wed., June 28 - St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr - Gn 15:1-12,17-18/ Mt 7:15-20

Thurs., June 29 - Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles - Acts 12:1-11/ 2 Tm 4:6-8,17-18/ Mt 16:13-19

Fri., June 30 - The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church - Gn 17:1,9-10,15-22/ Mt 8:1-4

Sat., July 1 - St. Junipero Serra, Priest - Gn 18:1-15/ Mt 8:5-17

Sun., July 2 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2 Kgs 4:8-11,14-16a/ Rom 6:3-4,8-11/ Mt 10:37-42

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today we will have a second collection for Peter's Pence.

Thank you in advance for your generous donations to the Peter's Pence Collection.



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!



PILGRIMAGE TOUR ANNOUNCED!

Pilgrimage Tour for the **100th Anniversary of The Apparitions of Fatima**. Tour includes round trip airfare from Chicago, lodging at luxury class hotels, ground transportation in a deluxe motor coach, two daily meals, tour guide fees, entrance fees into all sites, along with tips, taxes, and gratuity. For more details and a packet of information please contact Erika Piotrowski at (231)720-8378 or email at erikap.euro@hotmail.com.



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!



ST. JOSEPH'S 2017 PARISH CALENDAR

- Sun., June 25- June 29- Vacation Bible School
- Tues., June 27- Msgr. Pius's home Bishop will be here visiting and will celebrate Mass with and for us by 6:00 p.m. followed by a potluck dinner. **Chicken and Lemonade will be served; please bring an extra large dish to share!**
- Fri., June 30- VBS Carry-in/Pool Party at Wells Comm. **Pool- all are invited and welcome!**
- Mon., and Tues., July 3 & 4- Office Closed for the Holiday
- Sun., July 16- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses by St. Joseph Social Group
- Mon., Sept. 4- Labor Day- Office Closed for the Holiday
- Sun., Sept. 10- Parish Picnic at Roush Park- 925 W. Silver Street, Bluffton- details coming!
- Sun., Sept. 17- First day of Religious Education Classes- 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- 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 1 and 2, 2017

CANTORS:

- 5:00 Tammy Horn
- 7:30 Mike Morrissey
- 10:00 Nichole Decker

LECTORS:

- 5:00 Knights of Columbus
- 7:30 Geoff Frank
- 10:00 Marita Crawfis

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 5:00 Knights of Columbus
- 7:30 Twilla Herr, Jill Morrissey, Dave Gruss
- 10:00 Diana Cole, Monica Harris, Steve Higgins, Ann Reifsteck, Michelle Paxton

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

- 5:00 Knights of Columbus
- 7:30 Ken/Donna Ballinger
- 10:00 Todd Hartman & Sons & Chris Reifsteck & Sons

SERVERS:

- 5:00 Knights of Columbus
- 7:30 Jeremy/Mitchel/Justin Mayer
- 10:00 Isabel or Catherine Crawfis, Sophie Emrah, Angela Rogers

Collection for Weekend of June 17 and 18 weekend

- Adult Envelopes- \$4,147.00
- Child Envelopes- \$24.30
- Loose- \$189.75
- Religious Ed. Fund- \$535.00
- Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$431.00
- Ascension- \$11.00
- OSV Reimb.- \$99.00

Total- \$5,437.05

Please remember to send your weekly contributions to St. Joseph's while you are away

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

We are \$320.65 ahead of budget from last week

Other Collections within our Parish-

- St. Vincent de Paul Coll.- \$358.00
- Father's Day Mass Intention- \$521.00
- 30th ABA- 3rd payment- \$3,639.44

Diocesan Special Collections:

Pentecost- \$401.00

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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

BEGINS TONIGHT!!

SUNDAY, JUNE 25 -

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

CARRY-IN/POOL PARTY -

FRIDAY, JUNE 30



From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Larry Dustman, husband of JoAnn Dustman, died June 14, 2017

May God welcome him home,
Fill him with peace and bless those who will miss him.

Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon him. May his souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.