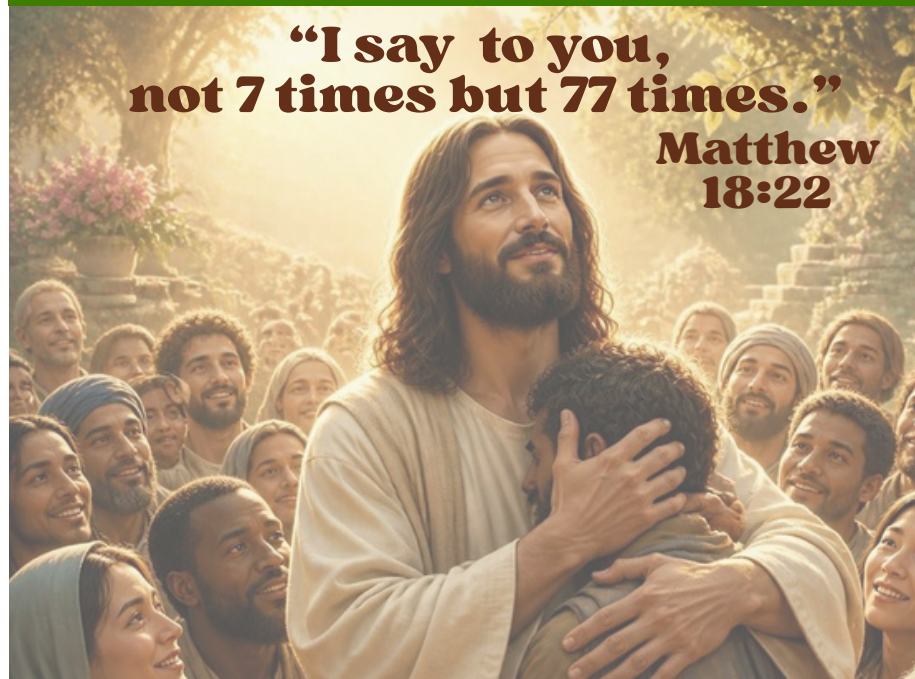


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**"I say to you,
not 7 times but 77 times."**
**Matthew
18:22**



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Our mission is to encourage all of our brothers and sisters to share the valuable gifts that each person has to offer our parish community and to invite everyone to participate more fully through prayer, worship, education and fellowship as we proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM (St. Joseph)

Sunday: 8:00 AM (St. Luke)

10:00 AM (St. Joseph)*

*May 1st through Labor Day Weekend

10:45 AM (St. Joseph)**

**September through April

Daily Mass: See Schedule inside

Holy Days: See Schedule inside



Hearing
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Sacraments

Baptism- Call the Parish Office

Attendance at Baptismal Preparation Program is required for both parents.

Reconciliation- Saturday: 4:30 to 5:15 PM
& by appointment.

Marriage- Diocesan Common Policy requires six months prior notification.

Parish Membership

The faith community of St. Joseph welcomes everyone to our parish especially those who are joining us in worship for the first time or after a long absence.

If you wish to become part of our parish family, please register at the Parish Office.

Prayer Chain

For prayer requests, please call Charmell Feaster at 814-726-0455 or Evelyn Stufflebeam at 814-563-4326

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday Morning in writing

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Readings for the Week

Mon: Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

Tues: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27-31a; John 19:25-27

Wed: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 7:31-35

Thurs: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 7:36-50

Fri: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 8:1-3

Sat: 1 Corinthians 15:35-37,42-49; Luke 8:4-15

Sun: Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a

Masses & Events:

Sun. 9/13

8:00am Mass @ St. Luke

10:45am Mass @ St. Joseph

Mon. 9/14

9:00am Daily Mass

2:00pm Movie Matinee "The Siege of Vienna"

6:30pm PTU meeting in Meyer Hall

Tues. 9/15

9:00am Daily Mass

4pm-5pm Soup Kitchen

6:00pm Table Talk @HR

Wed. 9/16

9:05am School Mass

6:00pm WWP @ Holy Redeemer

Thurs. 9/17

9:00am Daily Mass

2:00pm Mass @ Warren Manor

3:30am Rosary

4:30pm Advisory Board Meeting in Meyer Hall

Fri. 9/18

9:00am Daily Mass

Sat. 9/19 Catholic Education Collection

4:30pm Confession

5:30pm Mass @ St. Joseph

Sun. 9/20 Catholic Education Collection

Catechetical Sunday

8:00am Mass @ St. Luke

10:45am Mass @ St. Joseph

Mass Intentions

*Weekend mass intentions, family/friends can bring gifts up to the altar during mass: please let an usher know prior to mass

Sun. 9/13 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(St. Luke) The People of St. Luke & St. Joseph

(St. Joseph) Mike & Mary Targoss by Denise & Sam Pusateri

Mon. 9/14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Daniel French by Julie Carr

Tues. 9/15 Our Lady of Sorrows

Brian Duckett by Sue Ann & Samuel Armstrong

Wed. 9/16 St. Cornelius & Cyprian

Katie Rooney by Family

Thurs. 9/17 Weekday

Louis & Shirley Rizzardi by Family

(Manor) Rose Halle by Family

Fri. 9/18 Weekday

John P. Loranger by Patricia Loranger

Sat. 9/19 Weekday

Mary Zurcher by Wortman Family

Sun. 9/20 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(St. Luke) Alice Harlan by Altar Rosary Society

(St. Joseph) The People of St. Luke & St. Joseph



As God has forgiven us, so we must forgive others.

Today's readings challenge us as Christians to live in God's love. They make it clear that we cannot seek pardon for ourselves yet refuse mercy to others. God invites and equips us to share the mercy we have been shown with our neighbors.

Liturgy of the Word

The reading from Sirach teaches that we must forgive our neighbor's injustice if we are to be forgiven by God. In his Letter to the Romans, Saint Paul speaks of the new life they have found in Christ, who overcame death. In the Gospel, Jesus says we must forgive not seven times but seventy-seven times, and then he tells the parable of the unforgiving servant.



Catechetical Sunday Be A Prayer Partner

We celebrate all those who help form our youth and adults in the faith on Sunday, September 20th at every Mass. We will also have baskets filled with prayer cards at the entrances to the churches. The cards have the name of a young person on the back. They may be in faith formation, already confirmed and in high school or one of our Saint Joseph Catholic School students. Please take one or more cards and pray for the young person(s) all year. Please don't search for someone you know or already pray for... let the Holy Spirit lead the way. Our youth need prayer warriors on their team and we need to be praying for one another in our community. Let us answer His command to love Him and one another with perseverance and joy! May God bless this new season of formation. **Youth faith formation kicks off a new season on September 27th!**



Feed the Hungry

This weekend's highlighted ministries are: the St. Joseph Soup Kitchen and Christmas Food boxes. One of the 7 Corporal Works of Mercy, both of these ministries are aimed at meeting the physical needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Volunteers are the heart of these ministries and help them to function like a well oiled machine. If you are interested in learning more about these ministries, please contact the parish office.



Catholic Education Collection- Next Weekend

Half of every gift stays at Saint Joseph to support religious education; the other half funds diocesan faith formation and educational ministries. Please use the special collection envelope, or donate online at <https://www.eriercd.org/cec.html>. Thank you!



Parenting Pointers

Do you give weak directions to your child? "Pick up your toys please" or "No more TV right now" and then go on with whatever task you were busy about. Sometimes the child may comply but often parents don't follow through, and the child learns that if they ignore the request, the parent won't do anything, and they will get their way. You don't have to be mean – just firm and take the energy to enforce what you ask. Don't tell them it's time to go to bed if you're not prepared to follow through with calmly carrying them if necessary.



This Week the Sanctuary Candles Are In Memory of:

Louis & Shirley Rizzardi
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If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church, please invite them to reach out to Jennifer in the faith formation office 814-723-4222 ext 2004.

We are in the inquiry phase of the program and look forward to welcoming and speaking with anyone who is considering this journey. Sessions begin on September 20th so don't wait!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday Sept. 19th 5:30PM

Lector- Roy Williams

EMHC- Stephanie Wilson, Pat Bailey*, Carmen*

Altar Servers- Trent Alexander

Greeters- Karen Wingard, Stephanie Wilson

Music- Betsy & Katie



Sunday Sept. 20th 8:00AM St. Luke

Lector- Rick Hutley

EMHC- Annette Hutley

Ushers- Jim & Mary Beth Riggie

Sunday Sept. 20th 10:45AM St. Joseph

Lector- Bill Cole

EMHC- Patty & Ron Osche, Claire Fanelli*

Altar Servers- Grace & Joey Fanelli, Hendrix Diehl

Greeters- Claire Fanelli, Ann Kirkpatrick

Music- Christine

D.O.G- Josie & Carrie

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Table Talk-Summer

Join Toby & Tony on Tuesday, September 15th at 6:00 pm at Holy Redeemer around the fire pit for a discussion of angels: archangels, guardian angels and fallen away angels.

Who were they? What role do they play? Although they are not of this world, they are able to operate within our lives.

Come enjoy great discussion and fellowship. Angels of God, pray for us!

RSVP to synergyff@outlook.com



Table Talk Fall

Save the dates for our next adventure. Great conversation will take place around the table as we explore the book **RECLAIMING VATICAN II**. The great missionary vision of Vatican II remains largely unrealized. Much like our culture today, it was scorned for going too far or for not going far enough and many were left confused. Was it good? Was it bad? What exactly was it? To this day, many believe it to be one of the greatest spiritual gifts of our Church and yet it was sadly mis implemented. Author, Father Blake Britton, explores how a new generation can bring the council's vision to fruition. We will meet September 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27 and November 3, 10 and 17.

Cost is \$30.00. Made payable to Holy Redeemer Church. You don't want to miss this! RSVP at synergyff@outlook.com or call 814-723-4222 ext 2004.



Marriage Moment

Happiness: Part 2. Living in poverty is no fun. Voluntary simplicity, however, can be very satisfying especially when a couple has mutual goals of charity and service that they explore together. It doesn't mean you never splurge or have a few nice things, but rather these "things" are not the ultimate source of joy in your relationship. Try choosing one household item you can live without and give it to someone who needs it more than you do this week.



Movie Matinee

Join Jennifer on Monday, September 14th at 2:00 pm at Holy Redeemer for **THE SIEGE OF VIENNA**. This epic film tells the true story of one of the most important military battles in history, recounting the Ottoman Turks massive invasion of Vienna on September 11, 1683, a moment when Christendom and Western civilization hung in the balance. This movie is three hours and ten minutes long so Jennifer will run it to completion on September 14th but if you are not able to sit that long, she will stop midway and run the remainder of the movie again on the following Monday, September 21st for those who need to see it in two parts. Let us honor the 25th anniversary of 9-11 with a look back at our history. This movie is filled with glorious cinematography, dramatic war scenes and a compelling musical score.



Congratulations to:

Emma Darling

&

Ryan Skerda

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Knights of Columbus Lasagna Dinner Youngsville



On Sunday Sept 27, The Knights of Columbus of Youngsville PA will be having a take-out lasagna dinner from 1-3 @ St. Luke. **10 % will benefit the family of the recent fire tragedy.**

Parish & public are welcome.

You may purchase dinner tickets from one of the Knights. Cost \$15.00

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Diocese of Erie Child Protection Policies: Everyone that works and

interacts with children should have clear boundaries in place. This

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are screened, trained, and must follow the Policy that includes a Code of Conduct.

To read the policy go to: <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/policies-1.html>.

For additional information, contact the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.



One Minute Meditations

St. Hildegard of Bingen

Born in 11th-century Germany to a noble family, St. Hildegard of Bingen experienced mystical visions from childhood, which she eventually embraced as a call to serve God and the Church. A Benedictine nun and later abbess, she became an influential spiritual leader, composer, writer, and scholar of the natural world. Popes, clergy, and political leaders sought her counsel. Recognized for the enduring depth of her theological writings, she is one of four women named Doctors of the Church.

Stay anchored in the storm

A change of seasons often brings new routines, shifting schedules, and unexpected demands. When plans change before lunch, an urgent project lands on your desk, or your to-do list grows faster than you can manage, pause. Remember that our lives, our future, our peace, and our hope rest securely in the hands of the One who calmed the storm.

"God is the friend of silence...The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life. We need silence to be able to touch souls. The essential thing is not what we say, but what God says to us and through us." – Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Living the Faith, sharing the Light

Jesus tells us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-15). These images show two aspects of living our faith: preserving the distinctiveness of our faith and making that faith visible in our actions. Both communicate God's love.

Keep the flavor: In the ancient world, salt preserved what was valuable and gave food its flavor. Jesus warns that salt can lose its distinctiveness. Our faith can, too, when distraction, compromise, or indifference weakens our relationship with Him. Prayer is not another obligation to complete. It is time invested in the relationship that gives everything else its meaning.

Light the lamp: Faith is meant to illuminate, offering direction, warmth, and hope. But like a lamp, faith needs fuel. Through the Mass and the sacraments, we are continually renewed in Christ and strengthened by His grace. Nourished by Him, we are called to carry His light beyond the church and into our homes, workplaces, parishes, and communities through lives of

compassion, courage, and service.

Share your gifts: God gives each of us different strengths. It can be tempting to keep these gifts to ourselves, yet true humility isn't hiding our gifts but using them to glorify God and serve the Church.

Serve in mercy: The Works of Mercy make our faith concrete. When we are attentively present to those lonely

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

("hungry") for love, support our parish's charitable outreach, or choose goodness over retaliation, we reflect God's love in personal, immediate, and practical ways.

Remember your first love: God calls us to live in His love, and to share it with others. Living in God's love is the secret to preserving the faith and living it well. Our starting and ending point is always God's love for us.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

What is the Confiteor?

The Confiteor is a prayer of repentance we offer at the beginning of Mass to acknowledge our sins and ask for God's mercy. The word Confiteor means "I confess," reflecting the prayer's opening words: "I confess to almighty God." As we say "through my fault," we strike

our breasts as a physical expression of sorrow and responsibility for our sins. This gesture reminds us that we worship God with both body and soul and helps prepare our hearts to participate more fully in the Eucharist.

Look closely; God is at work

We often expect God to work through dramatic signs or unmistakable miracles. Yet His providence frequently unfolds quietly and gradually. Pope Leo points to Jesus' parables of the Kingdom (Matthew 13:24-43) as an answer to an enduring question: Where is God, and how is He at work?

God's providence is constant, even when hidden: When events do not unfold as we hoped, we can assume God is absent or inactive. Jesus' parables invite us to trust that He is always at work, especially when His purposes are not immediately visible.

God works through what is small and ordinary: "God favors smallness, a sign of his discreet love, by which he

leaves us free to accept or reject him." For Pope Leo, wheat growing among weeds, yeast leavening dough, and a tiny mustard seed reveal a Kingdom that often advances quietly, patiently, and steadily.

We are called to imitate God: "God's way with us must also become the way in which we live." Building the Kingdom rarely requires extraordinary gestures. It begins with patience in difficulty, resisting rash judgment, fulfilling our responsibilities faithfully, and choosing love when it costs us. These ordinary acts become seeds through which God's Kingdom takes root and grows.

from Scripture

Matthew 21:28-32, The "yes" that matters

In this Gospel passage, Jesus tells of a father who asks his two sons to work in his vineyard. The first refuses but later repents and goes; the second readily agrees but fails to act. Jesus' point is clear: doing the Father's will matters more than merely professing obedience.

The parable challenges the religious complacency of the Pharisees, whose outward observance did not always reflect a heart open to God. By contrast, tax collectors and public sinners, though once far from God, responded to His mercy with repentance and conversion. Their former "no" became a genuine "yes," demonstrated not simply in words

but in a changed way of life.

This distinction remains essential for Christian discipleship. Faith cannot be reduced to appearances, good intentions, or religious language. A sincere "yes" to God takes concrete form through obedience, charity, repentance, and fidelity to our responsibilities. The parable is therefore both a warning against empty profession and a message of profound hope: our past does not determine our future. Whenever we turn back to God, He receives us with the joy of the shepherd who recovers the lost sheep (Luke 15:4-7).

Feasts & Celebrations



September 4 – St. Rose of Viterbo (1251). Born to poor parents in Viterbo, Italy, Rose used her gift of preaching to catechize her village. Though very young, she also spoke out in support of the pope against the anti-papal Ghibellines. The Poor Clares refused to accept her but allowed her burial there. She died at age eighteen.

September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows. In Luke 2:35, Simeon predicted Mary's sufferings would be a sword piercing her soul. In her sorrow, Mary stood at the foot of the Cross, dignified and fearless while others ran away. Today, we can look to her to accompany us in our

sufferings with the same steadfast love.

September 21 – St. Matthew the Evangelist (1st Century). Also known as Levi, he was a notorious tax collector (Mark 2:14). Working for the Romans would have made him unpopular but very rich. Yet St. Matthew left everything when Jesus called him. He wrote the Gospel according to Matthew, addressed to Jewish converts to Christianity.

September 26 – Saints Cosmas and Damian (c.303). These saints were Arab brothers who studied medicine in Syria and lived their Christian faith by treating people without charge. They were martyred for their faith. Even in heaven, they continued to care for the sick and poor, as healing miracles were attributed to their prayerful intercession.

Q & A How can I go to Confession after a long time away?

The Church encourages regular Confession (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1458), but travel and changing routines can make good spiritual habits easy to neglect. If it has been a while, come home to Reconciliation. Like the father in the Parable of the Prodigal Son, God waits to welcome, forgive, and restore us.

Prepare your heart: An examination of conscience is more than listing failures. Consider where you have fallen short in loving God and your neighbor. Recognizing what sin has damaged helps begin the work of repair.

The priest will help: Feeling nervous is normal. The priest can guide you through the Sacrament, offer counsel, and help you receive God's mercy with confidence.

Penance begins healing: Penance helps repair the harm caused by our sin and directs us toward conversion and renewed faithfulness.

Grace offers a new beginning: Confession does more than forgive the past. Through absolution, we are reconciled with God and strengthened by grace to resist sin, grow in virtue, and begin again with greater freedom and hope.

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