

# *Saint Joseph Catholic Church*

Saint Joseph Parish  
Rev. Matthew R. Larlick , Pastor  
The Rectory  
721 Monroe Street  
Berwick, Pennsylvania 18603  
April 11, 2021  
Second Sunday of Easter

The Rossello Parish Office  
730 Washington Street  
Berwick Pa, 18603  
(570) 752-7000  
Monday—Thursday 9:00 am 4:00 pm

*2021 the Year of Saint Joseph*



*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday*  
**OF EASTER**

“Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” - Jn 20:29BC

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GOSPEL MEDITATION  
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE  
April 11, 2021

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears.

Exhale peace. ©LPi

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!**

**Saint Joseph Church**

**May 23rd Food Take Out - Under the Pavilion  
from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM**

**August 29th Food Take Out -**

**Under the Pavilion from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM**

**November 6th - Saturday Fall Craft & Food  
Vendor Show - Church Hall-  
9:00AM to 2:00 PM**

**Parish Staff : Phone # 570-752- 7000**

**Rev. Matthew R. Larlick, Pastor ext. 104**

**Debbie Mowery, Adm. Assistant ext. 101**

**Diane Kowalski, CRE ext. 102**

Offertory collection for  
March 28, 2021

Offertory \$ 5,895.00

Debt Reduction \$205.00

2nd collection 305.00

April 4, 2021 (Easter)

Offertory \$ 2582.00

Good Friday 337.00

Holy Land 3 307.00

Total Easter Collection will be in next weeks bulletin.

Thank you for your continuous generosity

**Father Albanese Catholic War Veterans**

**Post 1419 is having a meeting on**

**Monday April 12th at 7:00PM at the**

**Post Home (501 Monroe Street).**

**CWV members are requested to attend.**

**Any Catholic Veterans who wish to join**

**Father Albanese CWV Post 1419 are**

**also welcome to attend.**

**LECTORS NEEDED !! Please**

**contact Debbie @ the church**

**office 570-752-7000**

**or Valerie Rheude @ 570-784-0471**

**for more details. Thank you!**

**UPDATE YOUR INFORMTION**

**Have you moved, changed your address,  
phone number or email address  
or made any other changes in your  
household ? Are you new to our area and  
need to register? Are you  
recently married or would like to have  
your child baptized? Have you stopped  
receiving envelopes ? Please call the parish  
office at 570 752 7000 to have your  
records updated. Thank you !**

**Mass Schedule:**  
**Daily Mass is on Thursday**  
**Masks required at all Masses**

**Mon. Apr. 12 Easter Weekday**

**Tues. Apr. 13 Easter Weekday**

**+ Edward & Victoria Cuba / Ed & Josie Cuba**

**Wed. Apr. 14 Easter Weekday**

**9:00 AM - Mass at Immaculate Conception Church**

**Thurs. Apr. 15 Easter Weekday**

**8:30 AM + Deceased members of the**

**Melchiorre Family/ Phil Kleckner**

**Friday Apr. 16 Easter Weekday**

**+ Mary (Dietrick) Slobinsky / Jeannette Lewis & Family**

**Sat. Apr. 17 Easter Weekday**

**4:00 PM + MaryLee Scala/ Pennie & Rich Matash**

**Sunday Apr. 18 Third Sunday of Easter**

**8:00 AM + Teresa Lovecchio Yatsko / Family**

**11:00 AM People of the Parish**

**Rosary is prayed half hour before each mass**

**Parish Prayer List**

Stewart Anderson

Bonnie Anderson

Rose Berlin

Wendy Bokrosh

Florian Bacon

Phquita Balderson

Vincenzo Cerasoli

Margaret DiBattista

Elaine DeFinis

Helen Dalberto

Dorothy Dalessandro

Jane DeFebo

Nancy DeMarco

Angelo DeMarco

Gloria Dendler

Millie Descul

Patricia Eckrote

Sophia Esposito

Steve Felix

Peter Ferro

Connie Fetterman

Mallory Frye

MaryLouis Gombos

Robert Gombos

Diane Howell

Jolene Hueholt

Beverly Hufford

Richard Kessler

Mary Knorr

Dorothy Kosciel

Diane Kowalski

Ryan Kowalski

Tyler Labus

Michael Labus

Beth Larlick

Ed Larlick

Stephen M. Lazar

Kelby Linsey

Tim Legg

Edith Marsicano

Nicole McCloskey

Debbie Modlesky

Marie Montecalvo

Lori Moran

Ryan Musser ( child)

Betty Penles

Carol Phillips

John Petruzella

Jerry Prushinski

Gregory Rheude, Jr.

Beth Snyder

C.J. Stalega

Christine Strohl

Jeannete Tomassacci

Alice Thomas

Ruth Ann Traugh

Julie Troiani

Christopher Turner

Christopher Urban

Nester Urban

Lucy Volpicelli

Mariann Waselus

Elijah Wolf ( Child)

Kathe Wunder

Matteo Young ( child)

Frances Zinich

**Week of April 11, 2021**

**Sanctuary Light:** +Michael Durso/ Louise Chiki

**Vigil Intentions**

**Saint Anthony+** Salvatore Villico/ Kathie DiPippa

**Sacred Heart of Jesus:** + Mabel Ann Masich/ Joseph Blass

**Infant of Prague:** + Helen Biacchi / Bob & Diane Kowalski

**Our Lady of Fatima:** + MaryLee Melchiorre Scala /

Rich and Pennie Matash

**Saint Therese :** + Trudy Norce/ Bernie & Teresa Kimsal



**In the charity of your prayers,**

*kindly remember the happy repose of :*

*Mary Cicini*

*Faithful parishioner of*

*Saint Joseph Church.*

*May she rest in peace. Amen*



*Altar Flowers week of Easter*

*Memory of Franklin Norce Sr.*

*Requested by: Family*

*Altar Flowers week of April 11th*

*Memory of Jack Papada*

*Requested by : Family*

**Please pray for the safety of our men and women in the armed forces whether at home or abroad.**

**Steven Huntz, U.S. Air Force,**

**Ryan Kowalski, Jamie Ferraro U.S. Navy,**

**Victor (JR) Rosati, Ben Brown,**

**U.S. Army National Guard**

**Vincent Rosati, U.S. Marines.**

**Dylan Everett, U.S. Army.**



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