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# St. Joseph Catholic Church

**Newsletter – June/July 2023**

Dear Parishioners,

While the whole month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we especially celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus last June 16. This was followed by the celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary the next day. These back-to-back celebrations of the “Hearts” of Jesus and Mary are very significant in drawing us more deeply into the mystery of God’s love. The Sacred Heart of Jesus reveals the boundless and undeserved love of God for man while the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in its purity, reveals the only source of a human person’s love for God in the way He should be loved. Let us learn from Mary.

In addition to the Church solemnities and feasts we were blessed with this month, we also celebrated Father’s Day, a special day to thank and show appreciation to our fathers, living and dead. Such appreciation called for our prayers ... that all fathers be blessed by our Heavenly Father! I trust that everyone remembered to also pray for spiritual Fathers ... men who were called to be Fathers of a parish family through the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Well, we did begin this month on a very happy note with the good news from the Diocese regarding our Parish contribution to the Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA). Our 2023 goal of \$12,480 has been exceeded with pledges amounting to \$13,474! I am overjoyed and truly grateful for your generosity!

For our projects, a big thank you to: John Enright for completing our fencing project; the Servidores de Maria for covering the initial cost of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Joseph grotto project and Francisco Cervantes for spearheading the project. It is very inspiring that our grotto project is now on-going.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you very much to the many who made our “**A Summer Night**” event very successful and fun filled! My apologies that I can’t name all of you who supported the event either as donors, buyers, diners, cheerers or just happy spectators. Rest assured that you are all in my prayers that God reward you for all that you shared with us!

To name a few, thanks to our fundraising committee chairperson Jane Cauley and members Pat Giacomini, Debbie Heidary, Sandy Hood, Deidra Lagle, Joan O’Keeffe, Laura Rosales, Lynn Thatcher and Toni Vecellio. We surely benefitted from the advice of our St. Joseph Parish fundraising experts like Debbie and Sandy, among others.

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# Mass Times

## St. Joseph

Tuesday – Friday  
8:30 a.m.

Sunday's at 9:30 a.m.  
and  
4:00 p.m. (Spanish)

## Our Lady of the Lake Loch Lomond

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

## Our Lady of the Pines

Sunday's at 11:30 a.m.



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And, thanks, too, to Pat and Lisa Lambert who will be hosting the “Feast with the Priest” raffle winners at their beautiful home. Thanks to all who bought raffle tickets and congratulations to the two winners, Rosie Thomas and Bobbie Whitley.

From all the sales during the event, we raised \$13,500. Thanks be to God, indeed! The amount will cover this year's insurance for the three Churches and the rectory.

As summer has officially begun and we end this month of June, let us continue to entrust our families and our Parish community to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let us pray for and take care of each other! Thanks again to all and God bless!

To God be the Glory!

In Christ,

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza  
Pastor, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Middletown



**Please pray for the sick in our parish...** and those who care for them.... Larry Boll, Lourdes Borzoni, Brendan “Ben” Coyne, Michael Davis, Chris Eergz, Alysia Hash, Jasmine Hash, Ron Hays, John Johnson, Judy Knight, Helen Kruljac, Coleen McCluskey, Elsa Meyer, Shirley Milner, Karen Ness, Don Nielsen, Andres Ochoa, Joaquina Ortega, Tyrone Rivera, Melody Royvel, Kirt Smartt, Judith Spears, Debbie Spicart, Leslie Thomas, Toni Vecellio, and **special intentions for all who suffer from cancer.**

May 2023 Collection Totals			
	1st	2nd	Total
05/06-07/2023	\$ 1,373.00	\$1,372.00	\$ 2,745.00
05/13-14/2023	\$ 1,132.00	\$2,209.00	\$ 3,341.00
05/20-21/2023	\$ 1,011.00	\$ 939.00	\$ 1,950.00
05/27-28/2023	\$ 1,976.00	\$1,333.00	\$ 3,309.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,492.00</b>	<b>\$5,853.00</b>	<b>\$11,345.00</b>

## Our Lady of the Pines

Our outdoor church is now open with mass on Sunday's at 11:30 a.m. Mass will continue every Sunday until Labor Day Weekend, September 3.