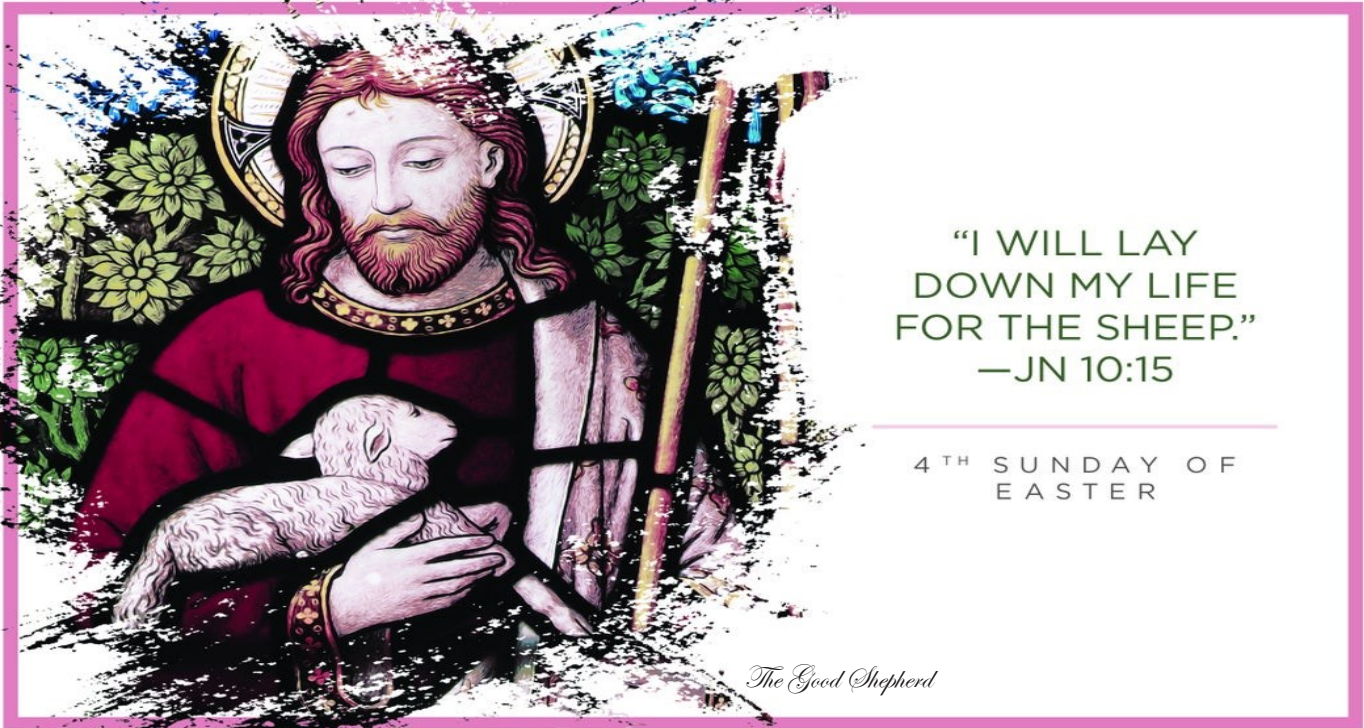


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“I WILL LAY
DOWN MY LIFE
FOR THE SHEEP.”
—JN 10:15

4TH SUNDAY OF
EASTER

The Good Shepherd

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April 25, 2021

Rev. Jeffery J. Noble, Pastor
Rev. Kevin O. Holland, Asst. Pastor
Chaplain - ECCSS

Weekend Masses
Saturday Evening: 5:15 pm
Sunday: 7:30 & 10:00 am

Confessions
Call for an Appointment
See Bulletin for Additional Times

Parish office hours: Monday thru Thursday - 9 am to 4 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Arrangements are to be made in advance at the parish office. Parents and Godparents attend a Baptismal Preparation Session prior to the baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to marry need to talk to a priest at least six months in advance of the wedding.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call a priest immediately in case of illness. The homebound are urged to have their names placed on the Sunday and First Friday Communion lists.

Music Ministry

Stephen Toney, Director / Organist
Peggy Hoffman, Assistant Director

Faith Formation

139 Church St. - Phone: 781-1042
Administrative Assistant / Secretary
Mary Lynn Carnovale...Ext 226

Elk County Catholic School System

Sam MacDonald, President
600 Maurus Street – Phone: 834-7812
St. Marys Catholic Elementary School
114 Queens Road – Phone: 834-4169
Deborah Slay, Principal

St. Marys Catholic Middle School /

Elk County Catholic High School
600 Maurus Street – Phone: 834-7800
John Schneider, Principal

School Finance Office

600 Maurus Street – Phone: 834-7812
Bob Breindel, Director

School Advancement Office - 834-7812

Susan Jansen, Director
Jessica Fritz, Director of Communications – 834-7812

Parish Care and Concern Prayer Chain

For those needing prayers, please call 781-3085 or 834-3844.

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Mass Intentions for the

FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

Monday, April 26th

7:00 AM + Noah McMonigal

Tuesday, April 27th

7:00 AM + Leo Gabor

Wednesday, April 28th

7:00 AM Roman Kronenwetter Family

Thursday, April 29th

7:00 AM + Sig Engelberg

6:30 PM *Evening Prayer & Benediction*

Friday, April 30th

7:00 AM + Dick & Clare Hasselman

Saturday, May 1st

7:00 AM + William Tyler

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:15 PM - Sat. Vigil - L&D Fledderman & Geci Families

7:30 AM L&D People of the Parish

10:00 AM L&D Robert & Monica Wendel Family



THE SANCTUARY LAMP for the week of
April 25th burns in memory of
Hugo Facetti

LIVING THE GOSPEL THROUGH INSPIRATION

The cornerstone is the first stone that is laid and the stone that not only determines how the other stones are placed but the position of the entire structure. As human beings, we need a cornerstone or reference point so that our lives can be properly placed and positioned. Our cornerstone determines not only how we see ourselves but who we will become. Without a cornerstone or reference point, we will be disconnected, disoriented, and poorly positioned for effective action in our world. In order to be the children of God we are, Jesus Christ needs to be our cornerstone and reference point for all that we do. He alone is the Good Shepherd who can guide through life's questions and challenges, bringing us to proper pasture. Without this proper base, we can easily fall into the trap of self-aggrandizement and quickly lose our way. If that happens, then moral principles, proper conduct, justice, wisdom, and virtue will be difficult to find. We need to listen to the right voices and allow God to show us how to build our house well. Salvation only comes from God and only God will protect us, no matter the cost.

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Prayer for our Retired Priests

We pray for the retired priests of our Diocese that they may experience peace and joy in their retirement for the countless years of service they have provided and continue to provide to the people of God. Amen.

Gospel Summary & Question of the Week

Read Sunday's Gospel, Jn 10:11-18

4th Sunday of Easter - Cycle B

Gospel Summary:

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.

Questions of the Week:


Who is shepherding me? Whom have I shepherded? Who has been like a shepherd to me by his or her example?



PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for all the souls of the faithful departed. Remember those we are asked to pray for through the Easter Flower fund as well as William Dinsmore, who died recently...*Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be... Eternal Rest...*

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS

 Apr. 20 St. Leo Church, Ridgway 814-772-3135
 May 20 St. Mary's Church 814-781-1019
 Please call the Church you wish to attend to pre-register.

VOCATION CALENDAR Please consider joining the Parish 31 Club for Vocations to the Religious Life.

- 26th Carol & Barry Lemmert, Timothy Stauffer, Jerry Meyer, Amy Popielski
- 27th Mary Beth Schaut, Karen Cheatle, Rose Belsole
- 28th Brian, Ann
- 29th Kathy Meyer, Cathy Olson, Vivian Schlimm
- 30th Hunter Samick, Tom Stauffer, Violet Vollmer


WALKING FOR SOULS

Walking at the St. Marys Catholic Cemetery for the Poor Souls will begin on Wednesday, May 5th with a **NEW TIME 6 pm** meeting at the Chapel to begin the Rosary. If you can't walk, remember you can sit, just bring your own lawn chair. **PLEASE** remember **NO** pets permitted in the Cemetery. For questions, call Bonnie at 814-834-3214, or Kathy at 814-781-1109. See you on May 5th.



THE BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP

For all your First Communion and Confirmation gift needs...

 Open Tuesday thru Friday - 9:30 am to 5 pm and Saturday - 10 am to 1 pm. Closed Monday, Sunday and Holy Days. 814-834-1353. 139 Church Street, St. Marys.

BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Benedictine Gift Shop is in need of additional volunteers. Can you help out 2-3 hours ONCE a month? NO experience necessary, we'll train you. For more information, call Kim at the Parish Office, 814-781-1019.

MATERNITY CLOSET

Open the first three weeks of each month on Wednesdays (2 to 3:30 pm) and Thursdays (1 to 2:30 pm). Located at 139 Church St. Any questions, call Theresa at 814-781-1137.

MASSES STILL AVAILABLE

If you didn't get your QW Mass scheduled for 2021, there are still weekday Masses available. To schedule a Mass please call Mary Ann in the parish office (814-834-4701).

GOOD SHEPHERD COLLECTION

This weekend all parishes and missions in the Diocese of Erie are taking a special collection to support the needs of our retired Diocesan priests. This special collection will assist those dedicated priests who are elderly, seriously ill or incapacitated, and in need of supplementary assistance for expenses such as non-insured medical costs, nursing home and long-term care assistance. As the number of retired priests increases in the upcoming years the Priest Retirement Plan will need to be funded adequately to meet their future needs. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of priests who have served faithfully and serve now as a "thank you" for their many years of faithful service. Help provide them the same love and generosity they provided for us for generations.

AREA HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

- **Sunday, 04/25: 12:00 noon** - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's Church until 9 pm.
- **Monday, 04/26: 6:00 pm** - **Apostolate of Fatima** Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church. Please remember to maintain Social Distancing. Mass follows at 6:15.
- **Monday thru Saturday: 9 am** - **Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's Church until 9 pm.
- **Tuesday, 04/27: 6:30 pm** - **That Man Is You** meets at Ridgway K of C. For more info, call 814-772-3135.
- **Wednesday, 04/28: 6:00 pm** - **Rosary** prayed for Seminarians at Sacred Heart Church. **NOTE:** This will be the last praying of the Rosary for Seminarians.
- **Friday, 04/30: 7:00 am** - **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** at Sacred Heart Church until 4 pm.
- **Saturday, 05/01: 10:00 am** - **First Saturday Children's Rosary** at Housler Residence, 589 Church St.
- **Sunday, 05/02: 12:00 noon** - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's Church until 9 pm.
- **Sunday, 05/02: 3:00 pm** - **Annual Rosary March** at Clearfield Fair Grounds in Clearfield.

CALLING ALL TEC/DME ALUMNI

Anyone who attended a To Encounter Christ (TEC), or a Divine Mercy Encounter (DME) retreat is invited to attend a "hybrid" reunion on May 22. Mark your calendars to reconnect with your community either in person or via Zoom in Erie and in St. Marys. The event will include Mass, fellowship, breakout groups, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. More details on locations and time are available at www.divinemercyencounter.com. Please contact kchandley@divinemercyencounter.com with questions. Must register at <https://www.divinemercyencounter.com/copy-of-retreat-application>.

2021 CURSILLO DATES SET

- Men's Cursillos:
Nov. 18-21, Our Lady of Mercy in Harborcreek
- Women's Cursillos:
Oct. 12-15, Our Lady of Mercy, Harborcreek



Note: All information is subject to change


For more information, contact Queen of the World Church Coordinators: Nate and Mandy Assalone - 814-594-6149 or email: mandyassalone8@gmail.com. Elk/Cameron Coordinators: Mike and Jen Gelsick at 814-590-9754 or 724-984-2190 or email: gelsick@hotmail.com

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 Address _____
 Phone No. _____
 Email _____



Please check one:
 I am new in the parish & wish to register
 Change of Address Moving out of Parish
 Want Envelopes Interested in a Parish Ministry

FAITH FORMATION - LIFE TEEN - YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Mary Lynn Carnovale, Secretary/Administrative Assistant
Kathy Cheatle, Elementary Coordinator
Samantha Nedzinski, Middle School Coordinator
Nick Heise, Life Teen, Confirmation Coordinator, and
Youth Ministry 

For more information, call 781-1042.

FOLLOW ROOTED YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

SMYouthMin (facebook), 
RootedYouthMinistry18 (Instagram) 

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Will meet Wednesday, April 28th, 5-7 pm at the iCafe / CY-

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Sunday, April 25th

Grade 1 (CGS Sunday at Sacred Heart) 10:45 am - Last Class
Middle School, grades 6, in person, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 pm
Middle School, grades 7 & 8 online assignment
Life Teen, grades 9 & 10 online, please login at 6:00 pm

LAST CLASS MAY 2 FOR THE YEAR

Grade 6, Faith Formation will meet at **6:00 pm to 7:00 pm**
Grade 7th & 8th will meet **5:00 pm to 6:00 pm**
Grades 9th & 10th will meet at **6:00 pm to 7:00 pm**
Please note time changes!!

**ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS
THE ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CEMETERY**

is seeking summer lawn care help beginning May 2021

Available opportunities are for 6 hours a day

****MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD and able to run a grass trimmer****
If interested, call the St. Mary's Parish Office at 814-781-1019



ST. LEO SCHOOL ANNUAL TROUT DERBY

The 16th Annual Trout Derby will be held May 8-9, at Ridgway Firemen's Grounds, Ridgway. Badge Pick Up will also be at the Ridgway Firemen's Grounds starting Friday, May 7th, 3 to 8 pm. Fishing starts Saturday, May 8th at 6:00 am - 6:00 pm. Fishing will resume Sunday, May 9th at 6:00 am - 2:00 pm. For rules & registration, visit www.stleosfishingderby.com or you can email at: trout_derby@hotmail.com or call them at 814-773-3636.



Lucky Leo is \$1500, 3 Trout are tagged for \$1000, More tagged from \$500 to \$10. Also, Vendors wanted for Vendor Show, May 8th, 10 am to 4 pm - Crafts, Demonstrations, Fly Tying, etc. If interested or for more info email to this address: trout_derby@hotmail.com. No food vendors will be accepted. Also go to their website: www.stleofishingderby.com.

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments
Child Abuse Prevention Month: Mandated Reporters**

in the Diocese of Erie are people who hold positions of trust in our schools, parishes, agencies and institutions and are mandated by Pennsylvania law and the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children to report suspected abuse of a minor. All employees and volunteers working/serving for the Diocese of Erie, in our parishes, schools or agencies are considered mandated reporters both legally and morally obligated to report any reasonable suspected child abuse to ChildLine, the local police, or other appropriate agency. Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to learn the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese.



PARISH BUDGET

July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2021\$807,929

Parish Budget to Date.....\$748,034

OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of April 17/18, 2021

Regular Envelope\$7,383
Loose\$1,681
School Support\$305
Utilities & Maintenance.....\$20
Memorials.....\$50
Christmas.....\$7
Easter.....\$40
Ascension.....\$5
Faith Formation.....\$346

Total Received.....\$9,837

DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS OF THE DIOCESE

Holy Land.....\$5
Good Shepherd.....\$30
International Needs.....\$5

Thank you !

Envelopes Used Apr 10/11, 2021.....304

CSA 2021

Number of Pledges: 304
Paid \$81,469.25
Amount Pledged: \$108,679

Thank you to all who have responded to these needs.



PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE — Many people claim to be "pro-life" without fully understanding what it means. Being pro-life is respecting life at every stage, from conception to natural death. That includes the unborn, the elderly, the sick, those facing the death penalty, the poor, and everyone else. There are many people who claim to be "pro-life", yet they make no efforts to fight for the rights of the poor or for those who live in countries where freedom does not exist. Pro-lifer's who fight for women to keep their unborn children should also fight to protect those lives after birth, the poor, the homeless, struggling families and essentially anyone that needs the help. That's a lot to think about!!

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Contact Susan Novosel at 800-477-4574 x 6318 or 724-831-0975



Dear Parishioners

Every day among my prayers I offer prayers for many priests who have touched my life. I'm sure many of you do the same. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we reflect on that influence in a bit deeper way. For some of them impacted our lives in very specific ways, calling us to encounter the Lord, know His forgiveness, follow His teachings, and perhaps redirect something in our own lives toward the path of our calling. This, of course, does not just apply to priests. But, it is Good Shepherd Sunday, so please excuse the emphasis on those who have had such an influence for good. We know that some priests, like other people, also brought harm to others - we ask God's mercy on them and on all hurt by them. But, again, today, we need to reflect on the good. Maybe there was that one priest teacher in high school who turned around the direction you were headed. Perhaps the priest who prepared you for marriage and celebrated that Sacrament with you. Maybe the one who welcomed you back after you had been away from the Church and the Sacraments for a long time. Perhaps a priest watched you grow up and was there for several significant moments in your life. Maybe in a homily or on a retreat, a priest offered some Word that has never left you. Today we give thanks that The Good Shepherd has led us through the shepherding of others in His Name. Pray for that priest - those priests - living and deceased. Know that all of us hold you in our prayers daily. We ask the Good Shepherd to listen, to speak through us, to guide us in serving you. In turn, it is YOU who shepherd others - children and grandchildren, family, friends and neighbors. Because your faith is stronger, you bring them to Him. God bless your shepherding as well. *He leads us to life-giving waters. He gives us rest and refreshment. He makes sure that our cup is overflowing. Because of Him, the shadow that follows us is filled only goodness and kindness. And we shall dwell in peace. Forever.* - - - fr jeff

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

The 4th Easter Sunday is known as Good Shepherd Sunday with the Gospel of John, Chapter 10. I want to say "thanks" to you who offer a great deal of support to us, your priests, by prayer, ministry, kind words, and personal support.

The special collection for today goes directly to the assistant of our retired diocesan priests. Their living and health care costs exceed any and all sources of income that they have personally or even through the diocese. Your "thank you" with your gift goes a long way toward helping them.

Remember to pray today for all of our shepherds, including Pope Francis, Bishop Persico, our priests, deacons, and religious. And, in a special way, pray for our seminarians and those considering vocations to service in the Church.

This coming Saturday the Bishop will ordain Ben Dagher as a transitional deacon at St. Mark Center, Erie. It is great to have one of our "natives," preparing for priesthood and to have this moment to celebrate and encourage Ben.

CONFIRMATION

This afternoon at 1 pm there is an additional Mass at which 15 young adults will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Fr. Jeff and Fr. Kevin have been delegated by Bishop Persico to administer the Sacrament so that we could enjoy it again this year at the parish level rather than in a much bigger but less safe environment due to COVID. Please pray for our newly Confirmed and encourage those you know to live our faith in witness to the Lord's Presence in their lives. Join us for Mass if you would like, we'd love to show them the support of our parish family.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES

Today at the 10 am Mass we are joined by our First Holy Communion candidates. We give them an official "welcome" as we promise our prayers for them. If you are able, please take a "name" of one of the students to offer daily prayers until they receive Holy Communion on May 8th. Again, your prayer, encouragement and support is very important to these young members of our parish family.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, April 26th

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday, April 27th

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 28th

Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, April 29th

Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

Friday, April 30th

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, May 1st

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14

St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-17, 23-24/
Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58

Sunday, May 2nd

Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-28, 3-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

SPECIAL VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE

Pope Francis has proclaimed a 'Year of St. Joseph' in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as patron of the Universal Church. To mark this event, the Diocese of Erie is hosting a virtual pilgrimage featuring livestreamed Masses from each of the seven churches in the diocese named for St. Joseph. The Masses will take place through the end of the year. The next livestreamed Mass will be offered at St. Joseph Parish, Warren, on May 9 at 10:45 a.m. Watch for details about the rest of the events scheduled in the coming months.



St. Joseph, Guardian of our Redeemer, trusted Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, protect us with your loving power entrusted to you. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen. St. Joseph, Pray for us.