



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, Feb 22:** † *William & Virginia Mainguth* – Bill & Marcie

**Sunday, Feb 26:** † *Mary & John Fedeles* – Family

LECTOR SCHEDULE			ALTAR SERVERS
Wed., Feb 22	6:00 pm	J. Kowalski	We will not be using Altar Servers for Mass while we are in the Church Hall.
Sunday, Feb. 26	12 noon	T. Kerstetter	
Sunday, March 5	12 noon	C. DeMarte	

**MEMORIAL CANDLES – February 15-28: In Loving Memory of..**

**Church Sanctuary:** *Jim DeJoice Jr. by Janet*

**Chapel Sanctuary:** *John & Mary Fedeles by Family*

**Blessed Mother:** *Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Mazzulla (Rita Tomko), Jack Buranosky (Fedeles), Don Prebble (Fedeles)*

**Saint Joseph:** *Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Mazzulla (Rita Tomko), Teresa Pagnotto Schank (Joan Rote gliano), Gilbert King (Family)*



**IN OUR PRAYERS**

Jennifer Sauter, John “Tink” Green, Sandy Francis, John Laubscher, Kay Hirlinger, Connie Shope, Deanna Dare, Donald Felty, Bill O’Neill, Karen Tomko Strobel, Susan Nelson, Thomas Packer, Bill Leary Jr., Melinda O’Neill-Lewis, Bart Pickering, Katherine Huggler, Gayle Jenkins, Elaine Charcalla, John Kapp, Ron J. Long, Rose Turnowchyk, Ruth Donnell, Vera Hough, Jeane Bressler, Grace DeSanto, Angeline Adams, Grace “Susie” Kisko, Liz Kalafut, Arnie Burrows, Martha Crouse, Brenda DeJoice, Caleb Leone, Joey Herridge, Drew Gentzyel, Adam Smith, Joyce Winkleman O’Brien, Chad Willard, Connie O’Toole Conrad, Gino Serafini, Terry O’Laughlin, Kevin Dwyer, Denise Colvin, Frank Morton, Sue Sette, Tom Allen, Mary Tripp, Estefan Nevarez, Joel Kohler, Ginny Serafini, Tom Daywalt, and Irma Clemente

**\*\*THERE ARE NO COMMUNION SERVICES THIS WEEK**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE				Collection Counters: Mary, Lewie, & Ann
MONDAY: 02/20	President’s Day – Office is Closed			
TUESDAY: 02/21				
WEDNESDAY: 02/22	Mass	6:00 PM	Church	
THURSDAY: 02/23				
FRIDAY: 02/24	Stations of the Cross	6:00 PM	Church	
SATURDAY: 02/25				
SUNDAY: 02/26	CCD Classes	10:30 AM	Rectory	
	Mass	12 noon	Church	

You are what you do, not what you say you’ll do. – Carl Jung

February 19, 2023

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**MASS TIME**

Sunday: 12 noon

**CONFESSIONS**

Wednesday by appt.

**PARISH STAFF**

Rev. Joseph Orr.....*Pastor*

Rev. Daniel Heiser.....*Deacon*

Alison Heiser.....*Secretary/DRE*

Louis Rote gliano... *Designer/Coordinator*

Terry O’Laughlin.....*Finance Council*

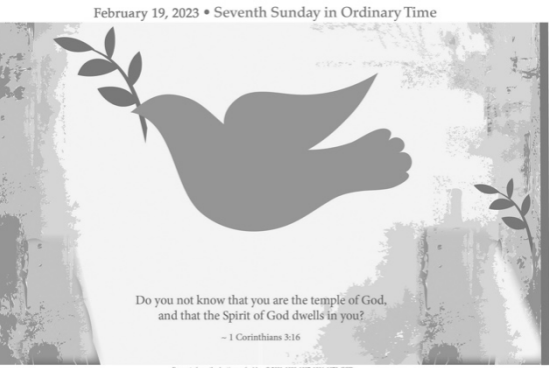
Matt Dorman.....*Parish Council*

**SICK CALL**

Please notify the office when a member of the parish is in the hospital or is unable to attend Church and wishes to receive Holy Communion at home.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the family of God, work to spread the good news, reach out to the lapsed Catholics, and bring them back into the fold. We focus on being good examples of the Catholic Faith to our parish's youth. We will use prayer, education, hospitality, outreach, and stewardship to welcome all into our faith community.



**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Wednesday - Friday

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Closed Tuesday/Thursday*

**COMMUNION SERVICES**

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. (Chapel)

Friday: 6:00 p.m. (Chapel)

**MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS**

Call the church office to schedule an appointment. Nine-month advance notice is required for marriage.

**PARISHIONER REGISTRATION**

Please contact the parish office if you want to join the parish. Please remember to notify us if you are moving out of the parish. Registration, the practice of stewardship, and regular participation in the Sacraments indicate that a person is an active member of the parish and is eligible to act as a godparent or sponsor. As a Church community seeking to be faith-filled disciples and good stewards, the sacrifice of our time, talent, and treasure is essential for the common good.



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, for the Presidents’ Day Holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 9 am.

**BABY BOTTLE BLESSINGS**

We are collecting monetary donations to support the Pregnancy Resource Clinic. The PRC supports men and women in our area during and beyond pregnancy with medical care, counseling, and material needs. Baby bottles will be distributed on February 26th and collected by Palm Sunday weekend, April 2nd. Donations can be made by coin, cash, or check. Please make checks payable to PRC or Pregnancy Resource Clinic. Envelopes are available for those who want to donate with a check and do not want to take a bottle. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Update on the Lock Haven Clinic at 53 West Main St. Administrators are currently working with an architect to prepare for clinic renovations and handicap accessibility. An architectural plan is displayed in each church. All prayers are invited!

Mandeville Lenten Collection Beyond Jamaica’s world-class beach resorts live a people who endure deep poverty yet thrive in great hope – a hope found in the love of Christ. As a witness for Christ, you can advance the hope of the people within the Diocese of Mandeville through a Lenten offering on Ash Wednesday. Your gift will make a direct impact as it helps spread the message of Jesus in Mandeville as well as in your heart. Thank you!

**CRS RICE BOWL**

CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in dioceses throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 100 different countries each year. Twenty-five percent of donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. The cardboard rice bowl boxes will be given to all religious education students. Extras will be available at the church entrances if you and/or your family would also like to participate. The filled boxes should be returned to the parish on April 16th.



Ash Wednesday A HOLY DAY OF INVITATION... an invitation from the Holy Spirit to enter 40 days of prayer, repentance, fasting and interior house cleaning. The Church knows that we tend to get lazy and lukewarm, and we become attached to the world. No matter what we have done in the past, today we can choose to change the course of our lives. With the words, “Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return,” we are reminded of our own mortality. May we all have a blessed Ash Wednesday and may this Lenten journey bring us closer to the One Who loves us beyond measure.

**FEB. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 PM – MASS and DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES**

“As you receive ashes, hear the one word that is spoken over you by God himself - ‘MINE’”.

**ABSTINENCE** from eating meat is to be observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT, by all those who are 14 years of age and older .

**FASTING** (one full meal) is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all those 18 year of age and older, up to the beginning of their 60th year (i.e., the day after their 59th birthday.) Two smaller meals are permitted according to one’s needs, but they should not together equal the one full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. As always, those with medical conditions that demand otherwise are dispensed.

**JOURNEYING THROUGH LENT**

The journey through Lent to the celebration of Easter will hold a familiar rhythm. Each year, we enter these sacred weeks with a desire to let go of what is keeping us bound so that we can grow deeper in our faith and draw closer to Christ. This year is no different, and yet it has the potential to be quite different. It offers a new opportunity to encounter Christ, and to make His message of Good News more personal and real in our lives. As we journey towards the Passion of Jesus, we will hear Gospel stories of transformation – from thirst to fullness of life, from blindness to sight, from death to life. These are the transformations of the Christian life. As you begin your Lenten journey, may you walk faithfully beside Jesus, so that the Easter story can more authentically and personally become yours. May you be open to allowing the Holy Spirit to bring about transformation in your life, and may you receive the new sight and the new life that Jesus offers you.

Lent calls us to our inner room. To soften our hearts and listen for the voice of God...  
How can you make space in your days this Lent to hear the still,  
small voice of God in your heart?



### **BETSY ANN EASTER CANDY**

Our CCD students are selling Betsy Ann Chocolates for Easter. Just as in past years, the students will have brochures, and we will have a few extras in the back of the church. We are also offering online sales this year as well; however, you will have to pay for shipping when using this method. The brochure will be on our website and in the Rectory. Any orders can be put in the collection basket. All checks can be made to St. Joseph's. Thank you so much, we appreciate your support!

#### **Online fundraiser instructions:**

1. Go to our website [www.betsyann.com](http://www.betsyann.com) and make an individual account
2. Start shopping – you can order just about anything that is available!
3. Under each item is two options... ship or pick up at factory store
4. Once finished, go to checkout. At the bottom of the checkout area you will see “comments and special instructions for Betsy Ann Chocolates”. Please enter: Saint Joseph Church, Renovo PA
5. You will pay shipping and should receive an email stating your package has been shipped. If you do not receive one, you can call me at 412-931-4288 and I will give you the tracking information from UPS. The shipping costs do not factor into the profit amounts. Only product.

### **DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE**

An inspiring Catholic priest and a nationally recognized author will headline the 2023 Men's Conference, **STRENGTH IN CHRIST – Be Not Afraid**. The conference is scheduled for April 29th from 9:00 AM until 3:30 PM at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson. Speakers will be Father Joe Freedy, a priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, and Gary Zimak, a Catholic evangelist and author who is recognized as the leading speaker on the topic of overcoming anxiety. Bishop Mark will celebrate Mass at 4:00 PM. The day will also include presentations from local parishioners to inspire men to put their faith into action at the parish level. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated, and lunch will be provided. Registration is required by April 14th. The cost is \$20 per person; \$10 for college and high school students. Register online at [dioceseaj.org](http://dioceseaj.org) or pick up a registration form at any parish in the diocese.

### **COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES: Wednesdays During Lent at 7 PM**

March 1	Zion's Lutheran Church	Speaker: Pastor John Baney
March 8	Renovo First Methodist Church	Speaker: Pastor Colvin
March 15	St. Joseph Church	Speaker: Pastor Rinker
March 22	North Bend Methodist Church	Speaker: Martha Sykes
March 29	Christian Community Church	Speaker: Deacon Dan Heiser

### **SEDER MEAL**

Tickets are going on sale next week, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, for our annual Seder Meal. They will be sold in the back of the church after Mass for the next few weeks. They are also sold at the Parish Office. This year the Seder Meal will be held on April 2, 2023 (Palm Sunday), at 4pm.



### **THE SHROUD OF TURIN**

**TALK AND REPLICA is COMING TO Holy Spirit Parish St. Agnes Church Sunday, March 26, 2023, at 3:00 PM.** Don't miss this excellent opportunity to experience the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ in a way that can make this an unforgettable event in your life. Considered one of the greatest mysteries of our time, the Shroud of Turin continues to amaze and baffle scientists, doctors, historians, artists, and theologians. Scientists cannot explain the source of the image, which contains photographic and 3-D properties on an ancient cloth. But is this the actual burial cloth of Jesus Christ? Bill Wingard, a speaker for the Shroud, will present the case for authenticity that has already been delivered on the east and west coasts, and you can be the judge. Come see a full-size replica of the Shroud and the photographic negative images that sparked an explosion of scientific interest and debate over a century ago which continues to this day. What message does the Shroud have for each of us? Bring others, including teens on up and your cameras.

### **PRAYERS TO MARY AND JOSEPH**

We are taking requests to have a candle burning on the side altars under the Blessed Mother or Saint Joseph, our patron saint, in honor or in memory of your loved ones. We can take up to 3 requests for each altar, and we have many openings. The cost is \$10 for two weeks, call or stop in the parish office to reserve a date. \*Also, don't forget our votive candles in front of the church. Please take a moment before or after Mass to light one of our blue and red votive candles for your own personal intentions.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

One of the most powerful ways to enter into the Passion and death of Jesus is to pray the pious devotion we call the Stations of the Cross. The custom of walking and praying the Stations of the Cross was used in the fifteenth century. Pilgrims to the Holy Land developed a custom of visiting the places sanctified by Christ's early life, particularly the path he took on Good Friday from His trial at Pilate's house to Golgotha, where He was crucified and then on to the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. Praying the Stations of the Cross is a powerful way to contemplate and enter into the mystery of Jesus' gift of Himself to us. In praying the stations of the Cross, we come to experience the love Jesus has for us as His faithful followers and for each one of us individually as we draw ourselves closer to Him through developing a deeper love and appreciation for His gift of salvation for us all.



You can walk that pilgrimage of Jesus' final journey as He carried His cross to Golgotha, the place of His crucifixion every Friday evening at 6:00 during Lent in the Church.



**WELCOME**  
Welcome to all, especially visitors and guests, who have come to worship in our Church today  
No matter how long you plan to be in the neighborhood, please consider St. Joseph’s your parish home.  
Call the parish office, 570-923-0172, to schedule an appointment with Father Orr to register.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29  
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37  
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25  
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15  
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32  
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

<b><u>SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES</u></b>	
Monday:	Presidents’ Day
Tuesday:	St. Peter Damian; Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday:	Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Washington’s Birthday
Thursday:	St. Polycarp
Friday:	Abstinence

**DISCIPLES TOGETHER**

Today’s readings reflect on our communal identity as disciples. Before we begin Lent together in a few days, we take time to appreciate what God has done by giving us our family of faith. In Leviticus, God tells Moses to “speak to the whole Israelite community” and give them instructions for living in love. Moses passes along the message—to each and every believer—that God’s people must strive together for holiness. Saint Paul echoes this message, insisting that we are indeed God’s holy children. As temples of the Spirit, we belong to Christ and to one another. This mutual belonging is a blessing and a challenge. In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus sets a high bar for Christian community: his followers must love not only those who are easy to love, but also the people who upset us. Together, let us ask God to give us this kind of love.  
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**THE HEAVIEST LOAD**

A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load anyone can carry.  
—Anonymous

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**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 19, 2023**

Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.

— *Leviticus 19:2b*

**† Our Gifts to God †  
Sunday Offering: Feb 12, 2023**

Regular Collection	\$1,609.00
Monthly	335.00
Children	<u>12.75</u>
	\$1,956.75

ENVELOPES	Adults
Used	96
Families:	208

VOTIVE: \$10.00  
EASTER FLOWERS: \$30.00

**Special Collections**  
• Mandeville: \$10.00

**THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING THE CALL**

We want to thank all parishioners and friends for the overwhelming response to our Capital Campaign Fund.. We are almost there!! We are grateful to you for answering the call and making self-sacrificial commitments to the campaign. So far, with all the pledges and donations that have come in, we are up to \$95,534.  
*James & Anna Knauff, Dennis & Mary Anderson, Lydia Heiser, Knights of Columbus, Barbara Mills, Charles Lackey, Angela Lavelle, Mrs. W. K Penton, Catherine Himmel, William & Marcia Mainguth, Barbara Mastriana, Pat & Marcia Clemente, James Patrick Kelley, Paul & Grace Maxwell, Patrick Smith, Maurice Kelley, Tom & Terrie Kerstetter, Ron & Cathy Dremel, Keith & Patricia Wilson, Jeanette Morton, Ruby Prebble, Angeline Fedele, Ann Fedele, Margaret Sutliff, Teresa Fedele, Sue Allen, Marjorie & Vincent Massaro, Susan Smith, Terrie Buranosky, Carol Coover, Pam & Carl Gentzyel, George B. Simon, Dennis & Mary Anderson, Kenneth & Carol Reber, Robert & Patricia Jones, John & Susan Sette, Shirley Kisko, Sharon Krauss, Bob & Chris Huff, Ann Greene, Dcn Chip & Connie Young, David Drabic, Theresa O’Donnell, Judy Kurutz, Chuck & Nancy Swanson, Jeanette Summerson, Mike Tomko, Deborah Pedokus, Janet Stone, Sarah Graw, George & Sandy Machak, Helen Green, John & Mary Ann Tarantella, Jen Pick, Mary, Steve, & Teresa Stone, Tarantella’s Sudsy Pup, Hanobic Family, Lisa & Jack Houser, Mary Ann Kennis, Peter & Claire Wickershaw, Jim Miller, Heiser Family, Mary & Steve Rathmell, Paul & Joan Filbin, April & Mike Smith and family, Barbara Newlen, Jim & Sue Morgan and family, Tom & Ann Tarantella, George “Mike” & Michele Simon, Gloria Renehan, Barb & Mike Fedele, Pattie Rauch, Mary & Dick Adams, and Bob & Lisa Houser, Kevin, Rosie, and Brian Dwyer, Valerie Kahley, Dolores Gregory, Ronald & Susan Ransdorf, Jim & Patty Cozzi, Margaret McCool, Stephen Adams, Ardell Gross, Nea & Jenna Brown, Dennis Manno, Russell Johnson, and Vince & Deb Tarantella, Susan & Michael Klimkos Dave Drabic, ,Christine Mulfinger, Andy & Sarah Ross, Claire Kerstetter, Jay & Vickie Morocko + 5 anonymous donors*

**BLACK AND INDIAN COLLECTION**

By virtue of our baptism into Christ Jesus, we are all missionaries, beginning with our own families and parishes. Like the Apostles, we are encouraged to reach out to our brothers and sisters in faith, love, and sacrifice. We must continue to build God’s Kingdom in our world. Thank you for your prayerful support of the Black and Indian Mission Collection.