



MASS INTENTIONS

Jan. 7: **Maggie Clemente** by Mom & Dad

Jan. 14: **Mike Probst** by Family

LECTOR SCHEDULE			ALTAR SERVERS	
Jan. 7	12 noon	C. DeMarte	E. DeMarte	M. Stone
Jan. 14	12 noon	A. Lavelle	J. Zuback	J. Zuback

MEMORIAL CANDLES				Jan. 1-14, 2024
Church Sanctuary	† Martha Crouse -George & Marcie			
Chapel Sanctuary	† Louise Cool -Mary & Steve Stone			
Blessed Mother	† Michelle Lynn Morocko – Mom & Dad	† Mary Joseph Morocko – Mom & Dad	† Andy & Viola – The Morocko Family	
Saint Joseph	† Rocky & Mini Morocko – The Morocko Family	† Joey Baratta – The Morocko Family	† Louise & Joe Baratta – The Morocko 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, Ruth Donnell, Vera Hough, Jeane Bressler, Grace DeSanto, Grace “Susie” Kisko, Liz Kalafut, Arnie Burrows, Brenda DeJoice, Caleb Leone, Adam Smith, Joyce Winkleman O’Brien, Chad Willard, Connie O’Toole Conrad, Kevin Dwyer, Denise Colvin, Frank Morton, Sue Sette, Mary Tripp, Estefan Nevarez, Merle Prebble, Larry Conly, Shawna Weaver, Kathy Jo Kalafut, Ben Moser, Kasey Knauff, Ruby Prebble, Chris Howlett, Willy Dressler, Joey Herridge, Anna O’Neill, Terry O’Laughlin, Mike Fantazier, John Tarantella, Lynn Anderson, Lisa Myers, Ed McGuire, Danielle Luzier, Kathy Smith, David Moore, Emma Christner, and Monica Fox

WEEKLY SCHEDULE				Collection Counters: Margie & Ann
MONDAY 1/08				
TUESDAY 1/09	Communion Service	8:30 am	Chapel	
WEDNESDAY 1/10	Parish Council	6:00 pm	Rectorry	
THURSDAY 1/11				
FRIDAY 1/12				
SATURDAY 1/13				
SUNDAY 1/14	CCD (K -7,)	10:45 am	Rectorry	
	Mass	12 noon	Church	

JANUARY 7, 2024

CHURCH OF SAINT JOSEPH

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MASS TIME

Sunday: 12 noon

CONFESSION:

Sunday: 11:35 – 11:55 am
Wednesday by appt.



COMMUNION SERVICES

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. (Chapel)
First Friday: 6:00 p.m. (Chapel)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 9 am - 2 pm
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: 9 am - 5 pm
Thursday: 9 am - 2 pm
Friday: Closed

MISSION STATEMENT

As members of the family of God, our mission is to joyfully share the good news, reconnect with lapsed Catholics, and warmly welcome them back into the fold. We are dedicated to serving as positive role models for the youth in our parish, exemplifying the richness of the Catholic Faith. Through the pillars of prayer, education, hospitality, outreach, and stewardship, we aim to open our arms wide, embracing all who seek to be a part of our vibrant faith community.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Joseph Orr.....*Pastor*
Rev. Daniel Heiser.....*Deacon*
Alison Heiser.....*Secretary/DRE*
Terry O’Laughlin.....*Finance/Sacristan*
Louis Roteigliano.....*Design Specialist/PR*

SICK CALL

Please notify the office when a parish member is in the hospital or cannot attend Church and wishes to receive Holy Communion at home.

MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS

Call the church office to schedule an appointment.

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

If you wish to become a member of the parish, please reach out to the parish office. Additionally, if you are relocating from the parish, kindly inform us. Active membership, demonstrated through registration, practicing stewardship, and regular participation in the Sacraments, qualifies individuals to serve as godparents or sponsors. As a Church community aspiring to be faithful disciples and responsible stewards, contributing our time, talent, and treasure is vital for the collective well-being.

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

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/ 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you’re on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: “God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace.”

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God’s and Herod’s. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn’t entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which. After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn’t say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I’ll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod’s charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe. The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it’s enough to remember this: God’s plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let’s have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS (c)LPi

† Our Gifts to God †
Sunday Offering: Dec. 31, 2023

Regular Collection:	\$ 1,546.00
Monthly:	950.00
Children	6.00
	\$ 2,502.00

Votive: \$ 41.00
Christmas : \$200.00
New Years: \$40.00
Initial Offering: \$25

Thank you for being good stewards.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Regardless of the weather conditions, we want to reassure you that every Sunday at 12 noon, there will be either a Mass or a Communion Service, both conducted by our ordained clergy. Both fulfill your Sunday obligation.
**When there is bad weather and it could be hazardous to travel to Mass you are dispensed from your obligation to attend. Father Orr encourages everyone to stay home if the weather is dangerous and say a prayer or the Rosary.*

TAX STATEMENTS

Anyone that receives envelopes and would like a 2023 tax statement can request it by calling the parish office. A word of profound prayerful gratitude for the outstanding generosity of the parishioners of Saint Joseph.

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Your new offertory envelopes will be in the back of the church. Please pick yours up and your neighbors or friends. Please contact the parish office if you do not see a box with your name. Thank you!

Have you joined Flocknote which is our Parish messaging system? Receive the Weekly Bulletin in your inbox plus important updates for Mass, Cancelations, Confession schedules and all the activities in our parish. It’s easy! Text STJOSEPH to 84576 to join.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Wednesday, Jan. 10: Parish Council at 6 pm
Wednesday, Jan. 24: Finance Council at 6 pm
Wednesday, Jan. 31: Liturgy Comm. at 6 pm
**ALL parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings.*