



MASS INTENTIONS
Wednesday, Nov. 22 : † **John Kurutz, Sr.** – Mary, Joe, & JR Rosamilia
Sunday, Nov. 26 : † **Jim & June DeJoyce-** Janet
Sunday, Dec. 3 : † **DeJoyce & Stone Families** - Janet

LECTOR SCHEDULE			ALTAR SERVERS	
Nov. 26	12 noon	P. Kowalski	J. Zuback	D. Ross
Dec. 3	12 noon	T. Tarantella	E. Kalafut	R. Tarantella

MEMORIAL CANDLES				Nov. 15 – 30, 2023
Church Sanctuary	† Jim & June DeJoyce -Janet			
Chapel Sanctuary	† Mark Morocko –Lisa & Jack Houser			
Blessed Mother	† Mark “Rock” Morocko – Vickie & Jay	† Michelle Lynn Morocko – Vickie & Jay	† Mary Fedele – Mary, Teresa, & Steve Stone	
Saint Joseph	♥ DeJoyce & Stone Families – Janet	† Ed Brezovic – The Himmels	† John Fedele – Mary, Teresa, & Steve Stone	

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, Ruth Donnell, Vera Hough, Jeane Bressler, Grace DeSanto, Grace “Susie” Kisko, Liz Kalafut, Arnie Burrows, Brenda DeJoyce, Caleb Leone, Adam Smith, Joyce Winkelman 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, and David Moore

WEEKLY SCHEDULE		Collection Counters: Mary, Louie, & Ann	
MONDAY 11/20			
TUESDAY 11/21	Communion Service	8:30 AM	Chapel
WEDNESDAY 11/22	Mass	6:00 PM	Church
THURSDAY 11/23	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!		
FRIDAY 11/24			
SATURDAY 11/25			
SUNDAY 11/26	Mass	noon	Church

November 19, 2023

CHURCH OF SAINT JOSEPH

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MASS TIME

Sunday: 12 noon

CONFESSION:

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



PARISH STAFF

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

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.

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.

THE MEANING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

1. The wreath, a circle, expresses God's unending eternity.
2. Evergreen symbolizes God's unchangeableness and our immortality.
3. Four candles, one for each week of Advent, represents the many hundreds of years during which mankind awaited the Redeemer.
4. Violet candles and ribbon remind us of longing expectation.
5. The rose candle symbolizes the joy and hope awaiting Jesus' birthday.
6. Red ribbon stands for Jesus' blood shed on the cross.



The wreath in church is blessed before Sunday Mass. A violet candle is lighted and burns during the Mass. On successive Sundays, the second violet candle is used, the rose candle and finally the last violet candle. As Jesus' coming draws near, the brightness increases.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Multiple priests will be joining us to assist with confessions for the Advent Penance Service. Please plan to join us to begin Advent off on the right foot.

- St. Agnes, Lock Haven – Sunday, December 3 @ 3PM
- Penn State – Monday, December 4 @ 6:30PM
- **St. Joseph, Renovo – Wednesday, December 6 @ 6PM**
- St. John the Evangelist – Sunday, December 10 @ 3PM
- Our Lady of Victory – Monday, December 18 @ 6PM

NORTHERN DEANERY RAFFLE

Once more, we are collaborating with fellow churches in the Northern Deanery to orchestrate an exciting car raffle. For just \$10 per ticket, participants have the opportunity to win one of four thrilling prizes. Starting in January, we will have an early bird drawing each month of 5 winners. Each winner will receive five replacement tickets for the one ticket drawn, and the seller listed on the ticket will receive a check for \$50!! This year, you can accept cash instead of the prize.

- 1st Prize is a \$30,000 Car Voucher or \$25,000 cash
- 2nd prize is a Houseboat Vacation or \$1,500 cash
- 3rd Prize is a Seven Springs Excursion or \$750 cash
- 4th Prize is a Yeti Cooler Package or \$200 cash



On this secular occasion of Thanksgiving, its significance resonates deeply with the Christian way of life. As we gather each year, it provides us an opportunity to think about the virtue of gratitude and thanksgiving that holds immense importance in our lives. Our hearts overflow with gratitude as we reflect on the unwavering support our parish receives.

In our unique circumstances, marked by the absence of a resident pastor or administrator, we are truly blessed to have Father Orr graciously caring for our community. The recent addition of a permanent deacon adds to our blessings, ensuring the continuity and security of our cherished church. Yet, we acknowledge the challenges that accompany our situation—demanding patience, mercy, and forgiveness from us all.

It is heartening to witness the incredible generosity of spirit displayed by parishioners who have risen to the occasion, contributing their time and talents. Their dedication ensures the seamless functioning of our parish and fosters its growth. Each volunteer, each supporter plays a vital role in the survival and flourishing of our church.

Our collective achievements and the warmth of our community wouldn't be possible without the selfless contributions of all of you. As we express our heartfelt thanks, we extend our blessings to each member of our parish family. May this Thanksgiving be a time of reflection, appreciation, and joy. God bless you all abundantly. Happy Thanksgiving!

The Rectory Office will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Please limit your calls to the rectory office to those of an urgent nature during these days. Happy Thanksgiving!

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

A vigil Thanksgiving Mass will be held at St. Joseph's in Renovo on Wednesday, November 23rd at 6:00 PM. There is no morning Mass that day. On Thanksgiving morning, November 24th, Mass will be at 9:00 AM at Immaculate Conception.

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: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48 Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

The Parable of the Talents is too easily interpreted in the wrong way. One overly simplistic way would be to interpret it in terms of money. Although the parable references money, this is not its purpose.

The next way, which has been used at other times, has to do with human abilities. In combination with the first reading for this weekend this could have some value. Still, even though very helpful, that is not quite the fullness of Jesus’ teaching.

These two approaches can too easily reduce the message to one of utilitarianism, of making us simply of value for what we have and do. It must be understood that these interpretations are helpful just the same, but not as previously understood. It is true, we need to serve God and his Church with our temporal goods and our human skills. Of greater value is for us to have an inner preparedness. It is the idea of being prepared, as has been emphasized so often, of constantly growing in the virtues.

The point is almost the same idea of the frog in the pot of water brought to a boil. If the temperature goes up quickly the frog jumps out and lives. If the temperature goes up slowly the frog doesn’t sense it and dies.

Along with our Christian mission of using our temporal goods and human skills for the service of God and neighbor, we have to grow in our knowledge and application of the truths of our faith. The slow growth of liberal ideologies is a perfect example for us to consider. How slowly the light of truth has been, over many years, put out. This is where we need to be better at rejecting things like gender ideology and other evil causes of the modern times.

With my prayers, Fr. Kent Ouellette

† Our Gifts to God †
Sunday Offering: Nov. 12, 2023

Regular Collection:	\$ 1,731.00
Monthly:	200.00
Children	7.00
	\$ 1,938.00

Votive: \$ 168.00
Catholic Charities: \$20.00

Thank you for being good stewards.

USHERS

As we strive to ensure a reverent atmosphere during Communion for all members of our congregation, we are currently seeking dedicated volunteers to assist as ushers during Communion at all Masses. Please call the parish office if you are interested.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS:

Nov. 1 – Janetta Lavanture	Nov. 10 – Carrie Harhigh
Nov. 2 – Nancy Hess	Nov. 11 – Jim Miller
Nov. 3 – Travis Fantaskey	Nov. 12 – George Kalafut
Nov. 4 – Malm Riggle	Nov. 13 – Mario Gentzyel
Nov. 5 – Teresa Fedele	Nov. 14 – Matthew Guegver
Nov. 6 – Katie Adams	Nov. 15 – Ruth Shinn
Nov. 7 – Justin Woomer	Nov. 16 – Jen Pick
Nov. 8 – Jack Rooney	Nov. 17 – Michael Heiser
Nov. 9 – Kathy Jo Kalafut	Nov. 18 – Ron Dremel

COAT DRIVE

Share the warmth this winter and donate a coat to a neighbor in need. St. Joseph Parish is participating in the Council of Churches annual coat drive. Bring your gently used coats, scarfs, gloves, or hats to the rectory during parish office hours by Nov. 29th. All sizes are needed from children’s to adult XXL, and will be distributed locally to those in need. Thank you for helping keep our neighbors warm!

For those interested in including announcements in the weekly bulletin, please send your submissions to Alison at aheiser@dioceseaj.org. **We kindly request all groups, clubs, and organizations to email any content intended for the bulletin by Thursday to ensure publication in the upcoming Sunday's edition.** This proactive approach helps us avoid oversights related to meeting times or changes. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!