



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Sept. 3: †*Jim DeJoice Jr.* – Janet
Sunday, Sept 10: †*Marilyn Crane* – Louis Roteigliano
Sunday, Sept 17: † *Father, Timothy Grimme* – Andrew Simon

LECTOR SCHEDULE			ALTAR SERVERS	
Sunday, Sept. 3	Noon	M.A. Tarantella	E. Kalafut	Q. Kalafut
Sunday, Sept 10	Noon	J. Kowalski	T. Stone	P. Tarantella
Sunday, Sept 17	Noon	C. DeMarte	A. Tarantella	Q. Dorman

MEMORIAL CANDLES		SEPT 1-14, 2023	
CHURCH SANCTUARY	† <i>Mazzulla Family</i> – The Fedeles		
CHAPEL SANCTUARY			
BLESSED MOTHER	† <i>Christopher Perry</i> – Mary & Steve Rathmell	† <i>Special Intention</i>	
SAINT JOSEPH	† <i>John Kurutz</i>	† <i>Timothy Kurutz</i> – Love, Mom	† <i>Jim Costulas</i> - Judy

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, Brenda DeJoice, Caleb Leone, 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, Mary Tripp, Estefan Nevarez, Joel Kohler, Tom Daywalt, Merle Prebble, Larry Conly, Shawna Weaver, Eric Ditty(special intention), Kathy Jo Kalafut, Ben Moser, Deborah Hall, Billie Francis, Kasey Knauff, Ruby Prebble, Chris Howlett, and Charles Maxwell

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Collection Counters: Margie and Ann			
MONDAY 9/04			
TUESDAY 9/05	Communion Service	8:30 AM	Chapel
WEDNESDAY 9/06	Parish Council	6:00 PM	Rectory
THURSDAY 9/07	Prayer Shawl	6:30 PM	Rectory
FRIDAY 9/08			
SATURDAY 9/09			
SUNDAY 9/10	Mass	Noon	Church

September 3, 2023

CHURCH OF
SAINT JOSEPH

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS TIME

Sunday: 12 noon

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday by appt.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Joseph Orr.....*Pastor*
Rev. Daniel Heiser.....*Deacon*
Alison Heiser.....*Secretary/DRE*

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 parish member 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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday: Closed
Friday: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

COMMUNION SERVICES

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

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. Nine-month advance notice is required for marriage.
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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.



Happy Birthday to Our Holy Mother of God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, which we will celebrate on September 8th. Let us all do something special for Our Lady; pray the rosary or pray an extra one, come to daily Mass, pray a novena to Her, or simply offer Her a prayer of love and devotion. May we continue to show Her great honor as the Mother of God and our Mother as well.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Joseph's CCD program is looking for individuals who enjoy sharing God's word with students as teachers, co-teachers, and substitute teachers for the upcoming year. If you think you might be interested, don't hesitate to contact Alison at aheiser@dioceseaj.org. Clearances are required, and we can guide you through the process.

FROM THE DEACON

I would like to offer my help if there are couples who would like to have their marriage convalidated, which means have their marriage become sacramental, or if there is anyone in need of a declaration of nullity for a previous marriage, I would be happy to meet with anyone to help. There is no cost; it is absolutely free. This way we can help bring more people back to a full sacramental life. Marriage situations can be sensitive, but please know that the Church can and wants to help. If you or anyone you know would like to meet with me, please call the parish office at 923-0172. God Bless!

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council will meet this Wednesday, Sept 6th at 6:00 pm. All members are asked to attend. All are welcome to attend.

For anyone who is interested in pursuing the vocation of Permanent Deacon in our diocese, there will be an opportunity for prospective candidates to meet, to learn about our vocation and the formation process. October 3rd at the U.S. Hotel and Tavern, Hollidaysburg at 7:00 PM Light refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served. If you are interested, please contact: Deacon Michael Russo (michael.russo@atlanticbb.net) or Jessica Gramling (jgramling@dioceseaj.org)



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

K through 9th grade classes will begin on **September 17th at 10:45 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.** and will be held in the Administration Building (rectory). Grades 8/9 and 10/11 will alternate every other week. However, students are welcome to come each week if they choose. Please note that this year, we will start classes promptly at 10:45 a.m. More information will be sent home with students when CCD begins.

***All Catechists are asked to stay after Mass Sunday, Sept 10th, for a short meeting.**
Thank you!

LABOR DAY

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, September 4th, in observance of Labor Day. The office will reopen Tuesday, September 6th. Labor Day marks the unofficial conclusion of the summer season and provides us an opportunity to give thanks to God for the gift of work which 'anoints' us with dignity; to ask for God's assistance in providing our nation and world with work for all that is decent and fair, and to invite God's help in making us faithful stewards of his creation to the benefit of all humankind. It is also an opportunity to pray for those who must work in jobs that ignore their dignity and for those who've lost their jobs and are seeking work at this time.

Lord on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask Your guidance for everyone seeking employment, and we ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all. Amen.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Spiritual nourishment, uplifting messages, fellowship, & fun are in store at the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown STRENGTH IN CHRIST women's conference on September 16 at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson. Internationally recognized Kitty Cleveland and Mary Castner will be the keynote presenters. Cleveland, a singer/songwriter, began her professional career as a lawyer and then as a college professor, but in an adoration chapel in 1998, as she searched for God during a devastating family crisis, she clearly heard the Lord Jesus call her to become a music missionary. Castner's life changed when she discovered praise and worship music at age 14 and went on to earn degrees in Theology and Catechetics from Franciscan University of Steubenville. She serves as a youth minister at an Arizona parish and is the founder of the ministry The Father's Heart and co-founder of the Don't Shove the Dove Catholic podcast. Mass with Bishop Mark, Confessions, & lunch will be included. The conference runs from 9:00AM—4:00PM with check-in beginning at 7:30AM. Ladies are invited to stay and pray the Rosary from 4:00-5:00PM. The cost is \$20 for adults; \$10 for high school and college students. Register by September 1st online at dioceseaj.org or pick up a hard copy registration form at any parish.

Many candle intention dates remain available for the remainder of 2023. The candles burn for two weeks in honor or memory of your loved ones. Call the parish office to schedule your dates.



Are you interested in a personal relationship with God? Have you been attending Mass but not able to fully participate in the sacraments? Are you searching for a faith community? Do you desire to learn more about the Catholic faith? OCIA is for YOU... OCIA (FORMERLY "RCIA") OCIA stands for Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. For those seeking to be initiated into the Catholic church, OCIA is the process of learning about and growing in the Catholic faith and deepening your relationship with Jesus Christ, leading to reception of the sacraments of baptism (if necessary), Confirmation and the Eucharist. If you or anyone you know are interested in joining the Catholic Church, or have questions and want to learn more, OCIA is for you! Please call the parish office for more information.

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: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/ Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31- 37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1- 11
Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1- 16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-2

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman **Choosing the Cross**

I’ve been called a lot of things in my life, but I’ve never been called “Satan,” at least not to my face.

It seems to me the worst name you could call a person, and today we hear it straight from the lips of Jesus. It’s just one of the many small reminders strewn throughout Scripture that Jesus preaches meekness, but he is not mild — not when mildness serves no purpose, anyway.

And here, when Peter is trying to deter Jesus from making the right choice, mildness serves no purpose at all. Can we blame Peter? I certainly can’t. I’m sure I would have said the same thing to my own dear friend. He is, in today’s Gospel, wholly unwilling to embrace the cross — he’s afraid of it, even — but aren’t we all, in the end, afraid of our cross? I am. It’s no sin, it’s only human. Fear is natural. Self-preservation is a reflex.

What Christ speaks of today is a choice, one we are all faced with, again and again, just as Peter is. We will not always respond perfectly; Peter does not respond well today. He does not respond well on Holy Thursday.

But on his last day, on the day of the ultimate choice? On that day, he chooses the cross. We marvel at first responders who put themselves in harm’s way for the sake of others, because to do so is not human, it is divine. I have to believe that if even a firefighter’s loved one threw themselves in his way, he would still charge toward the flames, crying, “Get behind me.”

Christ runs into the burning building for us, shaking off not only his own fear (and he had it, I promise you — he was human, too) but the fear of everyone who loved him.

“Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God…” — Romans 12:1 ©LPi

† Our Gifts to God †

Sunday Offering: August 27, 2023

Regular Collection: \$ 1,392.00

Monthly: 55.00

Children: 5.00

\$1,452.00

Votive: \$11

Matthew 25: \$30

ENVELOPES Adults

Used: 62

Families: 208

Thank you for being good stewards.

MAUI

Catholic Charities USA is assisting with relief efforts following the devastating wildfires which struck parts of the island of Maui, Hawaii, on August 8 and 9. To make a financial contribution to these relief efforts, visit: catholiccharitiesusa.org
Let us pray for all those affected by this disaster and for those assisting with recovery and rebuilding efforts.

MEMORIALS/DONATIONS

St. Joseph received the following donations:
In loving memory of *John Kurutz & Son, Timothy* by Shirley Kisko (\$50)

ST. JOSEPH’S CALENDAR RAFFLE

St. Joseph’s will hold a calendar raffle for the month of November. Each day a number will be drawn, and the winner will receive the prize for that day. More information to come. We are asking for donations of gift cards (\$25 or higher) or cash donations in any amount. Thank you!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Isn’t it easy to relate to Peter? One moment Jesus announces Peter’s deep communion with God the Father. The very next, when he rejects the logic of Jesus’ suffering and death, Jesus calls Peter Satan. We Christians shouldn’t be too shocked when we experience both spiritual highs and lows, when we perceive breathtaking contradictions in our hearts. Like the great apostle, you and I are recipients of unfathomable graces. God dwells in us, calls his beloved children, and takes care of our every need. And we also continually fail to embrace our sufferings with trust in Jesus. We know the truth of the creed, but we easily scorn the weight of the cross. The good news is that, like Peter, we are never abandoned by the Lord even at our worst moments. Peter will eventually learn the beauty of the cross when he is willingly crucified. But it took time for him to get there. And it takes time for us, too. This week let’s not be too shocked at these divisions in our hearts but accept them and patiently seek to be more obedient to Jesus’ crossshaped plan for us. Father John Muir ©LPi

