



MASS INTENTIONS
Tuesday, Aug. 15: † *Irma Clemente* – Betty, Alice, & Peggy
Sunday, Aug. 20: † *Mary Spangler* – Larry & Chris
Sunday, Aug. 27: † *Robert & Eleanor Chulak* – Bill & Marcie Mainguth

LECTOR SCHEDULE			ALTAR SERVERS	
Tuesday, Aug 15	6 PM	P. Kowalski	M. Heiser	D. Ross
Sunday, Aug 20	Noon	T. Tarantella	T. Tarantella	L. DeMarte
Sunday, Aug 27	Noon	T. Kerstetter	S. Heiser	P. Tarantella

MEMORIAL CANDLES		AUG 15-31, 2023	
CHURCH SANCTUARY	† <i>Barb & Donny Stevenson</i> – The Fedeles		
CHAPEL SANCTUARY	† <i>Howard Brennan</i> - Family		
BLESSED MOTHER	† <i>Christopher Perry</i> – Mary & Steve Rathmell	† <i>Special Intention</i>	† <i>Laura “Lori” Smith</i> – Mother, Livia
SAINT JOSEPH	♥- <i>Ruby Prebble, Get Well Soon</i>	† <i>Bill Marino</i> – Livia, Janet, & Mary	† <i>Ginny Serafini</i> - Friend

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 Winkelman 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, and Chris Howlett

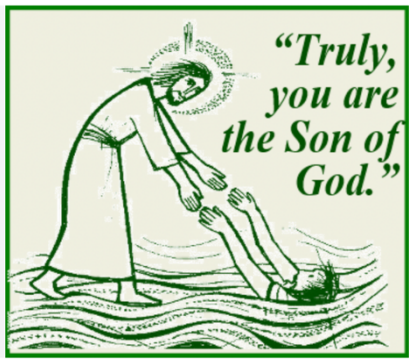
WEEKLY SCHEDULE Collection Counters: Margie & Ann			
MONDAY 8/14			
TUESDAY 8/15	Holy Day Mass	6:00 PM	Church
WEDNESDAY 8/16			
THURSDAY 8/17			
FRIDAY 8/18			
SATURDAY 8/19			
SUNDAY 8/20	Mass	Noon	Church

August 13, 2023

CHURCH OF SAINT JOSEPH

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19th 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.

honor my father and my mother. All Christians are given the commandment to honor the Holy Mother of God. On August 15, we will especially honor Her by celebrating Her Assumption into Heaven body and soul. Our Lady is always ready to pray and intercede for all Her beloved children, and we as Her sons and daughters should always be ready to go to Her for guidance. On August 22, the celebration of Her Coronation as Queen of Heaven and Earth will take place. Let us truly prepare for these days by attending Mass and spending that time with the Mother of God.

***Mass for the Assumption will be Tuesday, August 15th at 6:00 PM.
(There will not be a Communion Service this week)**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION REMINDERS

Registration for 1st through 11th-grade religious education is open for new students. Parents of children who attended last year will receive a form and schedule by mail. If your child has never attended and you would like them to join, please enroll them by accessing the link to the online registration form on the parish website.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY EUCHARIST

A student must attend both the first and second-grade Religious Education program as well as special sessions and retreats for the reception of this Sacrament with the second-grade class. Parents must participate in the celebration of the Sacrament on a regular basis with their child and attend the First Reconciliation and First Communion retreats and practice to enrich and strengthen the family’s understanding of this Sacrament.

CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation candidates, their sponsors, and families commit to a three-year process (9th, 10th, and 11th grades) of preparation before celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in 11th grade. For additional information regarding religious education classes, sacramental preparation, or Christian initiation, please contact:
Alison Heiser, Director of Religious Education
aheiser@dioceseaj.org

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

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Due to the Holy Day this week, the CDA meeting for August will be next week, Tuesday, August 22nd at 6:30 pm in the Rectory. The committee for the evening is Erica Dorman and Mary George Dorman. All members are asked to attend.

BUDSTOCK! The all-day FREE music Festival will be held on Sat. Aug. 26, 2023, from 11:00 AM till 11:00 PM at the FFF lot. Come and support this community event of FOOD, FUN, GIFT BASKETS, RAFFLE PRIZES, and MUSIC MUSIC MUSIC

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.

PRO-LIFE NEWS

God expects us to choose life. The pro-life movement, through thousands of pregnancy resource centers, offers women real help in their need and in the gifts of life and peace. Holy Spirit, free us from a superficial commitment to goodness. Continue to turn our words into good actions so that life may flourish.

DIACONATE CLASSES

Sacred Scripture & Synoptic Gospels, taught by Deacon Michael Russo via ZOOM. Tuesdays from 6:30PM-9:00PM (running 10 weeks) beginning August 22nd. Moral Theology taught IN PERSON (not available by ZOOM) by Fr. James Crookston at Holy Name School in Ebensburg. Classes will be held on Thursdays from 6:30PM-9:00PM (running 7 weeks) beginning on August 24th. These classes are open to all! To register for classes, please visit www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry or contact Jessica, Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at 814-361-2000. All are welcome!

Annual Wedding Anniversary Masses

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2023 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, Sep 10 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, Sep 17 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00PM. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant & homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Tuesday, August 29.

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: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33 Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

FOCUS ON THE GOOD

When I was a child, my mother had a set of sculptures resembling three human heads. One head had hands over the ears, one had hands over the eyes, and one had hands over the mouth. Of course, they depicted the phrase, “Hear no evil; see no evil; speak no evil.” I have seen these images repeated many times since then, usually as the monkey heads from a Japanese proverb, which would have probably seemed a little less creepy to me when I was a small child. Apparently, there is no consensus about the full meaning or certain origin of these three images nor the phrase. At the very least, it causes us to reflect on the need to avoid evil and look for the good in things. As I have lived my life, I have come to believe there are more people who live their lives in a contrary manner to these images. It is not that they seek evil, but it is as if they “see no good, hear no good, and speak no good.” Gossiping is the way they pass the time, and they always seem to find the negative in people and situations. Being a good steward certainly means that we do not seek evil, but more than that, it means that we see the abundance of good things all around us. These gifts of God are big and little, profound and ordinary. By seeing the world in this way, we begin to change our personalities and our overall disposition. We always need to follow a new proverb: see all the good, hear all the good, and speak about the good. Amen.

Stewardship Reflections

Amazing things can happen when we fully permit God to take charge of our lives. When we take our eyes off God, we fail to see that all is gift from Him. What a grand adventure Peter could have had out there walking on the sea with Jesus! When we embrace the stewardship way of life, letting go of a tight hold of our money, time, and talents, our lives become a grand adventure, rooted firmly and gratefully in the God. Who always cares for us. (CatholicSteward.com 7/10/2023)



† Our Gifts to God †
Sunday Offering: July 30, 2023

Regular Collection:	\$ 1,351.00
Monthly:	125.00
Children:	<u>4.00</u>
	\$1,480.00

Votive: \$50
Matthew 25: \$10

Sunday Offering: August 6, 2023

Regular Collection:	\$ 2,267.00
Monthly:	865.00
Children:	<u>3.00</u>
	\$3,135.00

Votive: \$20
Matthew 25: \$40
Assumption: \$45

Thank you for being good stewards.

THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING THE CALL

We want to thank all parishioners and friends for the overwhelming response to our Capital Campaign Fund.
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ST. JOSEPH’S CALENDAR RAFFLE

After much deliberation, we will not do our usual lotto this year. We will instead have 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!