



**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday, Aug 21: *Stevenson & Palosky Families* by The Fedeles  
Sunday, Aug 28: † *Eleanor Hedgeland* by Family  
Sunday, Sept 4: † *Jim DeJoice Jr.* by Janet

**† MEMORIAL CANDLES AUG 15-31:**

Church(basement) Sanctuary: *Barb & Donny Stevenson* by Fedeles  
Chapel Sanctuary: *Donald Pagnotto* by Mary & Dick  
Blessed Mother: *Eleanor Hedgeland* by Family / *Debbie Nelen* by Family  
Saint Joseph: *Joanna Francis* by the Hanobic Family / *Special Intention*

LECTOR SCHEDULE		ALTAR SERVERS
Sunday, August 21	A. Ross	We will not be using Altar Servers for Mass while we are in the Church Hall.
Sunday, August 28	P. Kowalski	
Sunday, Sept. 4	T. Tarantella	

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

*Jennifer Sauter, John “Tink” Green, Juliann Thorson, 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*

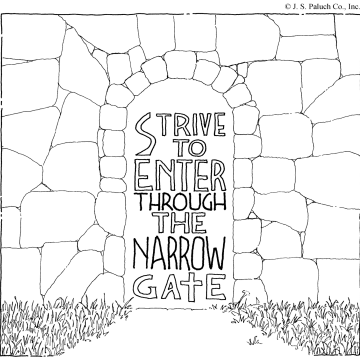
WEEKLY SCHEDULE			
Collection Counters: Margie & Ann			
MONDAY: 8/22			
TUESDAY: 8/23	Communion Service	8:30 am	Chapel
WEDNESDAY: 8/24			
THURSDAY: 8/25			
FRIDAY: 8/26			
SATURDAY: 8/27			
SUNDAY: 8/28	Mass	12 noon	Church Hall

**CONQUERING THE TONGUE IS BETTER THAN FASTING ON WATER.**  
St. John of the Cross

AUGUST 21, 2022

CHURCH OF  
SAINT JOSEPH

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MASS TIME

Sunday: 12 noon

CONFESSIONS

Sunday at 11:40 a.m.  
Wednesday by appt.



PARISH STAFF

Rev. Joseph Orr.....*Pastor*  
Rev. Daniel Heiser.....*Deacon*  
Alison Heiser.....*Secretary/DRE*  
Judy Kurutz.....*Finance Secretary*  
Terry O’Laughlin.....*Finance 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 OF THE SAINT JOSEPH’S FAITH COMMUNITY

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

Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

If you would like to join the parish, please contact the parish office. Please remember to notify us if you move or will be moving out of the parish. Registration, the practice of stewardship and regular participation in the Sacraments indicate 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.

**BASEMENT STEPS**

Both entrances to the church hall are now finished and safe for all to use, thanks to Louis Roteigliano. Louis used his time, money, and talent to take on this project for our church, so parishioners were safe using our entranceways into the basement for Mass. They needed more work than we thought, and with the looming expense of the ceiling, the church could not spend the extra money to have them fixed. With his expertise, Louis oversaw the project and ensured they were up to code. We now have two handrails in both entrances, new lighting, and painted walls. He even purchased no-skid paint for the steps, so parishioners do not have to worry about slipping walking up or down. It no longer looks and feels like we are entering a dungeon. Thank you, Louis!

**RCIA**

RCIA Classes begin in September! If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming Catholic, our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) class will begin in September. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith and draw closer to the Lord Jesus. These sessions are not only for those who have decided to join but also for those who are curious about the faith – all are welcome! If you would like more information, please contact the parish office 570-923-0172.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Registration for the '22-'23 Religious Education year is underway. If your child participated last year, look for an email with this year's schedule and a short, online form to update information. If your K-11th grade child did not participate last year and you want them to start, register online via the parish website at [www.stjosephchurchrenovopa.org](http://www.stjosephchurchrenovopa.org). Classes start September 18th (Catechetical Sunday) at 10:30 am. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Alison Heiser at the parish office.

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RAFFLE

TICKETS

\$5

EACH



**YETI RAFFLE**

The Knights of Columbus are raffling off a Yeti Cooler to help with our ceiling fund. Tickets are \$5 each and are available at the parish office. We will pick the winner on October 15<sup>th</sup> after the Flaming Foliage parade.

Strive to enter through the narrow gate,  
for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter  
but will not be strong enough.

Luke 13:24

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**TWENTY-FIRST  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**AUGUST 21, 2022**



**COVENANT RELATIONSHIP**

The term “fair-weather friend” might need a technological-era updating. Perhaps “short attention span friend” would work. In our world of multiple communication platforms, it somehow has become increasingly easy to lose track of friends. We shouldn’t be surprised when we reach out and they’ve moved on due to our indifference. The God who is love and whose covenant is one-hundred percent about relationship is depicted in the same way by Jesus today. Hey God, remember us? There was that one time we were really in trouble and you helped out; well, we’re in trouble again. But we may find that God has moved on since we turned out to be only foul-weather friends. The covenant relationship has two parties: God and us. If that covenant relationship falls apart, and we’re no longer “friended” by God, it’s not because God failed as a friend. Keeping up the friendship and relationship with God is equally our responsibility.

**FROM EAST TO WEST**

With our modern understanding of the world and its various cultures and religions, it’s hard to grasp how shocking Isaiah’s words today would have been to those who first encountered them. After all, they were the people God called “Chosen.” It was easy for them to presume that after the sufferings of exile that God’s freeing redemption would be for them and them alone. Yet here is Isaiah saying that the saving hand of God will extend to all nations, even those of varying ways and languages. Perhaps most shocking to Isaiah’s initial audience would have been today’s final line: that God would take these outsiders and fugitives, elevating them to the priesthood, to include them in the descendants of one of Jacob’s sons, Levi. It’s not difficult to imagine that this sweeping vision of God’s mercy and love beyond the bounds of the Chosen People was met with resistance, much as similar messages are met with resistance today.

**FROM NORTH AND SOUTH**

Jesus shows himself to be firmly in Israel’s prophetic tradition, a true son of Isaiah today, as he proclaims a similar message. Those who had been chosen as disciples could not presume that merely keeping physical proximity with Jesus or remaining in his company gave them any real claim to call themselves true disciples. As important as table fellowship is in Luke’s Gospel, even eating and drinking with Jesus does not guarantee an eventual seat at the table of God’s reign. Even being a “pureblood” (a descendant of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob) doesn’t make your final destination a sure thing. How the world has placed you into its categories—first or last—just might get scrambled too. It is those who follow Jesus through the “narrow gate” of discipleship, truly abiding by his example who are sure to find themselves reclining at table in the kingdom.

**TODAY’S READINGS**

Isaiah 66:18–21  
Psalm 117:1, 2  
Hebrews 12:5–7, 11–13  
Luke 13:22–30



## 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: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22  
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13;  
Mt 23:23-26  
Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51  
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51  
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11;  
Mt 25:1-13  
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30  
Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11;  
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Tuesday: St. Rose of Lima  
Wednesday: St. Bartholomew  
Thursday: St. Louis of France; St. Joseph Calasanz  
Saturday: St. Monica

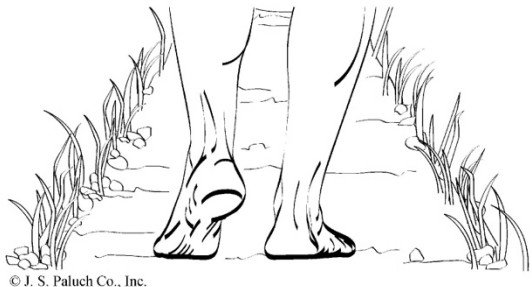
## **GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

Our readings today remind us of the larger story of the Bible, of God's purposes and promises for the world. Because of humanity's rejection of God, as told in Genesis, human communities were first dispersed. Isaiah proclaims that one day God will gather these communities to be healed and reconciled with God. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus echoes Isaiah and teaches that all peoples in God's promised future "will recline at table in the kingdom of God." Notice that in Isaiah, the nations coming to God do not lose their ethnicity or unique identity. They bring their own distinct cultural gifts to God's table. Each people has a unique history with God, has received distinct blessings from God, and each is accountable to God. Today, we live in a global and multi-cultural Church. When God's diverse peoples gather in worship today, may we honor and celebrate each other's gifts and blessings.

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## **WORTHY TEACHERS**

All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience, and, most of all, profound humility. The Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with him in the cause of truth. —St. Joseph Calasanz



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## **Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 21, 2022**

Strengthen your drooping hands  
and your weak knees.  
Make straight paths for your feet,  
that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.  
— *Hebrews 12:12-13*

## **† Our Gifts to God †** **Sunday Offering: Aug 14, 2022**

Regular Collection	\$1,220.00
Monthly	665.00
Children	4.00
	<u>\$1,889.00</u>

ENVELOPES	Adults
Used	54
Families:	205

- Assumption: \$20.00
- Votive: \$15.00

*Thank you for being good stewards.*

## **THANK YOU**

Please join in thanking Patty & Jim Cozzi for volunteering to clean the church hall this past week. They signed up to clean the church for the month of August so instead volunteered to clean the church hall for us. They spent several hours cleaning in the heat and the hall looks and smells great.

## **MEMORIALS & DONATIONS**

St. Joseph's Church received the following memorial donations In Loving Memory of

### **Joanna "Joanie" Francis**

- Chris Onder (\$25 Ceiling Fund)
- Mary & Dick Adams (\$25 Ceiling Fund)

## **SAINT JOSEPH LOTTO TICKETS**

The 2022-2023 lotto tickets are now on sale at the rectory. Sellers can stop by the rectory to pick up their tickets anytime during office hours. If you were a seller but no longer wish to sell, please contact the parish office asap. We are always looking for sellers to make sure we get all our tickets sold. There will be an additional drawing in June for all sellers (anyone who sells/buys ten or more tickets) for a chance to win \$100. Please call the parish office if you are interested. Thank you for the support!



## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGY**

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples who are celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2022 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, September 18 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, September 25 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and 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 Monday, August 29.