



MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday, Aug. 20: †*Mary Spangler* – Larry & Chris
Sunday, Aug. 27: †*Robert & Eleanor Chulak* – Bill & Marcie Mainguth
Sunday, Sept. 3: †*Jim DeJoyce Jr.* - Janet

LECTOR SCHEDULE			ALTAR SERVERS	
Sunday, Aug 20	Noon	T. Tarantella	T. Tarantella	L. DeMarte
Sunday, Aug 27	Noon	T. Kerstetter	S. Heiser	P. Tarantella
Sunday, Sept. 3	Noon	M.A. Tarantella	E. Kalafut	Q. Kalafut

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 DeJoyce, 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, and Chris Howlett

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Collection Counters: Chris & Caron			
MONDAY 8/21			
TUESDAY 8/22	Communion Service	8:30 AM	Chapel
	CDA	6:30 PM	Rectory
WEDNESDAY 8/23			
THURSDAY 8/24			
FRIDAY 8/25			
SATURDAY 8/26			
SUNDAY 8/27	Mass	Noon	Church

August 20, 2023

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20th 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.

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.



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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Joseph’s CCD program is looking for individuals that 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 ahaiser@dioceseaj.org. Clearances are required, and we can guide you through the process.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The CDA meeting for August is this 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.

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 a sensitive issue, but please know that the Church can and wants to help. If you or anyone you know would like to meet with me, feel free to call the parish office number at 923-0172. God Bless!

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.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

When taking Holy Communion to homebound parishioners, please be sure to carry the consecrated host in a pyx and, if available, a burse (a carrying case that is hung from the neck). Otherwise, the pyx should be placed in a shirt, blouse, or jacket pocket close to one’s heart.

THANKS a Minion!



Please join in thanking Carl Gentzyel and his family, along with the rest of the Knights of Columbus, for their outstanding job in organizing this year’s Corn Hole Tournament. Also, thank you to all of the teams that participated and those volunteers who donated and/or cooked the delicious food. Of course, many thanks to all who were able to support the event with their many donations. In total, the Corn Hole Tournament raised \$1,600. Thank you to all who made this year’s Corn Hole Tournament a success!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

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.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Masses

Bishop Mark Barchak 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.

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.



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: 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

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman - **The Prayers God Always Answers**
When I was a child, my mother bought a book called “The Prayers God Will Always Answer.” I remember my anticipation as I cracked the spine and turned to the first page.

I had been spending a lot of time asking God — begging God, actually — over and over again for some specific things that were not materializing. Frankly, it was beginning to feel a lot like that time I asked Santa Claus for a new house, only to wake up on Christmas morning to find ordinary, non-house-shaped presents under the tree — and a growing sense of suspicion that my faith had been ill-placed.

To the great disappointment of my pre-teen heart, my mother’s book was not a directory of magical phrases God is compelled to obey. It was a list that included things like “Forgive me” and “Help me.” I tossed it aside, disappointed.

I marvel at the wisdom and the confidence of the Canaanite woman who persists in begging Jesus to heal her daughter. She is ignored, and still she will not be deterred. The disciples try to dismiss her — still, she presses on. Christ himself challenges her, and her faith makes her ready with a reply.

Somehow, I am sure that even if Christ had said, “No, it cannot be done for you as you wish,” she would have still dropped to her knees and worshiped him, because she knew what I did not: God is not a vending machine, and he’s not the genie from “Aladdin.” Prayer is not a negotiation, but a relationship.

The story of the Canaanite woman is not a story about how to get God to give you what you want. It is a story about the prayers God always answers. “Then Jesus said to her in reply, ‘O woman, great is your faith!’” — Matthew 15:28 ©LPi

† Our Gifts to God †

Sunday Offering: August 13, 2023

Regular Collection: \$ 1530.00

Monthly: 320.00

Children: 5.00

\$1,855.00

Votive: \$25

Matthew 25: \$10

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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!

Bulletin Announcements may be sent to Alison at aheiser@dioceseaj.org
Please submit all requests by Wednesday for them to be published in Sunday’s Bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation!