



MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday, Dec. 3 : † *DeJoice & Stone Families* - Janet
Friday, Dec. 8: † *Virginia Serafini* – George Crouse & Marcie Gentzyel
Sunday, Dec. 10: † *Michael & Lelia Pagnotto* - Mary & Dick Adams

LECTOR SCHEDULE			ALTAR SERVERS	
Dec. 3	12 noon	T. Tarantella	E. Kalafut	R. Tarantella
Dec. 10	12 noon	M.A. Tarantella	J. Heiser	M. Ross

MEMORIAL CANDLES				Dec. 1-14, 2023
Church Sanctuary	† <i>Katie Himmel -Family</i>			
Chapel Sanctuary	† <i>Max Engle –Friend</i>			
Blessed Mother	† <i>Jack Hanobic – Wife & Family</i>	† <i>Kylinn Stone Gilmore – Mom</i>	Special Intention	
Saint Joseph	† <i>Christopher Perry – The Hanobics</i>	† <i>Ed Brezovic – The Himmels</i>	† <i>Charles Maxwell Jr– Janet Stone</i>	

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 DeJoice, Caleb Leone, Adam Smith, Joyce Winkleman 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, David Moore, and Emma Christner

WEEKLY SCHEDULE				Collection Counters: Chris & Carol
MONDAY 12/04				
TUESDAY 12/05	Communion Service	8:30 AM	Chapel	
WEDNESDAY 12/06	Penance Service	6:00 PM	Church	
THURSDAY 12/07	Prayer Shawl	6:30 PM	Rectory	
FRIDAY 12/08	Holy Day Mass	6:00 PM	Church	
SATURDAY 12/09				
SUNDAY 12/10	CCD grades: K-9	10:45 AM	Rectory	
	Mass	noon	Church	

December 3, 2023

CHURCH OF SAINT JOSEPH

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MASS TIME
Sunday: 12 noon



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

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.

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



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.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

As we embark on the beautiful journey of Advent, we invite you to participate in a special Penance Service to prepare your hearts for the coming of our Lord. This Wednesday at 6 pm in the Church, we will gather for a solemn and reflective time of reconciliation.

 **Date and Time:** Wednesday, Dec 6th, at 6:00 PM  **Location:** St. Joseph Church

Multiple priests will be present to hear confessions, allowing for a more personalized experience.

An opportunity to reflect, seek forgiveness, and embrace the grace of the season.

Strengthen your spiritual connection as we enter this sacred time of Advent.

Advent is a season of anticipation, hope, and repentance. Let us come together as a community to cleanse our souls and renew our commitment to living in accordance with God's love.

Take advantage of this important occasion to ensure that you enter Advent in a state of grace. Your participation will not only deepen your spiritual journey but also contribute to the shared spiritual growth of our parish family.

We look forward to welcoming you to this meaningful Penance Service as we collectively prepare our hearts for the joyous celebration of Christmas.

*All Religious Education students, grades 3rd & Up, are required to attend.

The Catholic Daughters Christmas Dinner Party will be at Lisa’s Restaurant on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 6 pm. RSVP to Dorothy Costulas by Sunday, December 3, 2023, at 570-295-9388. The Menu includes Stuffed Chicken Breasts and Lasagna! The cost of dinner is \$22.00 per person! There will be a Secret Santa gift exchange for those who want to participate. The price of gifts to be exchanged is \$15.00! Hope to see you there!

NORTHERN DEANERY RAFFLE

Our car raffle tickets would make great Christmas gifts for everyone on your Christmas list. We have Christmas cards available to include with your raffle tickets to give as a gift or stocking stuffer.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This Friday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation as we celebrate with the Patroness of the United States. This feast commemorates that she who was to bear the Incarnate Word of God was immaculate herself from the first moment of her conception.

HOLY DAY MASS TIMES:
Thursday, December 7th – at Saint Agnes, 7:00 PM
Friday, December 8th – at Immaculate Conception, 8:30 AM
Friday, December 8th - at St Joseph, Renovo, 6:00 PM

MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH COOKBOOK

Reprint of the 1991 Italian & American Parish Cookbook
(Over 175 pages of Italian, American, and other nationality recipes)
Can be purchased for \$20.00 (Cash or Check) at the Mount Carmel Parish Office, 806 11th Street, Altoona 16602
* To purchase a cookbook, please contact the parish office 570-923-0172. We can assist you in placing an order and arrange for convenient pick-up for interested parishioners.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to memorialize a Christmas flower in honor of a deceased loved one, please take note there is a special envelope in your offertory box. Extra envelopes will be provided in the back of the church. Please return them by Monday, December 18th in the collection basket or drop them off at the Parish Office.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES ADVENT SCHEDULE –

December 6 at 7 PM - Zion Lutheran Church – Deacon Dan Heiser
December 13 at 7 PM - St. Joseph Catholic Church – Pastor Dutch Rinker
December 20 at 7 PM - North Bend Methodist – Pastor John Baney

Let's express our heartfelt gratitude to ***Angie Lavelle and Nicole Woomer***, for their outstanding dedication and meticulous efforts in recently cleaning our church. In the absence of any volunteers stepping forward, they took it upon themselves to recognize the need and invested over five hours of their valuable time last week to ensure that our beautiful church gleams with cleanliness.



NEW MISSALETTES

We are delighted to announce that starting this week, we will be introducing a new style of missalette for our Masses and worship services. This year, we're taking a different approach by embracing seasonal missalettes instead of the traditional Breaking Bread missals that span the entire year.

Why the change? Not only are these seasonal missalettes more cost-effective, but they are also designed to be incredibly user-friendly. We believe that this new format will make it much easier for our younger and elderly parishioners to follow along during our worship services.

Seasonal Missalette® helped millions of Catholics embrace new patterns of worship after the Second Vatican Council. Now more than ever, this classic and complete worship resource is here to inspire, inform, and transform generations of Catholics as we sing and pray together each week. ***Seasonal Missalette®*** is truly one of a kind and is the MOST AFFORDABLE and complete quarterly worship resource available.

- Reflections of the Liturgical Season
 - Reflections on Sunday and Holy Day reading
 - Reflection questions for Sundays and Holy D
 - Seasonal Responsorial Psalms
 - Communal Rite of Reconciliation
 - Communal Anointing of the Sick
 - RCIA Rituals
 - Seasonal celebrations
 - Rites and devotions, including Benediction and Crowning of an Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Lectionary readings
 - Prayer texts for Sundays and Holy Days
 - Eucharistic Prayers
 - Blessings and Prayers
 - Order for Morning and Evening Prayer

It should be mentioned....

We cherish the vibrant and diverse opinions within our parish community, and we want to ensure that every voice is heard. As decisions are made regarding our parish, i.e., new missals, it is important to note that these deliberations occur in one of our three boards: the Parish Council, Finance Council, or the Liturgy Board.

For those who wish to contribute their insights and perspectives, we warmly encourage attendance at these meetings. Your presence and active participation play a pivotal role in shaping decisions that reflect the collective needs and desires of our community.

We understand that concerns and opinions may arise, and we kindly ask that you direct these matters to the appropriate channels—specifically, by attending the mentioned meetings. Engaging in open dialogue within these forums helps foster a collaborative environment where decisions can be made with the input of all concerned parties.

Voicing grievances elsewhere may inadvertently limit the effectiveness of your message. By participating in the decision-making process, you actively contribute to creating outcomes that resonate with the broader community.

Your commitment to our parish is genuinely appreciated, and we look forward to welcoming your valued perspectives at our upcoming meetings.

CDA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR WINNERS

1. Gnome Christmas —John Machak
 2. Money Tree — Mary Ann Tarantella
 3. Christmas Cash —John Machak
 4. Nativity Globe — Fran Brennan
 5. Holiday Magic — Deb Casper
 6. Baby Basket & \$20 —Joyce Stewart
 7. Merry Christmas Basket — Fran Brennan
 8. Puzzle Fun — Shirley Kisko
 9. Headphones & Earrings —Jean Nestlerode
 10. Holiday Cooking —Jeanette Morton
 11. Dog Quilt — Naomi Shultz
 12. Movie Night — Cathy Himmel
 13. Christmas Fun —Tammy Bushor
 14. Warm & Cozy —Jen Pick
 15. Fall Lantern — Livia Price
 16. Tracfone —Jo Hanobic
 17. Gnome & Flag — Melanie Shady
 18. Fossil Purse—Rose Winkelman
 19. Christmas Wrapping — Teresa Goodling
 20. Relax — Deb Clary
 21. Coffee Time — Gloria Getz
 22. Cozy Winter Basket —Jo Hanobic
 23. Wine Basket — Debb Kurutz
 24. Snowman & Tray — Mary Ann Kennis
25. Coffee & Wine Rack —Jeanette Morton
 26. Christmas Wrapping — Barbie O'Brien
 27. NutCracker House — Debb Kurutz
 28. Christmas Wreath — Jen Pick
 29. Let it Snow — Linda Logue
 30. Painting — Cherly Gardner
 31. Holiday Baking — Angie Fedele
 32. Oh Christmas Tree — Ann Tarantella
 33. Handmade Afghan — Barb Mastriania
 34. Little People Nativity — Chris Conway
- 50/50 Winner: Deb Casper (\$150.00)
- Christmas Tree Decorating Contest:**

First Place: Christian Community Church \$50
Second Place: Andrew Simon & Helen Scrimshaw \$25
Third Place: Renovo Women’s Club \$25

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 / Weekday Is 2: 1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday / Weekday Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday / Weekday Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday / Saint Ambrose Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday / Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1; 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday / Weekday Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday / Second Sunday of Advent Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Caryll Houselander, in her enlightening work "The Reed of God," prompts a profound query that resonates with many: Does the Advent experience unfold once in a lifetime or manifest repeatedly? This inquiry demands perpetual contemplation, particularly during the Advent season, providing insights that reverberate throughout the year. Unfortunately, the prevailing darkness in our world often veils the clarity of this question's answer. The symbolic illumination of Advent candles serves as a metaphorical act of dispelling darkness, a preparatory ritual for recognizing the light that triumphs over all shadows – the Messiah, celebrated in the jubilation of Christmas. He, the luminous beacon, surpasses natural light, radiating brilliance upon the world. Advent, therefore, becomes a sacred interval for allowing His light to magnify within us.

Houselander further imparts wisdom, delineating Advent as the season of secrets – the clandestine growth of Christ, the silent maturation of Divine Love. It embodies humility, silence, and an intimate journey of nurturing. In parallel to Christ's nine months of gestation, wherein he took form within his mother's womb, Houselander urges reflection on the profound concept that we, as the body of Christ, should consider what that truly entails. Advent emerges as the opportune occasion to awaken our consciousness to His incarnation among us and to anticipate His glorious return. In the spirit of vigilance, as advocated by Jesus, the admonition "Watch!" becomes a resounding call during Advent, urging us not to be found slumbering when He returns.

In the art of "Watching," our preparatory endeavors for Advent should mirror the exquisite model set by Mary. It beckons us to participate in His arrival by creating space within ourselves. Through humility, reverence, and the profound silence of Advent, we gain a genuine encounter with His presence – not only among us but within the depths of our beings. Advent, thus, transcends a mere countdown to Christmas; it becomes our active engagement with the mystery of His incarnation, a sacred journey towards embodying the essence of Christ within us.

† Our Gifts to God †
Sunday Offering: Nov. 26, 2023

Regular Collection:	\$ 1,622.00
Monthly:	120.00
Children	6.00
	\$ 1,748.00

Votive: \$ 73.00
Christmas Flowers: \$80.00

Thank you for being good stewards.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to all of the winners listed below. Thank you all again for participating and making our first Calendar Raffle a huge success!

- Nov. 1 – Janetta Lavanture

Nov. 2 – Nancy Hess

Nov. 3 – Travis Fantaskey

Nov. 4 – Malm Riggle

Nov. 5 – Teresa Fedele

Nov. 6 – Katie Adams

Nov. 7 – Justin Woomer

Nov. 8 – Jack Rooney

Nov. 9 – Kathy Jo Kalafut

Nov. 10 – Carrie Harhigh

Nov. 11 – Jim Miller

Nov. 12 – George Kalafut

Nov. 13 – Mario Gentzyel

Nov. 14 – Matthew Guegver

Nov. 15 – Ruth Shinn
- Nov. 16 – Jen Pick

Nov. 17 – Michael Heiser

Nov. 18 – Ron Dremel

Nov. 19 – Mariah Kepler

Nov. 20 – Anthony Morgan

Nov. 21 – Theresa Goodling

Nov. 22 – Jeanne Monoski

Nov. 23 – Anthony Morgan

Nov. 24 – Debbi Miller

Nov. 25 – Nancy Moriarty

Nov. 26 – Trudy Serafini

Nov. 27 – Tina Gianoplos

Nov. 28 – Teresa Stone

Nov. 29 – Patrick Moriarty

Nov. 30 – Karen Stone (Casper)

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Your new offertory envelopes will be in the back of the church. Please pick yours up and your neighbors or friends. Please contact the parish office if you do not see a box with your name. Thank you!

PREGNANCY RESOURCE CLINIC

The PRC in Lock Haven is holding an Open House at 53 West Main St Lock Haven on Monday, December 4th from 4 pm to 8 pm. They are close to opening and wish for all community members to see the progress that has been made. They are offering tours to all who are interested along with refreshments.