

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 20: *Veronica & Dennis Morgan, In honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary*
by Jim, Lisa, Dorothy, and families

Sunday, February 27: †*Mary & John Fedele* by Family




MEMORIAL CANDLES: FEBRUARY 15-28

In Loving Memory of..

Sanctuary Candles
Church: *Jim DeJoice Jr* by Janet
Chapel: *Jack Buranosky* by Fedele’s
Blessed Mother: *Don Prebble* by Ruby
Saint Joseph: *Gene Kalafut* by Carl & Pam Gentzyel

LECTOR SCHEDULE	
Sunday, Feb 20	T. Tarantella
Sunday, Feb. 27	M.A. Tarantella

IN OUR PRAYERS

 Our Holy Father Francis, Benedict XVI, Pope-Emeritus, our Diocesan Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, Priests, Deacons, Religious and Vocations to the Priest-hood, Diaconate, and Religious Life, the Men and Women who are proudly serving in our Armed Forces.
May the Divine Physician send healing grace for those for whom we pray. Please remember in a special way the following who have requested your prayers:

Jennifer Sauter, Sandy Francis, John “Tink” Green, Juliann Thorson, Ronnie Lullo, 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, Liz Testa, 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, Paul Maxwell, Joanie Francis, Liz Kalafut, Arnie Burrows, Martha Crouse, Brenda DeJoice, Caleb Leone, Joey Herridge, Cathy Lovett, Kathy Jo Kalafut, Heath Luscombe, Drew Gentzyel, Adam Smith, Joyce Winkleman O’Brien, and Chad Willard.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Collection Counters: Carol and Chris

MONDAY, 2/21	Office is Closed: Presidents’ Day	
TUESDAY, 2/22	Communion Service • 8:30am (Mike)	
WEDNESDAY, 2/23		
THURSDAY, 2/24		
FRIDAY, 2/25	Communion Service • 6:00pm (Dan)	
SATURDAY, 2/26		
SUNDAY, 2/27	CCD Classes: K-8 • 10:30am	Confirmation Class: 9-11 • 6:00pm

“IF YOU BELIEVE WHAT YOU LIKE IN THE GOSPELS, AND REJECT WHAT YOU DON’T LIKE, IT IS NOT THE GOSPEL YOU BELIEVE, BUT YOURSELF.”

-ST. AUGUSTINE



February 20, 2022:
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
CHURCH OF
SAINT JOSEPH

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Joseph Orr.....*Pastor*
Alison Heiser.....*Secretary/DRE*
Daniel Heiser.....*Parish Council*
Terry O’Laughlin.....*Finance Council*

MASS TIME

Sunday: 12 noon

CONFESSIONS

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

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
ST. 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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Friday by appt only

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.



Thank you to all who came down to have doughnuts and coffee last Sunday. We had a great turn out! It was so wonderful being altogether again. We are looking forward to doing it again very soon.

SAVE THE DATE

Our very own Daniel Heiser will be ordained as a Permanent Deacon on Saturday June 4th, 2022 at 10am in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona, PA by Most Reverend Bishop Mark Bartchak. All are welcome to attend and give witness to this remarkable celebration. Please call or email the parish office if you plan to attend, not only do we need to give the Cathedral a headcount, but we would like to offer a bus to transport all parishioners that are planning to attend free of charge.

CLEANING THE CHURCH

It is that time of year again when we need to start scheduling volunteers to clean the church. We have been so blessed to have parishioners that are willing to help us with this daunting task. We still have open spots for **April, May, August, September, October, November and December**. If you are able and willing to help us, we would appreciate it so very much. There is a sign-up on Flocknote: stjosephrenovo.flocknote.com or you may call the parish office. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers. God bless you!

BETSY ANN EASTER CANDY

Our CCD students are selling Betsy Ann Chocolates for Easter. Just as in past years, the students will have brochures, and we will have a few extras in the back of the church. We are also offering online sales this year as well, however you will have to pay for shipping when using this method. The brochure will be on our website and in the Rectory. Any orders can be put in the collection basket. Money is due with the order forms on March 20th. All checks can be made to St. Joseph's. Thank you so much, we appreciate your support!



Online fundraiser instructions:

1. Go to our website www.betsyann.com and make an individual account
2. Start shopping – you can order just about anything that is available!
3. Under each item is two options... ship or pick up at factory store
4. Once finished, go to checkout. At the bottom of the checkout area you will see “comments and special instructions for Betsy Ann Chocolates”. Please enter: **Saint Joseph Church, Renovo PA**
5. You will pay shipping and should receive an email stating your package has been shipped. If you do not receive one, you can call me at 412-931-4288 and I will give you the tracking information from UPS. The shipping costs do not factor into the profit amounts. Only product.



THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21 for the Presidents' Day Holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, February 22 at 9am.

UPDATED OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will now be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm. The office will remain closed on Friday. We hope this will be easier to remember and more convenient for our parishioners.

ATTENTION CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

CDA March meeting will be held in March 15, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Administration Building. Refreshments will be served.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS – Fr. Brain Warcola

Praise the Lord, Hollywood is finally making a movie about a priest in a positive light. On April 15, Mark Wahlberg will star in the film, Father Stu, a true story about a boxer who would become a Catholic priest. Wahlberg is a practicing Catholic who is very outspoken about his love for the Church, and I am personally thankful to him that he had the courage to make this film, especially at a time where the Priesthood has not been seen in a good light by many in the world. I recently watched the trailer for this movie and was inspired. I will hope and pray that this movie does well and inspires countless individuals to have a renewed love and respect for the Priesthood of Jesus Christ who is the One and Only High Priest. Our Lord calls ordinary men to share in His work on earth; men who are called to be priests come from all walks of life, and we all have different stories. I believe this film will show how Almighty God works extraordinary things through ordinary men.



SAVE THE DATE! Men's Conference 2022 **Sponsored by the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown**



- Sunday, May 1, 2022, at Saint Francis University, Loretto.
- Beginning at 12:00 p.m. with lunch.
- Talks from UFC champ and movie star Bas Rutten, professional soccer player turned priest Father Chase Hilgenbrinck, and powerful evangelist and preacher Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers.
- Closing Mass with Bishop Mark at 5:00 p.m.

WELCOME

Welcome to all, especially visitors and guests, who have come to worship in our Church today. No matter how long you're planning 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: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19.
Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday: Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

Today's Gospel is full of stewardship advice: give to everyone who asks; expect nothing in return; do not judge or condemn; love your enemies. Live your life with great kindness and mercy! Jesus offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life. It makes one want to say, "Seriously, Lord?" And he doesn't stop there. Jesus adds, "'Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back.' "

It seems so unfair! That is, unless we look at this way of life as a steward. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), but it also actually makes sense. God has entrusted all things to each of us in love for His purpose and glory. Jesus is simply asking that we also approach others, and the sharing of our gifts with the same attitude. (*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2022/1/25)

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL February 20, 2022: Seventh Sunday (LK 6:27-38)

In studying the effects of religion upon family relationships, researchers inform us hostility and prayer can't coexist. You cannot be hostile toward someone for whom you are praying. Today's gospel encourages us: "Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who treat you badly."

LOVE AS GOD LOVES

Our Gospel today continues Jesus' Sermon on the Plain, in which we heard Luke's version of the Beatitudes. This week, Jesus gives us new "commandments," telling us how to live and act in the world as his disciples, rooted in the radical love of God for humanity. It reminds us of his later speech about loving one another as he loves us, in other words with a God-like love, the kind we see in today's psalm about God's mercy. How else could we do as Jesus tells us by loving our enemies, which seems impossible, until we remember that God gave us the example of Jesus, who is like God but also like us? David understands this merciful love when he spares the life of his enemy in the first reading. Finally, Paul tells us that we will become like Jesus if we act as he did, as God does.

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† Our Gifts to God †
Sunday Offering: February 13, 2022

Regular Collection	\$1,644.00
Monthly	<u>45.00</u>
	\$1,689.00

- Votive: \$45
- Easter Flowers: \$170

Thank you for being good stewards.

MEMORIALS AND DONATIONS

Saint Joseph received the following memorial contributions:
In Loving Memory of ***Gene Kalafut*** by Mike & Michele Simon (\$25 Improvement Fund)

SAVE THE DATE

Planning has already begun for this year's Seder Meal. It will be held on Palm Sunday, April 10th starting with hors d'oeuvres at 4:00 pm. Please save the date and make plans to attend. It is such a wonderful and unique event that we have here at St. Joseph's. More information will be to come. Thank you!



CHURCH PEWS

If you, or anyone you know, has one of our church pews and no longer has use for it, please call or email the parish office. We would gladly take it off your hands. Thank you.

PRAYERS TO MARY AND JOSEPH

You may now request to have a candle burning on the side altars under the Blessed Mother or Saint Joseph, our patron saint, in honor or in memory of your loved ones. The cost is \$10 for two-weeks, call or stop in the parish office to reserve a date.

Please take a few moments to light one of our new blue and red votive candles before or after Mass for your own personal intentions. We have 5-day candles available for intentions at the rectory. Call or stop in during office hours.