



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 5: † *Kathy Shearer* – Michael Sette
Sunday, March 12: † *Charles F. Adams* – Mary & Dick Adams

LECTOR SCHEDULE			ALTAR SERVERS
Sunday, Feb. 26	noon	T. Kerstetter	We will not be using Altar Servers for Mass while we are in the Church Hall.
Sunday, March 5	noon	C. DeMarte	
Sunday, March 12	Noon	A. Lavelle	

MEMORIAL CANDLES	MARCH 1-15, 2023		
<i>Church Sanctuary</i>	<i>Deceased Friends & Family</i> by Kevin & Rosie Dwyer		
<i>Chapel Sanctuary</i>	<i>Gabriel Russell</i> by Family		
<i>Blessed Mother</i>	<i>Ron Prebble</i> – Wife, Ruby	<i>Malizia Family</i> - Fedeles	<i>Irma</i> - Get Well Soon, Patt & Marge
<i>Saint Joseph</i>	<i>Ryan Miller</i> – Joan Rotegliano	<i>Janet</i> – Get Well Soon, Patt & Marge	<i>Grant Gregory</i> - Vincent & Marjorie Massaro

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, 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, Sue Sette, Tom Allen, Mary Tripp, Estefan Nevarez, Joel Kohler, Ginny Serafini, Tom Daywalt, and Irma Clemente

WEEKLY SCHEDULE				Collection Counters: Margie & Ann
MONDAY: 02/27				
TUESDAY: 02/28	Communion Service	8:30 AM		Chapel
WEDNESDAY: 03/01				
THURSDAY: 03/02				
FRIDAY: 03/03	Stations of the Cross	6:00 PM		Church
SATURDAY: 03/04				
SUNDAY: 03/05	CCD	10:30 AM		Rectory
	Mass	12 noon		Church

A mistake that makes you humble is better than an achievement that makes you arrogant.

February 26, 2023

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



MASS TIME
Sunday: 12 noon

CONFESSIONS
Wednesday by appt.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Joseph Orr.....*Pastor*
Rev. Daniel Heiser.....*Deacon*
Alison Heiser.....*Secretary/DRE*
Louis Rotegliano... *Designer/Coordinator*
Terry O’Laughlin.....*Finance Council*
Matt Dorman.....*Parish 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

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.

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
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 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.



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40 days Jesus stays in the desert, keeping a fast. What does it mean to fast? How would we explain this to someone outside the faith? We’ve often had to explain those ashes on our foreheads to someone else at school or the workplace. People have often wondered why we skip the meat we’d like to opt for fish on a Friday night. Sometimes we compare a fast to a diet. But there’s a difference. Dieting is pretty much about us—our health, our self-image, and the way we’d like others to see us. But fasting tells us to give up something to make us hunger for God. Remember St Augustine’s words: “You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.” Pay attention to our fasting this Lent. Make sure skipping the chocolate, caffeine, or bourbon doesn’t just make us want those things more come Easter! Make sure our hunger and thirst push us to the One who is the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation.

CRS RICE BOWL

We invite each family to take a RICE BOWL We make the most impact when we act together. Catholic Relief Services-CRS Rice Bowl is our combined parishes action together during Lent. Take a Rice Bowl from the back of the church or at the parish office if you still need to do so. Each day at your dinner table, pray the prayers found inside the Rice Bowl and together as a family, place a monetary donation in your Rice Bowl. When each family does this during Lent, it brings us together as a community with a common purpose in place, to support families in more than 100 countries, helping them get access to enough nutritious food not only to survive but to thrive. Thank you for taking the time to participate. The filled boxes should be returned to the parish on April 16th.



COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES: Wednesdays at 7 PM

March 1	Zion’s Lutheran Church	Speaker: Pastor John Baney
March 8	Renovo First Methodist Church	Speaker: Pastor Colvin
March 15	St. Joseph Church	Speaker: Pastor Rinker
March 22	North Bend Methodist Church	Speaker: Martha Sykes
March 29	Christian Community Church	Speaker: Deacon Dan Heiser

THANK YOU

Thank you to **Terrie & Tom Kerstetter, Pat Clemente, and Ron & Cathy Dremel** for doing an excellent job cleaning the church during the month of February! We really appreciate it. We have several months open for volunteers. Please call or email the parish office if you are interested in volunteering.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the newly baptized child of God, **Alessa O’Donnell**, daughter of Daniel O’Donnell & Joelyn Glatt. Alessa is a gift to all of us. We celebrate the beginning of your child’s faith journey.



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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You can walk that pilgrimage of Jesus’ final journey as He carried His cross to Golgotha, the place of His crucifixion every Friday evening at 6:00 in the Church.

The Passover Seder

This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.
Exodus 12:14

The Passover Seder memorializes the passover of the Angel of Death and the Israelites’ flight from Egypt. It was instituted by Moses under the Old Covenant.

On his last night of his time on earth, Jesus gathered his disciples to celebrate the Passover Seder. He uses the history and symbols of the Passover story to explain how his death is going to change the world. And he took bread and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the New Covenant in my blood.” Luke 22:19-20.

The New Covenant is the promise that God makes to mankind that He will forgive sin and restore communion with those whose hearts believe in His Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus’ death on the cross is the basis of the promise.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

St. Joseph’s Seder Meal will be held on Palm Sunday, April 2nd at the Church Hall with hors d’oeuvres at 4:00 pm and dinner at 4:30 pm. Tickets are now on sale at the parish office or after Mass - \$5 for one / \$15 for a family. Participants are also asked to bring a side dish to share during the regular meal.



BETSY ANN EASTER CANDY

Our CCD students are selling Betsy Ann Chocolates for Easter. We have plenty of extra brochures in the back of the church and in the parish office. Any orders can be put in the collection basket. All checks can be made to St. Joseph Church. Thank you so much; we appreciate your support!

Congratulations to the February Lotto Winners

Winners of \$100 Prize

#199 Cathy Dremel
 #73 Kristin Sykes
 #123 George & Sandy Machak

Seller

Office
 Martha Sykes
 Office

Winners of \$50 Prize

#196 Dave & Karen Overgord
 #219 Jack Rooney

Seller

Terri Buranosky
 Jim Morgan

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: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

<u>SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES</u>	
Sunday:	First Sunday of Lent
Monday:	St. Gregory of Narek; Julian Calendar Lent begins
Friday:	St. Katharine Drexel; Abstinence;
	First Friday; World Day of Prayer
Saturday:	St. Casimir; First Saturday

WHO WE ARE AND WHOSE WE ARE

The Lenten season is a fresh invitation to explore again who God is, who we are, and what it means to be human. We begin by hearing the tragic story of the first humans in the book of Genesis. As Paul describes in Romans, our struggles started when our ancestors broke the bond of unity with God, sought self-sufficiency, and grew apart from their true purpose and identity. In Matthew’s Gospel, we see how Jesus resists the lure of living outside of unity with God. Jesus rejects false promises of possessions, power, and status. Instead, he puts his life in his Father’s hands. As our model for living as a fully human person, Jesus demonstrates that we are created to live in relationship with and trust in God, and in harmony with and for all of creation.

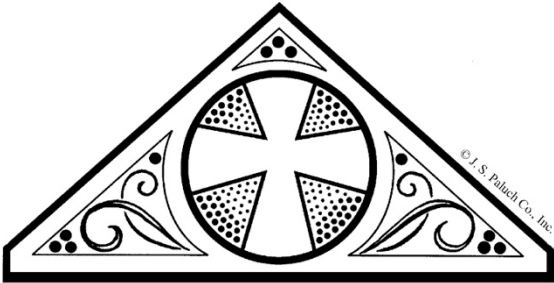
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GOOD TIMING

The best time to do something worthwhile is between yesterday and tomorrow.
—Anonymous

LOVE AND DEEDS

God doesn’t want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them.
—St. Teresa of Ávila



**First Sunday of Lent
February 26, 2023**

“The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve.”

— Matthew 4:10

† Our Gifts to God †
Sunday Offering: Feb 19, 2023

Regular Collection	\$2,038.00
Monthly	280.00
Children	<u>9.00</u>
	\$2,327.00

ENVELOPES	Adults
Used	69
Families:	208

VOTIVE: \$11.00
EASTER FLOWERS: \$115.00

Special Collections

- Mandeville: \$10.00

THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING THE CALL

We want to thank all parishioners and friends for the overwhelming response to our Capital Campaign Fund.. We are almost there!! We are grateful to you for answering the call and making self-sacrificial commitments to the campaign. So far, with all the pledges and donations that have come in, we are up to \$95,534.

James & Anna Knauff, Dennis & Mary Anderson, Lydia Heiser, Knights of Columbus, Barbara Mills, Charles Lackey, Angela Lavelle, Mrs. W. K Penton, Catherine Himmel, William & Marcia Mainguth, Barbara Mastriania, Pat & Marcia Clemente, James Patrick Kelley, Paul & Grace Maxwell, Patrick Smith, Maurice Kelley, Tom & Terrie Kerstetter, Ron & Cathy Dremel, Keith & Patricia Wilson, Jeanette Morton, Ruby Prebble, Angeline Fedele, Ann Fedele, Margaret Sutliff, Teresa Fedele, Sue Allen, Marjorie & Vincent Massaro, Susan Smith, Terrie Buranosky, Carol Coover, Pam & Carl Gentzyel, George B. Simon, Dennis & Mary Anderson, Kenneth & Carol Reber, Robert & Patricia Jones, John & Susan Sette, Shirley Kisko, Sharon Krauss, Bob & Chris Huff, Ann Greene, Dcn Chip & Connie Young, David Drabic, Theresa O’Donnell, Judy Kurutz, Chuck & Nancy Swanson, Jeanette Summerson, Mike Tomko, Deborah Pedokus, Janet Stone, Sarah Graw, George & Sandy Machak, Helen Green, John & Mary Ann Tarantella, Jen Pick, Mary, Steve, & Teresa Stone, Tarantella’s Sudsy Pup, Hanobic Family, Lisa & Jack Houser, Mary Ann Kennis, Peter & Claire Wickershaw, Jim Miller, Heiser Family, Mary & Steve Rathmell, Paul & Joan Filbin, April & Mike Smith and family, Barbara Newlen, Jim & Sue Morgan and family, Tom & Ann Tarantella, George “Mike” & Michele Simon, Gloria Renehan, Barb & Mike Fedele, Pattie Rauch, Mary & Dick Adams, and Bob & Lisa Houser, Kevin, Rosie, and Brian Dwyer, Valerie Kahley, Dolores Gregory, Ronald & Susan Ransdorf, Jim & Patty Cozzi, Margaret McCool, Stephen Adams, Ardell Gross, Nea & Jenna Brown, Dennis Manno, Russell Johnson, and Vince & Deb Tarantella, Susan & Michael Klimkos Dave Drabic, ,Christine Mulfinger, Andy & Sarah Ross, Claire Kerstetter, Jay & Vickie Morocko, Theresa O’Donnell, + 5 anonymous donors

BLACK AND INDIAN COLLECTION: By virtue of our baptism into Christ Jesus, we are all missionaries, beginning with our own families and parishes. Like the Apostles, we are encouraged to reach out to our brothers and sisters in faith, love, and sacrifice. We must continue to build God’s Kingdom in our world. Thank you for your prayerful support of the Black and Indian Mission Collection.

BABY BOTTLE BLESSINGS

We are collecting monetary donations to support the Pregnancy Resource Clinic. The PRC supports men and women in our area during and beyond pregnancy with medical care, counseling, and material needs. Baby bottles will be distributed on February 26th and collected by Palm Sunday weekend, April 2nd. Donations can be made by coin, cash, or check. Please make checks payable to PRC or Pregnancy Resource Clinic. Envelopes are available for those who want to donate with a check and do not want to take a bottle. Please contact the parish office for more information.