#### 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
Blessed Mother: *Don Prebble* by Ruby

Chapel: Jack Buranosky by Fedele's Saint Joseph: Gene Kalafut by Carl & Pam Gentzyel

\*Flowers in front of the Blessed Mary Statue in the Rectory are In loving memory of *Sandra Bomba*.

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 Jenkens, 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, Chad Willard, and Sandy Fedele.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Collection Counters: Margie & Ann

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MONDAY, 2/14	Happy Valentine's Day
TUESDAY, 2/15	Communion Service • 8:30am (Mike)
WEDNESDAY, 2/16	
THURSDAY, 2/17	
FRIDAY, 2/18	Communion Service • 6:00pm (Dan)
SATURDAY, 2/19	
SUNDAY, 2/20	Mass at Noon

NEVER DOUBT IN THE DARKNESS WHICH YOU KNEW WAS TRUE IN THE LIGHT.

# February 13, 2022 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# CHURCH OF SAINT JOSEPH

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#### 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.

#### MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS

Call the church office to schedule an appointment. Nine-month advance notice is required for marriage.

# 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.

#### MASS

Sunday: 12 noon

#### CONFESSIONS

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

#### COMMUNION SERVICES

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. (Chapel) Friday: 6:00 p.m. (Chapel)

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Closed: Friday

#### 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.



#### IN STWPAINT

Please pray for the repose of the souls of *George Eugene Kalafut & Kelly Ann Casper* who have entered eternal life. May Gene and Kelly rest in God's peace and may the comfort of the Lord be with their families.

#### **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!

# **YOUNG WOMEN RETREAT**

Do you know a young woman age 15 -25 who is pondering her future and seems interested in a deeper relationship with God? The Capuchin Sisters are hosting a weekend retreat to help young women discern where it is that God is calling them. The retreat is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 29th - May 1st at the Mother of the Eucharist convent just south of Williamsport. Interested young ladies may call Sr. Clare for more information (570-745-3334).

# I DON'T KNOW

There are times when the smartest, but most difficult, thing we can say is, "I don't know." While we often think of this as a sign of weakness, the amount of humility it takes to say this means that the word of God is alive and well in us. To say "I don't know" means that we look outside of ourselves to learn, and to find those who do know, and—ultimately—accept that we have to look to others and to God to help us, to guide us through life. To place our trust and hope only in this world, Paul tells the Corinthians (and us!), makes us people to be pitied. Jesus echoes this in the "woes" section of Luke's Beatitudes, when he points out that trusting in earthly wealth, full bellies, entertainments, and reputation will, eventually, not be enough when we are called beyond this life.

Prior to delivering the blessings and woes of his "Sermon on the Plain" in Luke, Jesus had been on top of a mountain in prayer, after which he selected the Twelve to go on his mission with him. Coming down from the mountain, the first thing Jesus does is show them what is at the heart of his—and their—mission: preaching to the multitude, healing all who were in need of it, no matter where they had come from. Luke then carefully notes that Jesus raises his eyes, not to look toward heaven again in prayer, but he raises his eyes to look directly at his disciples, to share the message of blessings and woes. This scene echoes Moses coming down from the mountain to give Israel its command as to how they should live in God's covenant. As followers of Jesus today, we are called to live out his mission to the world, while we also look beyond this world to trust in God, our only hope.

Today's Readings: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

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#### BEISY ANN EASIER 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



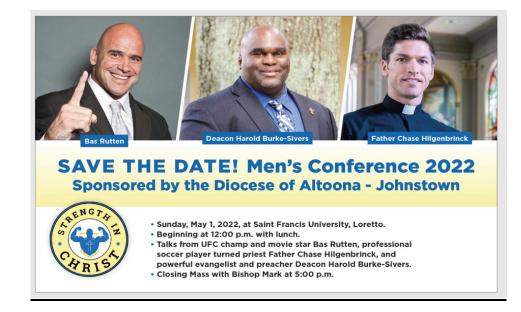
online sales this year as well, however you will have to pay for shipping when using this method. The brochure will be on our website and in the Rectory. Any orders can be put in the collection basket. All checks can be made to St. Joseph's. Thank you so much, we appreciate your support!

#### **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.

# **THANK YOU**

Thank you to *Evan Ransdorf, Joe Ransdorf, and Dan Heiser* for working tirelessly this week to get our sidewalks clear and free of all that ice. Also, thank you to *Louie Rotegliano, Mike Fedele, Angie Lavelle* for making sure that our Church Hall got cleaned and ready for our doughnut Sunday. Thank you to *Terrie Kerstetter, Tom Kerstetter,* and *Claire Kerstetter* for cleaning the Church last week after all of the poinsettias were removed. The Church and Church Hall needed a lot of TLC before they could be of use this weekend and we are so thankful to those who stepped up to make sure everything was done and in good shape. God bless you!



# 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: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Ps 81:10-15; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10 Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 138: 1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26



Today's readings speak of hope, the essential quality for the Christian stewards. Hope is the very definition of a stewardship way of life; focusing on eternity as we live our daily lives and relying on God to provide for our needs and satisfy our deepest longings for meaning and happiness right now.

In the Beatitudes Jesus is describing the character of one who is living a life of hope. It is not always an easy life, but it is a deeply meaningful life and one that leads to eternal reward. "Blessed are those who know how to detach themselves from their possessions and their power so as to put them at the service of the needy," Pope John Paul II.

(Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2021/12/19; 2022/1/18)

<u>Families and the Gospel</u> February 13, 2022: Sixth Sunday (LK 6:17, 20-26) Don't look very far when you hear today's gospel speak of poverty, sorrow, or exclusion. These things happen in families. Children feel "insulted" when they are constantly criticized. Spouses "hunger" for affection. Grandparents feel "excluded" by divorce and custody decisions. Parents "weep" because they feel alienated from their children.

### FEELING BLESSED

Congratulations! Welcome to the Kingdom! Rejoice and leap for joy! Sounds a little like Easter, doesn't it? Well, in a very real way, it is. This Sunday, the scriptures remind us that we are blessed and beloved, especially when we have difficulties and don't feel especially blessed. Jesus reminds us that God blesses us in our trials, so we should trust in the saving power of God. We are "raised from the dead," as it were, each time we arise from our hardships. The ultimate proof of all of this is our new life in Christ, who died so that we could be free of sin, and was raised from the dead so that we might all have new life. Wouldn't that be something? A new life, in which poverty is riches and sadness is transformed into lightness of spirit? It's a topsy-turvy world, isn't it? Do you feel blessed today?

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# **†** Our Gifts to God **†**

Sunday Offering: February 6, 2022

Regular Collection \$1,730.50 Monthly 845.00

\$2,575.50 ENVE

ENVELOPES Adults Used 79

Distributed 1

Votive: \$87

Initial Offering: \$10Ash Wednesday: \$40

New Years: \$20

Easter Flowers: \$20
 Initial Offering: \$10
 Diocesan Collection
 Home Missions: \$20

Thank you for being good stewards.

# Memorials & Donations

Saint Joseph received the following memorial contributions: In Loving Memory of *Helen Daywalt* by Thomas Clemente (\$25 Improvement Fund)

# **SAVE THE DATE**

Planning has already begun for this year's Seder Meal. It will be held on Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 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!



## 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 near St. Thérèse of Lisieux and St. Anthony before or after Mass for your own personal intentions. We also have 5-day candles available for intentions at the rectory in the Chapel or by the Blessed Mother in the foyer. Call or stop in during office hours.