



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Jan. 01: † *Cliff & Juliann Thorson* – Family

Sunday, Jan. 08: † *Maggie Clemente* – Mom & Dad

LECTOR SCHEDULE			ALTAR SERVERS
Sunday, Jan 8	12 noon	T. Kerstetter	We will not be using Altar Servers for Mass while we are in the Church Hall.
Sunday, Jan 15	12 noon	C. DeMarte	

MEMORIAL CANDLES JANUARY 1:15:

Church Hall Sanctuary: *Elizabeth, Alice, & Susan* by Mary, Jeanne, & Marjorie

Chapel Sanctuary: *Elizabeth, Alice, & Susan* by Mary, Jeanne, & Marjorie

Blessed Mother - Chapel: *Special Intention*

Saint Joseph - Chapel: *Special Intention*



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, and Tom Daywalt

WEEKLY SCHEDULE			
Collection Counters: Carol and Chris			
MONDAY: 01/02			
TUESDAY: 01/03	Communion Service	8:30 AM	Chapel
WEDNESDAY: 01/04	Parish Council	6:00 PM	Administration Building
THURSDAY: 01/05			
FRIDAY: 01/06	Communion Service with Adoration	6:00 PM	Chapel
SATURDAY: 01/07			
SUNDAY: 01/08	CCD	10:30 AM	Administration Building
	Mass	12 noon	Church

"The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort.

You were made for greatness." -Pope Benedict XVI

January 01, 2023

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

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MASS TIME

Sunday: 12 noon

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday by appt.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Joseph Orr.....*Pastor*

Rev. Daniel Heiser.....*Deacon*

Alison Heiser.....*Secretary/DRE*

Louis Roteagliano... *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.



*may God's will be at the center of your family
and bring bountiful blessings in the coming
year! God Bless!*

Father Orr, Deacon Dan, and Alison

On behalf of all the people of our parish, we wish to sincerely thank all who gave of themselves so that our celebration of Christ's birth could be such a beautiful one. A special thank you to all who helped to make this Holy Season so memorable for St Joseph Parish.

It would seem like a miracle that we could get our church ready in time for Christmas when the week before, it was still entirely under construction. The number of parishioners that came to the church, young and old, to help move statues and get everything ready in time was astounding. Also, all Choir Members; our Ushers, Lectors, and benefactors for all the Poinsettia Memorials; men and women who cleaned the church; and others offering stewardship of Time and Talent in varied ways. God will bless you for your generosity!

PARISH COUNCIL

The first parish council meeting of the new year is this Wednesday, Jan. 4th. As usual, the meeting will be held at 6:00 pm in the Administration Building. All members are asked to attend. All are welcome!

CHURCH PEWS

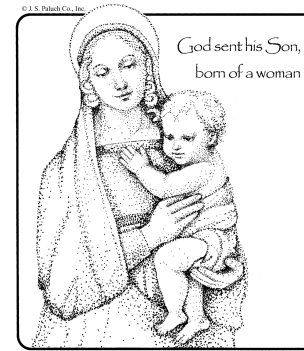
We want to extend our immense gratitude to the following people for their generous decision to donate their pews back to the church: ***Anna Knauff, Cathy Himmel, Susie Ransdorf, Pamela Gentzel, Kevin Rauch (Post Office), Jeanie Nestlerode, Connie Tarantella, and Sue Smith.*** You have no idea how important this measure is in our efforts to restore our church to its original historical, spiritual, and architectural masterpiece. Don't hesitate to contact the parish office if you or anyone you know has a pew (in any condition) and would like to be a part of this cause.

2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Your new offertory envelopes will be on the side tables in the Church Hall starting next week, Dec. 18th. Please pick yours up and your neighbors or friends if they cannot make it to the Church Hall. Don't hesitate to contact the parish office if you do not see a box with your name. Thank you!

2023 LECTOR WORKBOOKS

The 2023 Lector Workbooks have arrived and are in the sacristy. All Lectors can pick them up there after or before Mass. Or you can pick yours up at the parish office, Thank you for your service.



SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

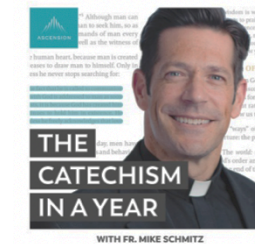
This feast day celebrates the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as the mother of our Lord Jesus. The first reading gives a traditional blessing. The second reading tells how Jesus was born of Mary to save us. And in the gospel, we hear how the shepherds visited the Holy Family after the birth of Jesus. Mary certainly had a lot to reflect upon. She is holding her newborn son, born healthy and safe. Then, some shepherds show up. These men were rough, working men. And they tell of angels visiting them, joyfully telling of her son's birth. She must have wondered what was going on. For even when our faith is strong, it can be difficult to interpret what is happening around us.

Mary did not become alarmed or try to dismiss the not entirely clean shepherds who seemed intent on visiting her baby. She reflected, taking it all in.

Ask Yourself:

- When I am confused or troubled, do I act first or take time to reflect upon what might be happening?
- How can reflection keep fear at bay?
- How can I keep my thoughts focused on the promises of Christ?

Elizabeth proclaims: "Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior."



St. Joseph's] is excited to invite our parishioners and friends to join us in listening to "The Catechism in a Year" podcast, starting January 1st! This 365 day podcast will explain all the teachings of the Catholic Church, in a prayerful, engaging, and approachable way with Fr. Mike Schmitz.

This podcast consists of daily 15-20 minute episodes of popular Catholic priest Fr. Mike Schmitz reading through the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church and offering insight and guidance as you go.

The Catechism is an important book that explains and discusses the fundamental teachings of our faith. Having it in podcast form makes it easy and accessible to read. With social media and technology permeating our lives, it is nice to see it used for good, and this podcast will bring many Catholics closer to Christ. I would like to personally invite you to consider joining the hundreds of thousands of your brothers and sisters on this journey.

You can listen while driving to work, going on your daily walk, drinking your morning coffee, or however you like! St. Joseph's is here to support you on your "Catechism in a Year" journey.

To join us in this journey through the Catechism, visit AscensionPress.com/CIY

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: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6;
Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; J
n 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28
[23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

BLESSINGS

Today’s readings include another account of the story of Jesus’ birth. The reading from the book of Numbers reminds us that we are blessed. We are looked upon with kindness and grace. The psalm and Galatians remind us of the blessings given through God’s Son. Luke tells of our ultimate blessing, that Mary, a human being like us, gave birth to a child who is God’s Son. Mary, a young mother, watches all that is happening around the birth of her son. She listens as the shepherds bring messages from angels, a message she also received from an angel, about her son. Yet Mary remains silent. She keeps all this news about her son to herself. She reflects on all these experiences. The only thing she shares is the name of her son, Jesus, a name given him before he was even conceived. Her silence leaves us wondering if this is how one responds to such a great blessing.

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NEW YEAR

The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year, but rather that we should have a new soul.

—G. K. Chesterton

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL
OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God;
Monday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Thursday: St. John Neumann
Friday: St. André Bessette; First Friday
Saturday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Saturday;

† Our Gifts to God †
Sunday Offering: Dec. 25, 2022

Regular Collection	\$1,205.00
Monthly	580.00
Children	<u>5.00</u>
	\$1,790.00

CHRISTMAS: \$4,317

•Flower Money: \$60

•Votive: \$48

•Immaculate Conception: \$10

ENVELOPES	Adults
Used	82
Families:	208

Thank you for being good stewards.

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 \$92,534. (as of 12/21)

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 Mastriana, 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 and Rosie 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 + 5 anonymous donors

- MEMORIAL DONATIONS**
- Saint Joseph received the following donations towards our Capital Campaign.**In Loving Memory of:**
- *Cheryl Daubert & Kim Slonaker* by Dawn & John Drake (\$100)
 - *Alice D Mahoney, Raymond A Mahoney, & William J Mahoney* by Alice Mahoney (\$200)
 - *Charles “Bud” Halberg* by Daughter, Ruth Poletto (\$500)
 - *Ronald and Mary Shook* by Robert Shook (\$100)



**Mary, the Holy Mother of God
January 1, 2023**

Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart.

— Luke 2:19