



MASS INTENTIONS

Jan. 21: *Martha Crouse* by George & Marcie

Jan. 28: *Don & Gwen Pagnotto* by Mike & Melissa Adams

LECTOR SCHEDULE			ALTAR SERVERS	
Jan. 28	12 noon	T. Tarantella	T. Stone	T. Tarantella
Feb. 4	12 noon	P. Kowalski	R. Tarantella	E. Kalafut

MEMORIAL CANDLES				Jan. 15-31, 2024
Church Sanctuary	† <i>Martha Crouse</i> -George & Marcie			
Chapel Sanctuary	† <i>Don Prebble</i> – Fedeles			
Blessed Mother	† <i>Wilhelm Nevel</i> - Janet Stone	† <i>Maggie Clemente</i> – Mom & Dad	† <i>Tomasic & Buranosky Families</i> – Terri, Jaci, & Matt	
Saint Joseph	† <i>Julia & Joseph Intallura & Family</i> – Lisa Houser	† <i>Mary Spangler</i> – Father, George Simon	† <i>Mary Spangler</i> – Sister, Debbie Pedokus	

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, 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, Mike Fantazier, Lynn Anderson, Lisa Myers, Ed McGuire, Danielle Luzier, Kathy Smith, David Moore, Emma Christner, and Monica Fox

WEEKLY SCHEDULE				Collection Counters: Mary, Louie, & Ann
MONDAY 1/15				
TUESDAY 1/16	Communion Service	8:30 am	Chapel	
WEDNESDAY 1/17	Finance Meeting	6:00 pm	Rectorry	
THURSDAY 1/18				
FRIDAY 1/19				
SATURDAY 1/20				
SUNDAY 1/21	CCD	10:45 am	Rectorry	
	Mass	12 noon	Church	

JANUARY 21, 2024

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.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B



PARISH STAFF

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

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

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

Terry O’Laughlin.....*Finance/Sacristan*

Louis Roteagliano.....*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.



The Winter Doldrums. Faith in the Present, Hope in the Future

I remember hearing those words in school. Their original meaning had to do with ships and oceans. The doldrums were a time when summer and fall storms had passed. Waters were still. Nothing much happened. A good time for seafaring folk.

But, when I heard the doldrums talked about in school it referred to us. Students in the long month of January. January, after the exciting holidays had passed. January, too soon to look for signs of spring. January, with its dark and cold days and nights. Teachers claimed that we all slowed down a bit in January. Into our January, some church things pop up, worthy of our attention, our prayer and sometimes our celebration. Let's look at a few:

January 18 – 25: the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity, when we're called to ask God to restore the unity to the Christian family that human sin and frailty have broken. Make that part of our prayers these days.

January 22: in the United States the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, when we're called to fast and pray for a deepened respect for all human life, especially the most vulnerable.

And at the end of the month, February 2: the feast of the Lord's Presentation, also called Candlemas because we begin Mass that day blessing candles to recall the true of Light come into our world.

And the next day, February 3: St Blaise, patron saint of ailments of throat. We'll bless throats at the Saturday evening Masses asking his prayers for health in these days of cough and cold.

PREGNANCY RESOURCE CLINIC

Matthew 25 partnered with the PRC to once again do the baby bottle campaign. Baby bottle banks will be handed out at Mass this Sunday. All proceeds will benefit the good work of the Pregnancy Resource Clinic.

PRAYER LIST

One of the beautiful teachings of our Christian faith is the belief in the power of prayer. It is especially effective when we pray for the needs of others. For the last several years, we have had a column in our weekly bulletin listing persons for those prayer requests. Beginning February 11th, 2024 bulletin, we will start an updated list and remove the present names. We will keep the latest names that were added so if you would like to include a person on that list, please contact the parish office. Here are the names that will remain:

Lynn Anderson, Lisa Myers, Ed McGuire, Danielle Luzier, Kathy Smith, David Moore, Emma Christner, Mary Tripp, and Monica Fox

CLEANING THE CHURCH

Again, we are seeking volunteers to form a monthly cleaning team for our church. Your commitment involves one day of thorough cleaning, and keeping an eye on tidiness throughout the month, with a focus on bathrooms and general cleanliness. This simple act not only helps maintain a welcoming space for Mass but also contributes to the well-being of our parish family.

In an effort to organize and streamline our efforts, we are working on creating a cleaning schedule for the entire year. Your participation in this initiative will ensure a consistent and well-maintained environment.

Cleaning the church is not just a practical service; it's a spiritual opportunity. It's a chance to express love for our faith community and connect with the sacred essence of our shared space. Your one-month commitment will make a lasting impact on the vibrancy of our church.

If you're willing to join this effort and be part of our cleaning schedule, please sign up at the back of the church or call the parish office. Thank you for your continued support.

BUS TRIP – DANIEL

St. John the Evangelist, Bellefonte will be taking a bus trip to SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE in Lancaster to see the new production "DANIEL" on Tuesday, April 23rd for the 11:00 am showing. Travel will be by Fullington Trailways. We are planning to stop for lunch at Cracker Barrel after the show. The bus will be boarding in front of the church at 6:30 AM. Cost is \$130.00 per person which includes show ticket and transportation (lunch not included). All reservations and money must be received in the parish office by March 15. Please note - no reservations will be accepted without payment. Space is limited. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at (814) 355-3134.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Wednesday, Jan. 24: Finance Council at 6 pm
Wednesday, Jan. 31: Liturgy Comm. at 6 pm
*ALL parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings.



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29- 31; Mk 1:14-20
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20, 21-22,25-26; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17;Ps 89:4-5,27-28,29-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc,2; Mk 16:15-18
Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-13,14-15,16- 17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

“We’ve always done it this way” is a line that I have heard time and time again. Part of our human nature is that we can often get set in our own ways and routines. However, it is often another person who challenges us, broadens our horizon, and causes us to grow in a positive way. As uncomfortable as it is to admit, I’m sure we can all relate in one way or another.

I thought of this very human reality as I read this Sunday’s first reading and gospel. In our first reading (Jonah 3:1-5, 10), we hear about the prophet Jonah being called by God to preach repentance to the City of Nineveh for a second time. What happened the first time? Well, Jonah ran from God’s call and was swallowed by a big fish – I think Jonah got the message to change his mind! In our gospel (Mark 1:14-20), we hear about two sets of brothers – Peter and Andrew, James and John – each of them going about their normal routine of fishing. However, Jesus calls them to follow him and they leave everything behind to do so.

Being called to something almost always requires being called away from something. God called Jonah away from his stubbornness of heart in order to preach God’s mercy and love to Nineveh. Christ called the apostles away from their routine and mundane lives of fishing in order to proclaim Christ’s message of hope and peace to the world. I’m sure each of them initially thought: “we’ve always done it this way.” However, Jonah and the apostles went outside of their comfort zone, trusted, and said “YES” to what God was asking of them in that moment – may we have the courage to do the same!

† Our Gifts to God †
Sunday Offering: Jan. 14, 2024

Regular Collection:	\$ 1,196.00
Monthly:	180.00
Children	10.00
	\$ 1,386.00

Votive: \$ 52.00
New Years: \$40.00
Initial Offering: \$45.00

Thank you for being good stewards.

TAX STATEMENTS

Anyone that receives envelopes and would like a 2023 tax statement can request it by calling the parish office. A word of profound prayerful gratitude for the outstanding generosity of the parishioners of Saint Joseph.

NORTHERN DEANERY RAFFLE

For just \$10 per ticket, participants have the opportunity to win one of four thrilling prizes. Starting in January, we will have an early bird drawing each month of 5 winners. Each winner will receive five replacement tickets for the one ticket drawn, and the seller listed on the ticket will receive a check for \$50!! This year, you can accept cash instead of the prize.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings today call us to be decisive in our faith. God calls us as stewards to repent and renew our commitment to Him each day. In our First Reading, God instructs the prophet Jonah to travel through the city of Nineveh and warns the people that the city would be destroyed due to their evil ways. When the people of Nineveh heard this, they declared a fast in repentance. The Lord saw this and had compassion for them. Every moment is an opportunity to either grow closer to God or further away from Him.

Our Gospel today shares Mark’s account of Jesus calling His first disciples. In his account, Jesus approaches Simon and Andrew, and later, James and John. These four men were fishermen, casting their nets. Jesus states, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” In both instances, the men immediately abandoned what was before them and followed Christ.

As we settle into this New Year, let us ponder the ways we can repent and renew our commitment to God. Let us ask ourselves, what are we casting our nets for? And are we willing to leave it behind for something much greater? If not now, when?