



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Feb. 5: † *Charles E. Adams* –Mary & Dick
Sunday, Feb 12: † *Jack Hanobic* – Jo & Family

LECTOR SCHEDULE			ALTAR SERVERS
Sunday, Feb. 5	12 noon	P, Kowalski	We will not be using Altar Servers for Mass while we are in the Church Hall.
Sunday, Feb. 12	12 noon	T. Tarantella	

MEMORIAL CANDLES – February 1-15:

Church Sanctuary: *In Loving Memory of George Kalafut* by Liz
Chapel Sanctuary: *Connie O’Toole Conrad* – Love, Pattie
Blessed Mother: *In Loving Memory of Maggie Clemente* by Larry & Chris
Saint Joseph: *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: Mary, Ann S, & Lewie			
MONDAY: 01/30			
TUESDAY: 01/31	Communion Service	8:30 AM	Chapel
WEDNESDAY: 02/01	Parish Council Meeting	6:00 PM	Administration Building
THURSDAY: 02/02			
FRIDAY: 02/03	Communion Service	6:00 PM	Chapel
SATURDAY: 02/04			
SUNDAY: 02/05	CCD	10:30 AM	Administration Building
	Mass	12 noon	Church

I have made a pact with my tongue, not to speak when my heart is disturbed.
- Saint Francis De Sales

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SAINT JOSEPH

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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.



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THANK YOU

Please help us thank **Gene Bruno** and **Travis Fantaskey** for shoveling all of our sidewalks at both buildings during our recent snowstorm. Not only did they do a great job, but they also saved Dcn Dan and his boys a lot of work. We really appreciate it! Thank you, Gene & Travis!

PRAYERS TO MARY AND JOSEPH

We are taking requests 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. We can take up to 3 requests for each altar, and we have many openings. The cost is \$10 for two weeks, call or stop in the parish office to reserve a date. *Also, don't forget our votive candles in front of the church. Please take a moment before or after Mass to light one of our blue and red votive candles for your own personal intentions.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY DUES

Altar & Rosary Society is now collecting dues for 2023. We are always looking for new members; men and women are invited to join for \$10 a year. You can mail your dues to the parish office, drop them off during office hours, or put them in the collection basket at Mass.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Catholic Daughters are collecting their yearly dues. All should have received a letter with a self-addressed envelope to Dorothy Costulas. If you lost your envelope, you can always bring your dues to the parish office. Thank you!

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Wednesday, Feb 1: Parish Council at 6 pm
- Tuesday, Feb. 7: Knights of Columbus at 7 pm
- Wednesday, Feb 8: Finance Council at 6 pm *rescheduled
- Thursday, Feb. 16: Festival Meeting at 6pm

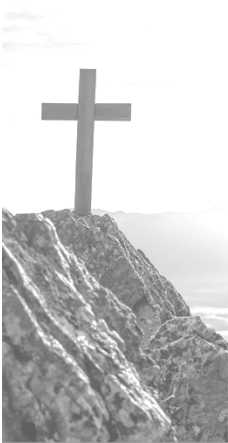
CLEANING THE CHURCH

Now that we are back in our church, we need to start scheduling volunteers to clean the church. We need 2-5 people per month to clean the church one time during the 3rd week of each month. We would appreciate it if you could and are willing to help us. There is a sign-up on Flocknote: stjosephrenovo.flocknote.com, or you may call the parish office. Below are the available months:

Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct	Nov	Dec
X			X		X					

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

The Feast of St. Blaise is Friday, February 3. Throats will be blessed after the 12 noon Mass on February 5.



JANUARY
29
2023

FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.”
Matthew 5:3

GOD’S REIGN HERE AND NOW

Our readings this week all speak of the distinctive characteristics of the people God gathers to achieve God’s purposes. The deep communion of love that God envisions requires a community that is humble and lowly, as Zephaniah describes. God chooses the weak and foolish to reveal God’s strength and wisdom, as Paul says. And in the Beatitudes, Jesus teaches that a people who know their weakness and vulnerability can most fully place their trust in God and work for a just world. As Christians, we believe God will fully heal our world when Christ returns. But Christ also invites us to experience a foretaste of this future right now, through our life in Christian community, and in our work of peacemaking and justice-seeking in the world. Our poverty in spirit can enable us to be both recipients and instruments of the “kingdom of heaven” here and now.

THE BLESSED COMMUNITY

We turn to the first action of Jesus’ public ministry described by Matthew — Jesus preaching to the crowds in what we call the Sermon on the Mount. The Sermon begins with today’s Gospel passage, the Beatitudes. Having just called his first disciples to form a community, Jesus begins to spell out what this community is all about. The Beatitudes lay the foundation, describing the primary values and practices, and the core identity of this community.

Jesus tells his followers, first and foremost, that they are blessed by God. The community will reveal its blessed character through its humility, meekness, and hunger for justice. Knowing they are loved as God’s children, they will have open and pure hearts, free to be merciful, and they will be able to endure suffering gracefully. Listening anew to the Beatitudes, we remember how far we fall short of Jesus’ vision. But we know God has gathered us, and continues to transform us, to receive the fullness of blessing.

WHOM GOD HONORS

In Jesus’ time, honor and shame were key markers for who is up and who is down in their society. Typically, those with wealth and power over others were to be honored. And in our own time, often we find ourselves drawn strongly toward having more abundance, control, and options to choose from. We avoid vulnerability and limitations. But Jesus says in the Beatitudes that the poor and meek are truly blessed, that is, honorable and privileged by God. How can this be?

Perhaps Jesus is first exposing the opposites to the poor and meek, the “rich in spirit.” These develop such confidence in themselves, based on achievement or inherited privilege, that they isolate themselves from God, and either ignore or exploit others. Jesus also knew that the humble in heart realize that they cannot build an illusory self-affirmation, so they can be most open to God’s affirmation of them. They can then become more deeply empowered to participate in God’s work. God blesses and honors the open-hearted.

TODAY’S READINGS

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12–13
Psalm 146:6–7, 8–9, 9–10
1 Corinthians 1:26–31
Matthew 5:1–12a

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: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32;
Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,
17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6;
Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;
Mt 5:13-16

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL
OBSERVANCES**
Sunday:Fourth Sunday in Ordinary
Time; Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday: St. John Bosco
Thursday: The Presentation of the
Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life;
Groundhog Day
Friday: St. Blase; St. Ansgar; First
Friday;
Blessing of throats
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First
Saturday

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Candlemas (February 2)

Thanks to Pope Sergius I (687–701), on February 2 we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord.
On this day we also commemorate the Purification of Mary, who complied with the Jewish law
(Leviticus 12:1). The law indicated that a mother should be purified forty days after giving birth
to a boy child. Since the eleventh century the Purification of Mary and the Presentation of the
Lord have been celebrated with the blessing of all the candles and candlesticks that are going to
be used during the year. This is done with the hope that there will never be a lack of light, either
material or spiritual, in the houses of the faithful. The root of the word candlemas is the Latin
verb *candere* (“to shine”) and from which also come the words candelabra and candlestick. This
feast of candles recalls that Christians can, like Simon and the prophetess Anna in the temple, say
that they also have seen salvation: Jesus the true Light who shines in the arms of Mary (Luke
2:25–38).

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God’s agents in ushering in the reign of God. By living with humility and integrity, their hearts
are open to being transformed by the grace of God. We too are called to live in this way. Jesus
invites us to be people with open hearts, to receive God’s blessing. And working through us, God
may bless all of creation.

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† Our Gifts to God †
Sunday Offering: Jan. 22, 2023

Regular Collection	\$1,820.00
Monthly	75.00
Children	<u>5.00</u>
	\$1,900.00

- INITIAL OFFERING: \$45
- VOTIVE: \$10.00

Thank you for being good stewards.

ENVELOPES	Adults
Used	61
Families:	208

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. (as of
1/27)
*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
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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, + 5 anonymous donors*

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Saint Joseph received the following donations towards our Capital Campaign.
In Loving Memory of **Charles “Bud” Hallberg** by John & Mary Ann Tarantella (\$25)
In Loving Memory of **Joseph, Rosemary, and nephew, Evan Shugats** by Shirley Kisko (\$100)

TAX STATEMENTS

Anyone that receives envelopes and would like a 2022 tax statement can request it by calling the
parish office or making a note of it on your offertory envelope. A word of profound prayerful
gratitude for the outstanding generosity of the parishioners of Saint Joseph.