



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 2: *Michael A. Probst* by Family
Sunday, January 9: *Maggie Clemente* by Mom and Dad
Sunday, January 16: *Clifford E. Thorson* by Sara Woomer & Family

MEMORIAL CANDLES: JANUARY 1- 15

Sanctuary Candles in Loving Memory of...	Blessed Mother in Loving Memory of...
Church: <i>Janet & Mann Probst</i> by Family	<i>James R. Gallagher</i> by Vicky Penton
Chapel: <i>Janice Coleman</i> by Sue Smith	

LECTOR SCHEDULE	
Sunday, January 2 nd	Mary Ann Tarantella
Sunday, January 9 th	Pat Kowalski

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, Helen Daywalt, 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 Jenkins, Elaine Charcalla, John Kapp, Ron J. Long, Rose Turnowchyk, Ruth Donnell, Kay Conser, 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, and Drew Gentzyel.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Money Counters: Margie and Ann

MONDAY, 1/03 : 9am – 12 noon	
TUESDAY, 1/04 : Office is Closed	<i>Communion Service 8:30 am</i>
WEDNESDAY, 1/05: 9am – 4pm	Parish Council Meeting / 6:00 pm
THURSDAY, 1/06: 9am – 4pm	
FRIDAY, 1/07: Office is Closed	<i>Communion Service 6:00 pm</i>
SATURDAY, 1/08	
SUNDAY, 1/09	CCD Classes K-10 / 10:30 am

*God isn’t asking you to figure it out.
He’s asking you to trust that He already has.*

January 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord

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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.



**Congratulations to Father Orr
as he celebrates 40 years
as an ordained priest
this weekend!**

Christmas Ornaments 2021

The ornaments are in for those in ministry in the parish. If you serve on one of the councils or help with the divine liturgy, please, pick one up after Mass in the sacristy. Thank you for helping out. We'd have a tough time getting by without you.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP

Friday January 21, 2022

We are now taking reservations for the 2022 "March for Life" Bus Trip to Washington, DC on Friday, Jan. 21. Our pick up location will be at **Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 867 Grays Woods Blvd, Port Matilda, PA 16870**. The cost is College Students/Youth \$10, Adults \$15, and Family \$30 and checks can be made payable to Our Lady of Victory Parish. If you would like to attend, please contact your Parish Office to make a reservation. Waivers and payment are due before January 10th. For any additional questions please call Chris Kirkpatrick, OLV Office at 814-237-7832.

*The students in grades 9-12 are planning to participate this year. Anyone else in the parish that would like to join us can call the parish office and we will take care of the details for you. If we are able to get enough people from our parish to attend, we may have the bus start in Renovo.



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Don't forget to light a votive candle before Mass. Those that wish to light the 5-day candles, either in the chapel or before the Blessed Mother statue in the foyer of the Rectory, are welcome to stop in anytime during office hours.  
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WHAT IS EPIPHANY?

Epiphany is the festival marking the visit of the Magi to celebrate Jesus Christ's birth. It was the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. Until recent years, the Epiphany always fell on January 6. The feast was changed to the Sunday following New Year's Day due to its importance. Rather than make it a Holy Day that would often fall on a weekday, it was given a fixed Sunday so all people could celebrate the feast. Celebrating the Epiphany in a special manner helps us remember that Christmas is a "season" and not just a day.

TRADITIONS UNCOVER MEANING

Two traditional rituals, one liturgical and one domestic, help underline the meaning of the Epiphany. The Proclamation of the Date of Easter is an option for inclusion at Mass today. This text which formally announces the dates of the upcoming major feast days reminds us that Christmas is best honored in the context of the whole story of salvation that culminates in Easter. Or as writer Nathan Mitchell reflects, the wood of the crib becomes the wood of the cross.

The second tradition connected to Epiphany is the blessing of the door of one's home with chalk. It includes a prayer for protection for all who enter therein. One explanation of this tradition ties it to the Passover in the Book of Exodus: the marking of the doorposts with the blood of the lamb kept the Israelites safe. This tradition too offers a connection between Christmas and Easter.

As we continue to mine the richness of this season we hum along with the angels, Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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HOME BLESSING - FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY Lord Jesus, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family. Come to our home and make us a holy family. As the Magi offered their gifts in adoration, may we offer our lives as gifts in your humble service. Bless this doorway to our home. (Holy water may be sprinkled.) Bless our comings and our goings. May all who enter here be met with love and respect. (Now trace over the doorway with chalk 20 + C + M + B + 22 for the Year of Our Lord and initials of the traditional names of the 3 kings: Casper, Melchior and Baltasar.) Open wide the door of our home and our hearts to welcome You, Lord Jesus. Fill this place, and us, with your light and your peace. And after daily welcoming you among us all our lives on earth, may you in turn open wide for us the door to eternal life. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

Prayers to Mary and Joseph

You may now have a candle burning in front of the Blessed Mother Statue or the statue of Saint Joseph 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.

Happy New Year!

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 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



The Epiphany of the Lord

Gifts are everywhere at this time of year. Christmas gifts. Hostess gifts. Hidden gifts. Wrong-size gifts. Unexpected gifts. Unwanted gifts. Unreciprocated gifts. And in today's readings we hear about even more gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But we know intuitively (or, one hopes, eventually!) that gifts are symbols of something much deeper and less tangible. The gift of God's Son is, of course, at the heart of our Christmas festivities. We are not--and never--alone, because "God is with us." (Thus the name Emmanuel.) But wait, that's not all! The liturgy reminds us over and over that this is a "holy exchange." As Christ came to share in our humanity, we come to share in his divinity. The full significance of that mystery is a gift we have yet to unwrap completely.

WHAT KIND OF GOD IS THIS?

Christmas is a season of abundance. Christmas cookies and carols. Parties and presents. Mangers and mistletoe. The same is true in our church. Within a period of nine days we celebrate Christmas, the Holy Family, Mary Mother of God, and today the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Truly an embarrassment of liturgical riches. (And we are not finished yet!)

However, for many people, Christmas is already over. Trees litter the curbside or make their way back to the attic. Presents are put away or returned. We prepare to go back to school or work. But as Christians we have barely dipped our toes into the profound mystery of a God who walks among us. What kind of a God is this whose kingdom is not limited by our borders, fears, expectations, or imaginations? Today's psalm reminds us, "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." Diversity and inclusion are not new to God's agenda



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Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

— Isaiah 60:1

† Our Gifts to God †
Sunday Offering: December 26, 2021

Regular Collection	\$1,164.00	ENVELOPES	Adults	Children
Monthly	285.00	Used	96	4
	\$1,449.00	Distributed	204	33

Votives: \$6 *Christmas: \$3,758.50

Thank you for being good stewards.

2022 Offertory Envelopes

Please make sure to pick up your 2022 offertory envelopes in the back of the church. New numbers have been assigned to some members, so please discard any remaining envelopes from this year. If you do not see a box with your name, please contact the parish office. Thank you!



2022 Wall Calendars

Over the past 50 years, Maxwell Funeral Home has been providing the parishioners here at St. Josephs with lovely wall calendars. This year is no different; our calendars should be here early January. Please thank all those at Maxwell Funeral Home for providing us, yet again, with our lovely wall calendars.

Christmas Memorial Donations

Saint Joseph received the following donations
in Loving Memory of ...

Our Parents; Michael J & Mary B Barner / Elizabeth "Betty" Simon By George "Mike" & Michele Simon (\$100 Improvement Fund)

Helen & Lou Fourney & Sons By Family (\$50 Improvement Fund)

Carl Gregory, Robert & Vera Gorman, Ronald & Mary Shook By Dolores Gregory (\$100 Improvement Fund)

Elizabeth (Betty) Simon By Husband, George B (\$2,500 Improvement Fund)

Mary K. Spangler By Father, George B (\$2,500 Improvement Fund)

Furlong and Krupa Families By James Krupa (\$200 Improvement Fund)

