



**MASS INTENTIONS**  
Sunday, July 2: *Redos Family (Reunion)*  
Sunday, July 9: *†Fr. William Perri* – Bucktail Class of 1968

LECTOR SCHEDULE			ALTAR SERVERS	
Sunday, July 9	Noon	T. Kerstetter	S. Heiser	C. Dorman
Sunday, July 16	Noon	M. A. Tarantella	J. Heiser	Q. Kalafut

MEMORIAL CANDLES		JULY 1-15, 2023	
CHURCH SANCTUARY	† <i>Janet &amp; Mann Probst</i> - Family		
CHAPEL SANCTUARY	† <i>Janice Coleman</i> - Sue		
BLESSED MOTHER	♥ <i>Cavaliere Family</i> – The Fedele Family	♥ <i>Bette, Alice, &amp; Susan</i> – <i>Love &amp; Peace from</i> <i>your sisters; Mary,</i> <i>Jeanne, &amp; Marjorie</i>	† <i>Special Intention</i>
SAINT JOSEPH	♥ <i>Kime Family</i> – The Fedele Family	† <i>Jack Hanobic</i> – <i>The</i> <i>Morgan Family</i>	† <i>James Red Franklin</i> – <i>The Morgan Family</i>

**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, Brenda DeJoyce, Caleb Leone, 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, Mary Tripp, Estefan Nevarez, Joel Kohler, Tom Daywalt, Merle Prebble, Larry Conly, Shawna Weaver, Eric Ditty(special intention), Kathy Jo Kalafut, Ben Moser, Deborah Hall, Billie Francis, and Kasey Knauff

WEEKLY SCHEDULE    Collection Counters: Margie & Ann			
MONDAY: 07/03			
TUESDAY: 07/04	OFFICE IS CLOSED / NO COMMUNION SERVICE		
WEDNESDAY: 07/05			
THURSDAY: 07/06	Festival	5:30 – 9:30 pm	Parking Lot
FRIDAY: 07/07	Festival	5:30 – 9:30 pm	Parking Lot
SATURDAY: 07/08	Festival	5:30 – 9:30 pm	Parking Lot
SUNDAY: 07/09	125 <sup>th</sup> Celebration Mass	12 noon	Church
	125 <sup>th</sup> Luncheon	1:30 pm	Sportsmans

Don’t shine so others can see you. Shine so that through you, others can see HIM.  
-C. S. Lewis

July 2, 2023

# CHURCH OF 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*

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 parish member 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.

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS  
Monday: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm  
Tuesday: Closed  
Wednesday: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm  
Thursday: Closed  
Friday: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

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

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. Nine-month advance notice is required for marriage.

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.



### **IT'S HERE: ST. JOSEPH PARISH FESTIVAL**

Our Parish Festival is this week! We need lots of help if you are able. There are many options available for volunteers: • Volunteer to call parishioners for donations • Make a basket for the raffle • Volunteer to work a booth • Help setup and/or tear down • Donate baked goods • Donate canned soda / bottled water • Buy/Sell Raffle tickets

- We are still in need of canned soda and bottled water.
- We are also in need of baked goods each night of the festival. People love taking home yummy baked goods from the bake sale. Please help by sharing your home-baked specialties. Baked goods can be dropped off at the Church Hall or Rectory each day of the festival.
- We NEED theme baskets for our raffle. We only have a few that dropped off theme baskets this year. Our theme basket raffle is one of our most popular stands; please try to throw a basket together if you have not yet done so.

### **THE PARISH OFFICE WILL HAVE LONGER HOURS THIS WEEK DUE TO THE FESTIVAL:**

Monday: 8:30 am – 4 pm  
Tuesday: Office is Closed – Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
Wednesday: 8:30 am – 4 pm  
Thursday: 9:00 am – 12 noon  
Friday: 8:30 am – 1:00 pm

### **ST. JOSEPH'S 125th CELEBRATION**

This Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> is the last day to RSVP to our luncheon at Sportsmans on July 9<sup>th</sup>. We would love to see you all there. Thank you!

**HELP SPREAD THE WORD:** St. Joseph's Parish in Renovo will host its annual Parish Festival on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, July 6, 7, & 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm -9:30 pm at St. Joseph's Church parking lot. This year's festival will include delicious foods: such as funnel cakes, hot sausage sandwiches, cheeseburgers, pulled pork sandwiches, fries, and much more. Also, there will be nightly specials that include buffalo chicken dip and Meatball Subs. Special features: Theme Basket Raffle, Rip Tickets, Games for all ages, Bake Sale, BINGO, Ticket Raffle, Poker, Fish Bowl Toss with real fish, Flea Market. NEW KID'S GAMES THIS YEAR WITH GREAT PRIZES. We hope to see you there!



July 4th, Independence Day, is an American national holiday. This holiday gives us time to thank God for the birth of our nation, and give thanks for gift of life and petition God to preserve our country and rid it of its evils. This is a great day for picnics and spending time with family and friends. Our nation stands at a crossroads, where divisions run deep, and wounds remain unhealed. Yet, as Catholics, we know that God's love is capable of healing. It is through His grace that we can find the strength to come together for the common good, setting aside our differences and embracing the dignity of every human life.

In a world that often fosters hatred and animosity, let us learn to love one another as God loves us. Regardless of our backgrounds or beliefs, may we strive to build bridges of understanding and compassion, promoting unity within our diverse society. By doing so, we can become the true embodiment of the United States, where the principles of freedom, justice, and equality are lived out in every corner of our land. In our gratitude for the blessings bestowed upon our nation, let us not forget those who are less fortunate. May we be inspired to share our freedom and resources with those in need, extending a helping hand to the vulnerable and marginalized. Through acts of charity and generosity, we can bring hope and alleviate suffering, fulfilling our call to be Christ's hands and heart in the world.

As we say a prayer for our nation, we humbly ask God to grant us the strength and courage to work for His kingdom here on Earth. Let us envision a future where all His children live together in love, freedom, and unity.

**CELEBRATE CATHOLIC-STYLE:** Honor the Catholic Contribution to the Declaration of Independence Charles Carroll was the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence and the only Catholic signatory. Thomas Jefferson's phrase "all men are created equal" was inspired by an Italian Catholic named Philip Mazzei.

Honor American Saints Mother Cabrini was the first U.S. citizen to be canonized. Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first native-born U.S. citizen to be canonized. Jesuit North American Martyrs were the first to shed their blood for the Faith on these shores. John Neumann, Katharine Drexel, and Kateri Tekakwitha are other popular American saints.

Honor the Holy Popes There is an old optional feast that falls on July 4th known as the Commemoration of All Holy Popes. 80 out of the 266 Popes in history are canonized saints.



**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: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (see 1)/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30  
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26  
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/ Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, and 15/Mt 9:32-38  
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7  
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/ Mt 10:7-15  
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23  
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33  
Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9



**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

As a boy my favorite board game was “Chutes and Ladders.” The players roll dice to move from the start to the finish, from the bottom of the board to the top. If you land on a chute, you slide back and down. It was a bummer. Land on a ladder, and you jump well up the board and near the goal. It was a thrill to find a ladder and draw closer to the goal. That’s life, isn’t it? At every moment, we’re either moving closer or farther from the goal of our lives.

How do we win? Jesus tells us the secret of life’s chutes and ladders hinges on getting our loves rightly ordered. What we love in life is meant to be a ladder, drawing us up into God’s love — including our family, friends, work, play, food, and drink. Even to give your water to someone out of love for Christ leads to a sure reward.

But those ladders of our loves can become chutes. If we love even our family members more than Christ, we slide down and back. If we love the persons and things in our life for the sake of Christ, He says we “surely will not lose our reward.” The key difference between a chute and ladder, between our spiritual regression and advancement, is our willingness to renounce everything even our own life for the love of Jesus. To allow everything and everyone we love to draw us to love him more that’s the difference between chutes and ladders. — Father John Muir ©LPi

Bulletin Announcements may be sent to Alison at [ahaiser@dioceseaj.org](mailto:ahaiser@dioceseaj.org)  
Please submit all requests by Wednesday for them to be published in Sunday’s Bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation!

**† Our Gifts to God †**  
**Sunday Offering: June 25, 2023**

Regular Collection:	\$ 1,681.00
Monthly:	30.00
Children:	6.00
	<u>\$1,717. 00</u>

ENVELOPES	Adults
Used:	65
Families:	208

Votive: \$30  
Peters Pence: \$25

*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. So far, we have raised \$90,449 in donations and memorials plus \$13,400 out in pledges totaling: \$104.049!!  
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, 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, Claire Kerstetter, Jay & Vickie Morocko, Theresa O’Donnell, Livia Price, Altar Rosary Society, James, Krupa, John Beckes, Thomas & Mary Jane Labant, Ron & Peggy Manila and George & Carol Beckes, Carrie & Frank DeMarte, Mr. & Mrs. William O’Neill, Tom Sox, George & Martha Crouse. Karen Lowery, Terri Buranosky, Susie Kisko, Tom Daywalt + 5 anonymous donors

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

This week we will take up the Peter’s Pence Collection, which is a way to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.peterspence.va/en.html](http://www.peterspence.va/en.html)