



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 24: † *Mary Spangler* by Pat & Marcia and John & Carol
Sunday, July 31: † *Gilbert King* by The Fedeles
Sunday, August 7: † *Sandra Bomba* by husband, Ed

JULY 15-31 MEMORIAL CANDLES:

Church Sanctuary: *Kime Family* by The Fedeles
Blessed Mother: *William Perri* by The Pompilis
Saint Joseph: *William Perri* by The Pompilis

LECTOR SCHEDULE		ALTAR SERVERS
Sunday, July 24	J. Kowalski	We will not be using Altar Servers for Mass while we are in the Church Hall.
Sunday, July 31	T. Kerstetter	
Sunday, August 7	C. DeMarte	

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jennifer Sauter, Sandy Francis, John “Tink” Green, Juliann Thorson, 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, 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, Joanie Francis, Liz Kalafut, Arnie Burrows, Martha Crouse, Brenda DeJoice, Caleb Leone, Joey Herridge, Cathy Lovett, 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, George Crouse

WEEKLY SCHEDULE			
Collection Counters: Mary, Ann S. & Lewie			
MONDAY: 7/25			
TUESDAY: 7/26	Communion Service	8:30 am	Chapel
WEDNESDAY: 7/27	Finance Council Meeting	6:00 pm	Administration Building
THURSDAY: 7/28			
FRIDAY: 7/29			
SATURDAY: 7/30			
SUNDAY: 7/31	Mass	12 noon	Church Hall

THE MARK OF THE MAKER

If things created are so full of loveliness, how resplendent must be the One who made them!
The wisdom of the Worker is apparent in such handiwork.
—St. Anthony of Padua



July 24, 2022:
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CHURCH OF
SAINT JOSEPH

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Rev. Joseph Orr.....*Pastor*
Rev. Daniel Heiser.....*Deacon*
Alison Heiser.....*Secretary/DRE*
Terry O’Laughlin.....*Finance Council*

MASS TIME

Sunday: 12 noon

CONFESSIONS

Sunday at 11:40 a.m.
Wednesday by appt.

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 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.

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

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.

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: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21



Have you ever watched a master chef at work or a professional musician or athlete and wondered “How do they do that? They make it look so easy.” We are naturally attracted to someone who excels at something, a person whose heart is obviously in their work, and we can’t help but wonder if we are capable of anything like that. This was likely true for the disciples as well. They had seen Jesus at prayer on many occasions (this is especially true in Luke’s Gospel) and it was obvious that someone, somehow was shaping/transforming the life of their teacher. Abraham, too, gives us an example of a conversation with God that goes beyond the ordinary approach to divine petitioning. Meanwhile, Psalm 138 assures us that when we cry for help God will answer—for Christ has become our mediator and we are one with him in baptism.

SNAKES AND SCORPIONS AND PRAYERS? OH, MY!

How often do we hear about snakes and scorpions at Mass? Well, today we do! Jesus uses these frightful (to most of us!) images for their shock value in order to emphasize how graciously and unfailingly our Father in heaven cares for us. The first reading sets the stage for our reflection. Who can hear the story of Abraham negotiating with God in the first reading and not smile at his audacity? The middle Eastern custom of bartering likely honed Abraham’s skills in that arena. He even appeals to God’s sense of honor, saying, “Far be it from you to do such a thing” [as to wipe out the innocent with the guilty]. Have we not all bargained with God at one time or another when we were desperately in need?



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July 24, 2022**
You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.
— *Colossians 2:12*

† Our Gifts to God †			
Sunday Offering: July 10, 2022			
Regular Collection	\$1,672.00	ENVELOPES	Adults
Monthly	130.00	Used	57
Children	0.00	Families:	205
	\$1,802.00	Special Collections	
		• Peters Pence:	\$5.00
		• Matthew 25:	\$70.00
Thank you for being good stewards.			

CONVERSATION WITH GOD

Prayer is our focus this weekend. In the Gospel, Jesus gives his disciples, and us, the Lord’s Prayer, which we have cherished through the centuries. The first two words encompass much about our faith—unity among all Christians (Our), and a sense that we are in a deeply bonded relationship with God (Father).

Do we try to talk to God? Do we listen for answers? This relationship is always a work in progress.
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FINANCE COUNCIL

There is a Finance Council meeting scheduled for this ***Wednesday, July 27th at 6:00 pm*** in the Administration Building. All members are asked to attend.

YOU HAVE HEARD THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH

Notice that the very first words of today’s Gospel are “Jesus was praying.” Of course, the disciples would be curious about a practice that was so central to Jesus’ daily life. He was obviously good at it. Perhaps they wanted to know how they could more easily “influence” God themselves! They wanted to know what would work. Luke’s version of the beloved Lord’s Prayer (one of two found in the Gospels) is highlighted today in response to the disciples’ request. The two parables following the Lord’s Prayer teach us about prayer both from the point of view of the one who prays and from God’s point of view. The parable of the friend who knocks on the door at midnight illustrates prayer from the point of view someone who urgently needs something. Persistence is the key. The last section of the Gospel offers us a glimpse of prayer from God’s point of view. If you seek, you will find; if you knock, the door will be opened. With Jesus as our mediator, we are assured of a hearing before our Father in heaven who is waiting to give good gifts to his children.

Reflection question:

In what ways can I use the good things of this world without clinging to them?
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