



**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday, Aug. 6: †*Jim DeJoice Jr* – Janet  
Sunday, Aug. 13: †*Stevenson & Paloskey Families* – Fedeles

LECTOR SCHEDULE			ALTAR SERVERS	
Sunday, Aug 6	Noon	A. Lavelle	J. Zuback	G. DeMarte
Sunday, Aug 13	Noon	A. Ross	H. Jarrett	Q. Dorman

MEMORIAL CANDLES		AUG 1-15, 2023	
CHURCH SANCTUARY	† <i>Brennan Family</i> – The Fedeles		
CHAPEL SANCTUARY	<i>Chris Howlett, Get Well Soon</i> - Family		
BLESSED MOTHER	† <i>Christopher Perry</i> – Mary & Steve Rathmell	† <i>Class of '57</i> – Livia, Janet, & Mary	† <i>Laura “Lori” Smith</i> – Mother, Livia
SAINT JOSEPH	†- <i>Ruby Prebble, Get Well Soon</i>	† <i>Bill Marino</i> – Livia, Janet, & Mary	† <i>Special Intention</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 DeJoice, 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, Kasey Knauff, Ruby Prebble, and Chris Howlett

WEEKLY SCHEDULE    Collection Counters: Carol & Chris			
MONDAY: 07/24			
TUESDAY: 07/25	Communion Service	8:30 am	Chapel
WEDNESDAY: 07/26			
THURSDAY: 07/27	Prayer Shawl	6:30 pm	Church Hall
FRIDAY: 07/28			
SATURDAY: 07/29			
SUNDAY: 07/30	Mass	Noon	Church

July 30, 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.

**17th 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.  
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**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.

## SPREAD THE WORD!

50-50  
RAFFLES

CASH PRIZE



FOOD

MUSIC

LOTS OF FUN

**When:** August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
**Where:** Chapman Township Park,  
North Bend, PA  
**Time:** 10:00 am  
**Cost:** \$40 per Team

There are 3 ways to register:

1. Online: participants can register and pay on St. Joseph's Parish website:  
[www.stjosephchurchrenovopa.org](http://www.stjosephchurchrenovopa.org)
2. Parish Office: Stop in the parish office or call 570-923-0172 to register.  
(You can register by phone and pay the fee on game day.)
3. In Person: Teams can register upon arrival at the tournament on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

*Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of St. Joseph's Parish, Renovo, PA.*

Thank  
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MANY THANKS!

Thank you to all who volunteer their time for projects big and small to help keep our churches and properties in good repair and looking good! Your help is never unnoticed or not greatly appreciated!

Thank you to Pattie Rauch and Sue Smith, who volunteered their time to get rid of the many weeds on our grounds earlier this month. Also, thank you to Patty & Jim Cozzi for cleaning the church in June.

Thank you to parishioners who volunteer to serve on our parish's Finance, Parish, and Liturgy Councils. They do a fantastic job. We appreciate their service and dedication to the church as they share their knowledge.

An extra thank you Angie & Gene Lavelle, who deep-cleaned the church last week. It took hours and days to get rid of all of the dirt from the many projects and celebrations.

### HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK:

The parish office will be closed this Wednesday and Friday. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Prayer Shawl will meet this Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall. All are welcome!

### GESTURES AT MASS

As Catholics, we go through a number of gestures during the course of the Mass.

We genuflect as we come into and leave church, we bow before reception of Communion or when crossing in front of the altar, we kneel during Consecration. We sit to listen to some of the readings and homily, but we stand for the proclamation of the Gospel. Why all these postures and what is their importance?

### Genuflecting—

As far back as ancient times, people genuflected on one knee or bowed before the king as a sign of respect and to pledge their allegiance to him. As Catholics, we proclaim Jesus as the King of Heaven and Earth. When we enter the church, before going into our pew, we acknowledge Jesus' presence in the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle by reverently genuflecting on our right knee or making a simple bow if we cannot genuflect. We face the tabernacle while doing this to show our Lord that we know he is truly present there. A Catholic Church is not like other gathering spaces. It is a quiet place of prayer and worship, filled with the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. So, when you go to Mass next weekend, remember that you are not entering an auditorium, a theater, or a gymnasium. You are entering a sacred space where you have a unique opportunity to spend person-to-person time with Jesus in the Eucharist. Show your love for Him by reverently genuflecting when you enter and leave this sacred place.



**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: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/ Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46  
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35  
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/ Mt 13:36-43  
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46  
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53  
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58  
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12 Next Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9



**INTRODUCTION FOR TODAY’S READINGS  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12 King Solomon ruled about 950 years before Christ. His wisdom was legendary. Today’s reading describes an event from early in Solomon’s rule that tells how he became a wise person.

Romans 8: 28-30 As we continue reading from the eighth chapter of Paul’s letter to the Romans, we will hear Paul use the word predestined. This word does not mean that individuals are locked into a destiny over which they have no control. Rather, it means that in Christ, God provides abundant grace for everyone.

**When I was a teenager, after a homecoming dance one year I took my date for a walk on the Potomac in downtown Alexandria. The moon was out and I was struck by how the light shimmered on the water. I remember focusing to try to see all the details of the dancing rays on the ripples. My date didn't see it and didn't really get it. She thought it was no big deal. It was a great date and a fun night, but for that one moment we saw the world from two completely different vantage points.**

**Two of the greatest gifts from God to each of us are life and time. Without taking care, we can easily miss the grandeur and beauty of both. Being mindful as an everyday steward means pausing to see the detail in all that exists around us. God's creation is not something created with a broad brush, but instead with the intricacies of a master painter.**

**God created all things with purpose and a complexity only the divine could fully comprehend. Every single hair on our head has been counted! But when we take a moment to reflect on the beauty that is created by that complexity, we allow ourselves to revel in God's generosity. There is so much to give thanks for in this life. But you and I can't give thanks to God unless we really stop to take notice. When was the last time you stared in awe at the moon?**

**† Our Gifts to God †**  
**Sunday Offering: July 23, 2023**

Regular Collection: \$ 1,351.00  
Monthly: 10.00  
Children: 3.00  
\$1,364.00

Votive: \$13  
Matthew 25: \$30

*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 \$92,399 in donations and memorials plus \$11,650 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 Mastriania, 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, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Morgan, + 5 anonymous donors

**ST. JOSEPH’S LOTTO**

After much deliberation, we will not do our usual lotto this year. We are working on different ideas to replace this fundraiser. Any ideas are welcome!