



**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday, June 18: *Father’s Day Envelope Intentions*  
Sunday, June 25 : †*Charles E. Adams* – Mary & Dick Adams

LECTOR SCHEDULE			ALTAR SERVERS	
Sunday, June 25	Noon	P. Kowalski	D. Ross	H. Jarrett
Sunday, July 2	Noon	T. Tarantella	T. Tarantella	R. Tarantella

**MEMORIAL CANDLES**

**JUNE 16-30 2023**

CHURCH SANCTUARY	♥ <i>The Hanobic Family</i> by Fedeles		
CHAPEL SANCTUARY	† <i>Janice Coleman</i> by Fedeles		
BLESSED MOTHER	† <i>Donna &amp; Irma Clemente</i> – The Morocko Family	† <i>Viola Javornick</i> – Daughters, Vickie & Margaret	† <i>Sister Ninian</i> – Maria & Pattie
SAINT JOSEPH	† <i>Wes Sykes</i> – Martha	† <i>John Kurutz</i> – Pat & Marcia Clemente	† <i>Bill Marino</i> – Janet Stone

**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, Jeanne Bressler, Grace DeSanto, Angeline Adams, Grace “Susie” Kisko, Liz Kalafut, Arnie Burrows, Brenda DeJoice, Caleb Leone, Drew Gentzyl, 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: Carol & Chris			
MONDAY: 06/19	Lotto Drawing		
TUESDAY: 06/20	Communion Service	8:30 AM	Chapel
	CDA Meeting	6:30 PM	Rectory
WEDNESDAY: 06/21			
THURSDAY: 06/22			
FRIDAY: 06/23			
SATURDAY: 06/24			
SUNDAY: 06/25	Mass	12 noon	Church

“ If you knew how quickly people would forget about you after your death, you will not seek in your life to please anyone but God.” – John Chrysostom

June 18, 2023

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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.

Eleventh 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.



**A FATHER'S LOVE IS ETERNAL AND WITHOUT END.**

*Happy Father's Day to all dads, granddads, stepdads, foster dads, uncles and men of the parish. We certainly need strong father figures in our lives to help us to all grow in holiness.*

**Blessing of Fathers**

God and Father of all creation, we come before you today with humble hearts.

You are our model of a loving father. When we fail and fall short of your expectations, you are always there at the end of the day with open arms, ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the day and to encourage us to try again and not to give up.

We hold up these men in our midst who act in the world as fathers to their children or models of fathers for others.

Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustration with their children. Give them warm and open hearts to forgive failures. Provide them with the words needed for encouragement and perseverance. We ask all this in the name of Jesus. Amen

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH FESTIVAL**

Our Annual Parish Festival is quickly approaching. This year's festival will take place on July 6, 7, and 8 at 5:30 – 9:30 pm. Once again, we will collect theme baskets, canned sodas, bottled water, and baked goods. We will also need plenty of volunteers. The festival is our biggest fundraiser; all help and donations are greatly appreciated. All donations can be dropped off at the rectory during office hours. If you want to volunteer or sponsor a booth, please call the parish office.

Annual Parish Festival	July 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , and 8 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 – 9:30 PM
Church Tour	July 8 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 PM
125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass	July 9 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon
125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon	July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Immediately following Mass

**BASKETS FOR THE PARISH FESTIVAL**

Again, this year we are asking for “Theme Baskets” to be chanced off at our parish festival. An individual, a family, or a group of individuals can make a theme basket. Please make a card to place on your basket with your name and the contents of the basket. We ask that all baskets be dropped off at the parish office by July 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you have any questions, please call Mary Ann Kennis at 570-923-1298.

**FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS**

We would like to thank our parishioners and friends for the overwhelming response to our festival raffle tickets and car raffle. We know we have been asking a lot with the Capital Campaign for our ceiling fund to purchasing/selling raffle tickets. Our aim is to ensure that our parish has the funds to keep us going for years to come. We are offering substantial prizes this year for our festival raffle, almost double what we've done in the past, in hopes of selling a lot of tickets this year. If you would like additional books, please call the parish office. Thank you again!



*Congratulations to Chuck Williams of Lock Haven, who was recently ordained a Deacon by Bishop Mark in the Diocese of Altoona – Johnstown. He will assist Father Orr at Holy Spirit Parish and occasionally at St. Josephs. We are blessed that he answered God's call; he is going to be a fantastic deacon. We hope to see him here at St. Joe's very soon.*

**HOLY SPIRIT MASS CHANGE**

The air-conditioning system at St. Agnes is down. A new unit will have to be installed. Beginning next Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, the Saturday evening Mass is being moved to Immaculate Conception until the end of June. If you plan to attend the 5:00 PM Mass, please go to Immaculate Conception Church. Sorry for the inconvenience.

**Women in the Church Book Club**

A group of ladies in our parish have shown interest in having a spiritual reading club. The first book they chose is St. Therese of Lisieux's “Story of A Soul” (the study edition). Any ladies interested are invited to Lisa's at 201 West Water Street at 6 PM on June 24<sup>th</sup>. The meetings will be on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Call Christa Walker if you have any questions (570-660-1217).



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

The Catholic Daughters will host Vacation Bible School from June 26- 29, 2023. It will be held in the Church Hall from 6 pm – 7:30 pm. Registration forms will be in the back of the Church this Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, if anyone wants to sign up beforehand!

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

It is not too late to RSVP to our luncheon on July 9<sup>th</sup> at Sportsmans Restaurant. It is a way to thank all of our wonderful parishioners and friends for all you do for our parish, and we would love to have you all in attendance. Anyone wishing to attend, please call the parish office or mail in your RSVP card. Please let us know if there is anyone that did not receive an invitation. Thank you.



We would like to extend a most profound thank you to all of our amazing Altar Servers and their parents for encouraging their children to help serve our church in such a great way. After being on retreat with the deacons in our diocese, many of their parishes are struggling to get altar servers to serve at their Masses every weekend. It is a big problem in our diocese. We are truly blessed here at St. Joseph's, as we have all seen how much our Altar Servers add to our Sunday Liturgies. God bless you!

**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: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42  
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43- 48  
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15  
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23  
Saturday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22- 26/Lk 1:57-66, 80  
Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-3



**INTRODUCTION FOR TODAY’S READINGS 11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Exodus: 19:2-6a** - The book of Exodus tells of the Israelites’ escape from Egypt and their journey to Mount Sinai some 1200 years before Christ. In today’s passage, the stage is set for the Old Testament’s most dramatic encounter between God and the chosen people.

**Romans 5:6-11** - Today and for many Sundays hereafter, our second reading will be taken from Paul’s letter to the Romans. The theme of today’s section from Paul’s letter to the Romans is the great theological question of how sinners can be united with God who is all holy. Paul presents the Christian answer to this question.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

In the backyard of the house where I live with other priests, there is a lemon tree which produces a huge amount of fruit. One evening in the spring I needed some lemons for a chicken dish. I glanced from the kitchen and saw the tree bursting with large, bright, gorgeous lemons, hanging thick on seemingly every branch. Turning to Fr. Bob (I’ll change his name to protect the innocent) who sat on the couch, I said, “Father, could you pick a few lemons for me?” He said sure and into the backyard he went. He returned a few minutes later empty-handed. “John, there’s no lemons. Sorry.” I said, “What are you talking about?” I looked again and saw the grapefruit tree on the other side of the yard, which had recently been picked clean of fruit. He didn’t see the abundant fruit because he was looking in the wrong place!

Like Fr. Bob, we sadly don’t see the fruit all around us. We think that the culture is spiraling down, young people avoid church, and the future looks bleak. Why go out into the world and work? The world looks like a fruitless tree.

Jesus doesn’t see things that way. This week he tells us, “The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.” Look again: there is spiritual fruit hanging all around us! The lonely ready to be visited. The sick ready to be healed. The forgotten ready to be remembered. The poor ready to be treated with dignity. The sad ready to be consoled. The young ready for the Gospel. So, let’s ask the Lord to send laborers to get to work. And he will. He might send you and me. Just remember to look at the correct trees. — Father John Muir ©LPi

**† Our Gifts to God †**  
**Sunday Offering: June 11, 2023**

Regular Collection:	\$1,875.00
Monthly:	1,535.00
Children:	4.00
	<u>\$3,414.00</u>
ENVELOPES	Adults
Used:	81
Families:	208

Votive: \$10  
Father’s Day: \$127  
Church Utilities: \$30  
Peters’ Pence: \$50  
Ascension: \$10

*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 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, Den 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 + 5 anonymous donors

**MEMORIALS AND DONATIONS**

Saint Joseph received the following memorial donations:  
In Loving Memory of **Martha Crouse** by Beth Getz (\$100) & Martha Sykes (\$25)  
In Loving Memory of **Ginny Serafini** by Martha Sykes (\$25)  
In Loving Memory of **John Kurutz** by John & Mary Ann Tarantella (\$25)  
In Loving Memory of the **Deceased Members of the O’Brien Family** by Mary Rhone (\$200)

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**

Our monthly meeting is scheduled for this Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Rectory. The committee for the evening is Vicky Penton, Mary Ann Kennis, and Sue Friese. All members are asked to attend.

**LOTTO DRAWING** This week is the last Lotto drawing of the season. Please make sure all returns are in before the drawing on Monday to be included in the drawing.