



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 25 : †*Charles E. Adams* – Mary & Dick Adams
Sunday, July 2: †*Redos Family (Reunion)*
Sunday, July 9: †*Fr. William Perri* – Bucktail Class of 1968

LECTOR SCHEDULE			ALTAR SERVERS	
Sunday, July 2	Noon	T. Tarantella	T. Tarantella	R. Tarantella
Sunday, July 9	Noon	T. Kerstetter	S. Heiser	C. Dorman

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 & Irma Clemente</i> – The Morocko Family	† <i>Viola Javornick</i> – Daughters, Vickie & Margaret	† <i>Sister Ninian</i> – Maria & Pattie
	† <i>Wes Sykes</i> – Martha	† <i>John Kurutz</i> – Pat & Marcia Clemente	† <i>Bill Marino</i> – Janet Stone
SAINT JOSEPH			

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 Winkelman 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: Mary, Lewie, & Ann			
MONDAY: 06/26	VBS	6:00 PM	Church Hall
TUESDAY: 06/27	Communion Service	8:30 AM	Chapel
	VBS	6:00 PM	Church Hall
WEDNESDAY: 06/28	VBS	6:00 PM	Church Hall
THURSDAY: 06/29	VBS	6:00 PM	Church Hall
FRIDAY: 06/30			
SATURDAY: 07/01			
SUNDAY: 07/02	Mass	12 noon	Church

“When men stop believing in God, they don’t believe in nothing; they believe anything.”
- G K Chesterton

June 25, 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.

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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.



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.

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 3rd. If you have any questions, please call Mary Ann Kennis at 570-923-1298.

FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS

Thank you to all who have sold or purchased our raffle tickets for the festival. We have plenty of books still available to purchase. There are 5 cash prizes this year, nothing less than \$100. All books are \$15 for 20 tickets. The winners will be drawn on July 8th at the festival. If you or someone you know is interested, please call the parish office. They will also be sold during the festival.

ST. JOSEPH’S 125th CELEBRATION

It is not too late to RSVP to our luncheon on July 9th 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.

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 17th, 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 24th. 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 18th, if anyone wants to sign up beforehand!

NORTHERN DEANERY RAFFLE

The raffle winners were drawn at the conclusion of the HSP Fair. No one from our area won, but we congratulate these lucky winners:
First Prize - 2022 Chevrolet Trax LS AWD - Marlene Joyce of McConnellsburg
Second Prize - 2022 Kubota Riding Mower - Susan Gaff of McVeytown
Third Prize - 2022 Snapper Riding Mower - Don Bussard of Everett
Fourth Prize - YETI Tundra Cooler Bundle - Nancy Belinda of State College
Fifth Prize - PSU Gameday Basket - Carolyn Lucarelli of Good Shepherd

PARISH FESTIVAL: Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish in Lilly is hosting it’s first Parish Festival on Sunday, July 23, 2023 from 11:00am to 6:00pm. Food Vendors, Craft Vendors, Kid’s Games, Bouncy Houses for kids, other Games, and Beer will all be offered. Also offered from 11:00am to 2:00pm is a Spaghetti Dinner at the cost of \$10.00. (Take-outs available!) Please come and support our Parish and enjoy fellowship and fun!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LOTTO WINNERS FOR JUNE:			
<u>Winners of \$250 Prize</u>		<u>Seller</u>	
#81 Janice & Jamie Kelley		Rectory	
#220 Matt Carter		Jim Morgan	
<u>Winners of \$100 Prize</u>		<u>Seller</u>	
#139 Ed & Sandy Halerz		Rectory	
#121 Sue Allen		Rectory	
#138 Barb Mastriania		Rectory	
<u>Winners of \$50 Prize</u>		<u>Seller</u>	
#233 Steve Fantaski		Jim Morgan	
#33 Joan Roteigliano		Carl Gentzyel	



Feast of Saints Peter and St. Paul June 29 Most of the apostles and many saints have their own particular feast day throughout the church calendar. However, for two of the greatest saints of the early church, that is not the case. There is no Feast of St. Peter and there is no Feast of St. Paul. These two leading early saints are celebrated together each June 29th, on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. The celebration is in honor of their designation as the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry, and eventual martyrdom. Catholic News Agency

A MESSAGE FROM FR. BRIAN - CELEBRATE THE COURAGE OF

THE SAINTS - ST. MARIA GORETTI FEAST DAY JULY 6TH

Courage, faithfulness, humility, love and mercy are certainly attributes that the saints have following the example of Our Lord Jesus Christ. There are countless saints whom I have always had a great love for as a priest. When someone asks me who are some of my favorite saints, one may think as a priest, I would say John Vianney, Padre Pio, John Paul II, and that would certainly be the case. However, every time I have been asked that question, I answer St. Maria Goretti, the martyr who died for her profound love for Our Lord Jesus. A few months before her 12th birthday she died a martyr's death by fighting off her attacker Alesandro Serenelli. She showed tremendous courage and love for Our Lord, and even as she breathed her last breath on earth, she lovingly forgave Alesandro and stated that she wants him to be with her in Heaven one day. After spending years in prison, Maria appeared to Alesandro and gave him 14 flowers of pardon to show God's mercy to him. What is so special about this encounter is it was a spiritual conversion for him who, after being released from prison, would in person go to visit Maria's mother Assunta and ask her for forgiveness to which she also forgave. Shortly after, the two of them would attend Holy Mass together and receive Holy Communion. I have always loved St. Maria's story of courage, love, and mercy that she showed so wonderfully. Also, to hear of Alesandro's conversion story is so powerful for all people who want to repent of their sinfulness and turn back to Almighty God. St. Maria Goretti is a patron saint of the youth, as well as a 40 year old priest from Holy Name. It is my hope and prayer that this great saint continues to intercede for all of God's people that we too may emulate the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.



Bishop's Night of Vocations

For anyone who is interested in pursuing the vocation of Permanent Deacon in our diocese. Date: October 3rd Place: U.S. Hotel and Tavern, Hollidaysburg Time: 7:00 PM Lite refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served. This will be an opportunity for prospective candidates to meet with myself, Bishop Mark, some of our Deacon couples and Candidate couples to learn about our vocation and the formation process. If you are interested, please contact: Deacon Michael Russo (michael.russo@atlanticbb.net.) or Jessica Gramling (jgramling@dioceseaj.org) to register for the event.

YOUTH & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: BEFORE YOU COME TO MASS

Before arriving at Mass each week, help your children get ready to meet Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. You can do that in a few simple ways.

First, dress up for Mass.

Dressing up for an event shows how important that event is to us. Children dress up for their First Communion. People dress up for weddings, Baptisms and other important happenings in the life of their family. Why not teach your children to give God the best that they have? Wearing nice casual or dressier clothes is not something that God expects of us, but rather a way in which we can show our love for God. Our physical appearance demonstrates to our children that gathering at God's altar to worship Him and receive Him in the Eucharist is important to us.

Second, make it a point to observe the Eucharistic fast.

According to the Code of Canon Law of the Church, Catholics are required to abstain for one hour from all food and drink, with the exception of water or medicine, prior to receiving Holy Communion. Exceptions to following this are the elderly and the sick. Note that fasting is required for one hour before the actual reception of Communion, not one hour before the start of Mass, which really isn't so difficult to follow. So why fast at all? As we fast, our attention is drawn to what we are about to do—receive the Real Presence of Jesus in Holy Communion. The Eucharistic fast is in place to help us appreciate what we are receiving in the Blessed Sacrament and to help us hunger for Jesus, the Bread of Life. Observe this fast together to show your children that nothing we eat or drink could be more important than receiving Jesus as our food in the Eucharist.

GOSPEL MEDITATION: June 25, 2023 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was in middle school, there were times I didn't want my fellow students to see my parents drop me off or pick me up in the school parking lot. I was embarrassed of my parents. Why? I have no idea. Maybe it was our station wagon. Or I didn't want to look like a little kid. But in retrospect that was a silly thing to do. I was a kid. And I had two parents who loved me and had built a wonderful family. I was afraid of the other kids' judgment. How silly! I should have been afraid of forgetting or downplaying my family, which is where my identity had its deep roots.

This is a way to understand Jesus' words to his disciples this Sunday, when he says, "Don't be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." Fear, in this sense, refers to where we find our deepest identity and our highest love. That's why Jesus says next that when we acknowledge him before others, he will acknowledge us before the Father. It doesn't mean we're brash or boastful. But rather we unhesitatingly and humbly embrace our identity as followers of Jesus and children of God the Father. After all, if we love who we are and where we come from, who cares what the other kids think about us?

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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 / Weekday Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 & 22; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday / Saint Cyril of Alexandria Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14 Wednesday / Saint Irenaeus Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 7:15-20 Thursday / Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Friday / First Martyrs of the Church of Rome Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday / Saint Junipero Serra Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:36-47, 48-49. 50 & 53, 54-55; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday / Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Necklace

I have a necklace that originally belonged to my greatgrandmother. I don’t really know much about the man who gave it to her, most of those details have been lost to time. But I know that he wanted to marry her, and that she refused, and it had something to do with religion — ultimately, he did not share her faith. And while I’ve certainly seen many interfaith couples have loving and successful marriages, in this particular case, my great-grandmother discerned that this would not be one of those marriages.

Like I said, I don’t have many details about this man, but I know that she felt she couldn’t marry him because it might jeopardize the souls of her children, and therefore the souls of their children, and their children after them — me. She turned him down because of me.

My great-grandmother never sold that necklace, not even when the Great Depression further reduced her financial circumstances. She kept it, and she gave it to her daughter, who gave it to her daughter, who gave it to me. The necklace is always given with a warning: there is something worse than being poor, worse than being scared, worse even than being desperate. Worse than all of these things is separation from God.

When I wear this necklace, I think about my grandmother and this man she possibly loved a hundred years ago. I think of the many decisions we make every day — large and small, good and bad — that reverberate down through the generations in ways we cannot, at the time, imagine. I think of the God who knows every hair on my head.

“And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.” — Matthew 10:28 ©LPi

† Our Gifts to God † Sunday Offering: June 18, 2023

Regular Collection:	\$1,181.00
Monthly:	270.00
Children:	4.00
	<u>\$1,455. 00</u>

ENVELOPES	Adults
Used:	81
Families:	208

Votive: \$38

Church Utilities: \$40

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, Tom Daywalt + 5 anonymous donors

MEMORIALS AND DONATIONS

Saint Joseph received the following memorial donations:

In Loving Memory of **Martha Crouse** by Margaret & Malm Riggle (\$100)

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next 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

Bulletin Announcements may be sent to Alison at aheiser@dioceseaj.org

Please submit all requests by Wednesday for them to be published in Sunday’s Bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation!