

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 20: † *Cindy Pompili* by Lewie, Danielle, Larissa, & Taylor
Sunday, March 27: † *Joy Bomba* by Ed Bomba
Sunday, April 3: † *Jack Hanobic* by Jo & Family



MEMORIAL CANDLES: March 16-30 *In Loving Memory of...*

Church Sanctuary: **Anita & Francis Pompili Sr** by Francis Pompili, Jr
Chapel Sanctuary: **Malizia Family** by Fedeles
Blessed Mother: **Robert Fantazier** by Sister, Sue / **Brian Fox** by Charles Maxwell / **Special Intention**
Saint Joseph: **Robert “Slum”Summerson, Connie Summerson, & Dale Summerson** by Jim & Sue
Morgan

LECTOR SCHEDULE			
Sunday, March 20	T. Kerstetter	Sunday, April 3	T. Tarantella
Sunday, March 27	C. DeMarte	Palm Sunday, April 10	J. Kowalski / A.Ross

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, Paul Maxwell, Joanie Francis, Liz Kalafut, Arnie Burrows, Martha Crouse, Brenda DeJoice, Caleb Leone, Joey Herridge, Cathy Lovett, Kathy Jo Kalafut, Drew Gentzyel, Adam Smith, Joyce Winkleman O’Brien, Chad Willard, Connie O’Toole Conrad, Louise Hillyer, and Denise Rosamilia.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Collection Counters: Lewie, Mary, and Ann S

MONDAY, 3/21			
TUESDAY, 3/22	Communion Service • 8:30 am (Mike)		
WEDNESDAY, 3/23	Penance Service • 6:00 pm		
THURSDAY, 3/24			
FRIDAY, 3/25	Communion Service • 6:00 pm (Dan)		
SATURDAY, 3/26			
SUNDAY, 3/27	High School Retreat 9:30 am	CCD Grades K-8 10:30 am	Mass • 12 noon



The cross REMINDS US THAT THERE IS NO TRUE LOVE
WITHOUT SUFFERING, THERE IS NO GIFT OF LIFE WITHOUT
PAIN.
- POPE BENEDICT XVI

March 20, 2022: Third Sunday of Lent



CHURCH OF
SAINT JOSEPH

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MASS TIME
Sunday: 12 noon

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

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

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.

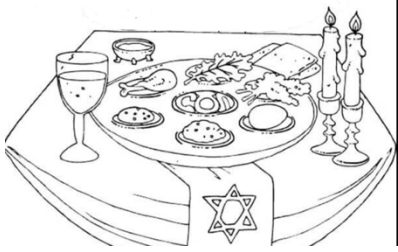
MISSION STATEMENT OF THE
ST. JOSEPH’S FAITH COMMUNITY
We the family of God, work to spread the good news and reach out to the lapsed Catholics and bring them back into the fold. We focus on being good examples of the Catholic Faith to the youth of our Parish. We will use prayer, education, hospitality, outreach and stewardship to welcome all into our faith community.

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Friday by appt only

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

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.



What is the Seder Meal?

The Seder is the traditional Passover Dinner celebrated by the Hebrews since their Exodus from Egypt. During the Seder, the Hebrews give thanks to God for deliverance and redemption. The Seder is also called the Passover Dinner commemorating the protection of God as the Angel of Death passed over every family protected by the Blood of the Paschal Lamb. It is probable, based on The Gospels, to assume that Jesus celebrated every Seder of his life in Jerusalem. He chose the

Seder meal as the setting for his Last Supper. It was at the Last Supper, Jesus chose to announce The New Covenant and asked all of us to do this in remembrance of Him. Many of us have done part of the Seder at our various Communion Services.

We will be sampling many of the traditional Seder foods:

- Four cups of red wine or grape juice – Each cup is related to a different Biblical verse that promises God will redeem the Israelites from bondage in Egypt.
- Parsley – a spring vegetable that reminds us of the renewal of spring.
- Bitter Herb (usually horseradish) – reminds us of the bitterness of the slavery that the Israelites endured in Egypt.
- Charoset – a sweet, chopped mixture of nuts, fruit, and wine. This symbolizes the mortar that the Israelites used to build the stone houses for Pharaoh.
- Salted Water – represents the tears the Israelites shed when they were slaves in Egypt. (The parsley is dipped in the saltwater.)
- Matzah – the unleavened bread the Israelites baked before leaving Egypt.

St. Joseph's Seder Meal will be held on **Palm Sunday, April 10th** at the Church Hall starting with hors d'oeuvres at 4:00 pm. Please save the date and make plans to attend. It is such a wonderful and unique event that we have here at St. Joseph's. Tickets are now on sale at the parish office or after Mass - \$5 for one / \$15 for a family. Participants are also asked to bring a side dish to share during the regular meal. Please call the office if you have any questions.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Joseph's Confirmation students will attend their retreat next Sunday, March 27th. This is a **mandatory** retreat for all students in grades **9th, 10th, and 11th**. It will start from 9:30 am – 2:30 pm. (Previously discussed at our last class with the date as March 20th, however, due to scheduling conflicts, it had to be moved to the 27th) We will be attending Mass at 12 noon together. **Lunch and snacks will be provided.** Please pray for our high school students!



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations Lucas and Larissa (Pompili) Jones. We welcome your newly baptized son, ***Jenson Lee Jones***. Your child is a gift to all of us. With you, we celebrate the beginning of your child's faith journey.

ZOOM CLASS: Parish Pastoral Council – Serving Christ's Mission

Vibrant faith communities are important for the living out of Christ's mission. The Parish Pastoral Council explores how communities can best respond to the invitation of Jesus Christ to "go and make disciples". Deacon Michael Russo will be offering a Zoom class on the role, the members, and the responsibilities of the Pastoral Council. This two-evening class will be from 6:30-9:00 PM. The dates are to be determined. If you are interested in attending this class please contact Marybeth at (814) 361-2000 or email at mheinze@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome.

PENANCE SERVICE RESCHEDULED

Our Lenten Penance Service has been rescheduled to this Wednesday, March 23rd at 6:00 pm. All religious education students in grades 2-11 are asked to attend.

CLEANING THE CHURCH

It is that time of year again when we need to start scheduling volunteers to clean the church. We have been so blessed to have parishioners willing to help us with this daunting task. We still have open spots for **April, May, August, September, October, November, and December**. If you are able and willing to help us, we would appreciate it so very much. There is a sign-up on Flocknote: stjosephenovo.flocknote.com, or you may call the parish office. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers. God bless you!

CHURCH PEWS

If you, or anyone you know, has one of our church pews and no longer has use for it, please call or email the parish office. We would gladly take it off your hands. Thank you.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

We are participating in CRS Operation Rice Bowl again this Lenten season. Please make sure you pick up a box in the back of the church or in the rectory.

REMAINING LENTEN SERVICES

March 23 – First United Methodist Church, 7th St. / Speaker: Pastor Bob Pickering

April 6 – Christian Community Church, South Renovo / Speaker: Martha Syke



Happy Saint Joseph's Day

10 Amazing Facts about St. Joseph that you might not Know!

1. March 19 is known as St. Joseph Day, or the Solemnity of St. Joseph (if celebrated in Lent you can break the Fast)
 2. In Europe the people dedicate an altar to him, also known as “St. Joseph’s Table” or “la tavola di San Giuseppe.” People decorate it with flowers, candles, wine and “lucky” foods.
 3. According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, the Apocryphal Date for Joseph's birth is 90 BC in Bethlehem and the Apocryphal Date of his death is July 20, AD 18 in Nazareth.
 4. The Church celebrates two feast days uniquely for Saint Joseph: March 19 for Joseph the Husband of Mary and May 1 for Joseph the Worker. In 1955 Pope Pius XII established the Feast of "St. Joseph the Worker" . This is also May Day (International Workers' Day) since he is the patron of workers.
 5. Joseph has no recorded words in Scripture
 6. Veneration of St. Joseph goes back at least to the 9th century An early title used to honor him was nutritor Domini, meaning “guardian of the Lord.”
 7. He is the patron of the Universal Church, a happy death, families, unborn, fathers, expectant mothers, travelers, immigrants, craftsmen, engineers, and workers. He’s also the patron of the Sicily, Americas, Canada, China, Croatia, Mexico, Korea, Austria, Belgium, Peru, the Philippines and Vietnam.
 8. Josephology sub-disciplines of theology, in the 20th century did some people start to gather the Church’s insights about him. In the 1950s, three centers dedicated to the study of St. Joseph.
 9. It’s tradition to wear red on St. Joseph’s Day.
 10. He is mentioned in the Canon of the Mass.
- . “We must be convinced that, in consideration of his great merits, God will not refuse St. Joseph any grace he asks for those who honor him.” St. Alphonus Liguori



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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'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 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



The Gift of Time

Today's Gospel reminds us that life is precious and the gift of time on earth is just that, a gift. None of us knows how much time will be granted to us, so we must use this gift intentionally to glorify God and serve our neighbor. The season of Lent is a time to carefully reflect on the way we spend our time. Do we make God our first priority, tending to our spiritual growth and sacramental life with diligence? Do we give the next priority to our loved ones, focusing intentionally on them each day without distractions from phones, screens, or thoughts of work? If not, now is the moment to repent of our waste of time or of misplaced priorities on our use of time. God is merciful but also just. Let's turn to Him and ask Him to make our lives fruitful while we still have time to do so. Stewardship Reflections, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2022/2/21

HOLY GROUND

Moses met God in a most astounding way in the bush that was burning but not consumed by fire. Moses clearly had a powerful encounter with the Lord. He even felt bold enough to ask God's name, something unheard of among his people at the time—God's name was unspeakable. Moses stood on holy ground. Do we not also stand on holy ground? As people who are created in God's image and drawn to Christ through the waters of Baptism, we have been filled with God's grace and goodness. The ground of our lives is holy. Lent is a time when we are called to open our minds and hearts to Christ, rely on God's patient mercy, and to grow as God's holy people. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

DAMAGE

Hatred does more damage to the person in whom it is stored than to the person on whom it is poured.

—Anonymous

† Our Gifts to God † Sunday Offering: March 13, 2022

Regular Collection	\$980.00	ENVELOPES	Adults
Monthly	30.00	Used	63
Children	16.00	Families:	205
	\$1,026.00		

- Votive: \$29
- Easter Flowers: \$15.00

Diocesan Collections

- Ash Wednesday: \$20
- Black & Indian: \$5

Thank you for being good stewards.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

The 2022 diocesan Catholic Ministries Drive begins this Sunday. Your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity. The diocese serves the community through the 14 ministries supported by the Catholic Ministries Drive. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries! All gifts received beyond our parish target amount will be used to continue our maintenance projects here at St. Joseph's. Thank you again for last year's success; we went over our goal by \$72.00! This year's goal: \$10, 836.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Lock Haven Catholic School is seeking a Part-Time Maintenance Technician Hours: Monday through Friday 6:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. (with reduced summer hours) For consideration, please contact Lock Haven Catholic School Business Office (570) 748-7252

MEMORIALS AND DONATIONS

Saint Joseph received a \$300 donation in loving memory of *the Furlong and Krupa Families* from James Krupa of MA to go towards our improvement fund.

PRAYERS TO MARY AND JOSEPH

You may now request to have a candle burning on the side altars under the Blessed Mother or Saint Joseph, our patron saint, in honor or in memory of your loved ones. The cost is \$10 for two weeks, call or stop in the parish office to reserve a date.

Please take a few moments to light one of our new blue and red votive candles before or after Mass for your own personal intentions. We have 5-day candles available for intentions at the rectory. Call or stop in during office hours.