MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 19: † *Cindy Pompili* – Lewie, Danielle, Larissa, & Taylor
Sunday, March 26: † *Fr. William Perri* – The Pompili Family

LECTOR SCHEDULE			ALTAR SERVERS
Sunday, March 19	Noon	A. Ross	We will not be using Altar Servers for Mass while we are in the Church Hall.
Sunday, March 26	Noon	P. Kowalski	
Sunday, April 2	Noon	M.A. Tarantella	

MEMORIAL CANDLES	MARCH 15-30, 2023		
Church Sanctuary	*Gary Stone* by Janet		
Chapel Sanctuary	*Alex Pizzino Family* by George & Sandy Machak		
Blessed Mother	*Vera Gorman* – Family	*Special Intention* - Friend	*Eugene & Ann Luchetta* - Marcia & Shirley
Saint Joseph	*Ryan Miller* – Joan Rotegliano	*Robert Gorman* - Family	*Special Intention*

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 Jenkens, 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, Martha Crouse, Brenda DeJoice, Caleb Leone, Joey Herridge, 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, Tom Allen, Mary Tripp, Estefan Nevarez, Joel Kohler, Ginny Serafini, Tom Daywalt, Merle Prebble, Larry Conly, Shawna Weaver, Eric Ditty(special intention), and Kathy Jo Kalafut

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Collection Counters: Mary, Lewie, and Ann			
MONDAY: 03/13			
TUESDAY: 03/14	Communion Service	8:30 AM	Chapel
WEDNESDAY: 03/15			
THURSDAY: 03/16			
FRIDAY: 03/17	Stations of the Cross	6:00 PM	Church
SATURDAY: 03/18			
SUNDAY: 03/19	CCD	10:30 AM	Rectory
	Mass	12 noon	Church

Fasting makes for purity of prayer. – St. John Climacu

March 12, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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FIRST SCRUTINY

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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.

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)

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.

CEMETERY REGULATIONS

It has been suggested that we publish the regulations governing our cemeteries to avoid misunderstandings. This is the first part:

In the very earliest days, Mother Church found it necessary to make rules and regulations which would protect the sacred places and the relics laid therein. She could not and would not allow anything within the holy precincts which would desecrate them, lessen their beauty, or bring dishonor on the dead. To ensure the sacred character of parish cemeteries in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, each cemetery is governed by the Pastor relying on the Cemetery's Rules and Regulations, the Canon Law of the Roman Catholic Church, and applicable Directives issued by the Bishop of the Diocese. Copies of both the Rules and Regulations and the Diocesan Directives are available for review in the Parish Office. Except where stipulated below, the Diocesan Rules and Regulations apply in all things pertaining to the operation of our cemeteries.

Ours is a Catholic Cemetery operated for the interment of those entitled to Christian burial according to the guidelines of the Roman Catholic Church. When one purchases a Burial Privilege Certificate, he or she and heirs bind themselves to the governing principles mentioned above currently in effect, or as amended in the future. Violation of these principles may result in the forfeiture of one's privilege to use the burial plot.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES: Wednesdays at 7 PM

March 15	St. Joseph Church	Speaker: Pastor Rinker
March 22	North Bend Methodist Church	Speaker: Martha Sykes
March 29	Christian Community Church	Speaker: Deacon Dan Heiser

BETSY ANN EASTER CANDY

Our CCD students are selling Betsy Ann Chocolates for Easter. We have plenty of extra brochures in the back of the church and in the parish office. Any orders can be put in the collection basket. All checks can be made to St. Joseph Church. All orders are due by tomorrow, March 13th. Thank you so much; we appreciate your support!

Saint Patrick's Day Dispensation

The Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak is granting a dispensation from the obligation of Catholics in the diocese to abstain from meat on Friday, March 17, 2023, the Feast of Saint Patrick. Bishop Bartchak requests that any Catholic in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown who chooses to accept this dispensation should perform some other act of penance in its place. The choice of such penance is to be determined by the individual. The Bishop recommends that the penance reflect the spirit of Lent, that is, acts of prayer or charity to the poor. Catholics who choose to observe the traditional Lenten abstinence from meat on that day are not required to perform any other penitential acts.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The first CDA meeting of 2023 will be held on March 21st at 6:30 pm in the Rectory. The committee for the evening is Anna O'Neill and Mary Ann Meckley. All members are asked to attend.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY…. St. Joseph Parish offers our sympathy to Pat Clemente and family on the death of his mother, ***Irma Clemente.*** Please keep them in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to those who recently celebrated First Reconciliation: ***Benson Stone, Alessa O'Donnell, Sophia Heiser, and Josie Brooks***. Jesus said, *"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."* And the little children did come to Jesus to meet Him in the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Wednesday March 8th. Their journey to receive Him in the Sacrament of First Holy Communion continues on April 30th. Please keep them in your prayers!

The Seder Elements

In preparation for the Passover celebration, a special plate known as a "Seder plate" is prepared and placed on the table. This plate holds symbolic items that help us remember why Passover is so important.

The roasted lamb shank bone (Zeroa in Hebrew). The shank bone represents the Passover lamb that was the special sacrifice on the eve of the exodus from Egypt.

Morro – Bitter herb, usually horseradish – reminds us of the bitterness of the slavery that the Israelites endured in Egypt.

Charoses – A sweet, chopped mixture of nuts, fruit and wine. This symbolizes the mortar that the Israelites used to build the store houses for Pharaoh.

Parsley – A spring vegetable that reminds us of the renewal of spring.

Salted Water – Represents the tears the Israelites shed when they were slaves in Egypt.

Matzo – the unleavened bread the Israelites baked before leaving Egypt.

» St. Joseph's Seder Meal will be held on Palm Sunday, April 2nd at the Church Hall with hors d'oeuvres at 4:00 pm and dinner at 4:30 pm. 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.

THE SHROUD OF TURIN

TALK AND REPLICA is COMING TO Holy Spirit Parish St. Agnes Church Sunday, March 26, 2023, at 3:00 PM. Don't miss this excellent opportunity to experience the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ in a way that can make this an unforgettable event in your life. Come see a full-size replica of the Shroud and the photographic negative images that sparked an explosion of scientific interest and debate over a century ago which continues to this day. What message does the Shroud have for each of us? Bring others, including teens on up and your cameras.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You can walk that pilgrimage of Jesus' final journey as He carried His cross to Golgotha, the place of His crucifixion every Friday evening at 6:00 in the Church.

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 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: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins
Friday: St. Patrick; Abstinence
Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

This is truly the savior of the world

ARE YOU THIRSTY?

Do you feel unsettled or sense that life is about more than the daily details that fill your time, energy, and attention? Are you anxious or worried and yearn for peace? Is there an ache in your heart that longs for relief? The thirst for meaning, purpose, peace, and solace is real. We humans have a tendency to seek relief from such thirst with wealth, material things, or social status, failing to recognize that these things are fleeting. We may distract ourselves with constant activity, keeping ourselves busy and preoccupied rather than allowing ourselves to acknowledge the yearning in our hearts. We fail to see that only Christ can quench our thirst.

It was likely hot in the midday sun on the day that Jesus encountered the woman at the well. Scholars tell us that she must have been shunned by the other women in the community, leading her to avoid the cooler early morning time when others filled their jugs. Add to this that Jews and Samaritans shared longstanding animosity toward one another. No wonder she was surprised and perplexed when Jesus asked for a drink. Yet she did not run away. Jesus sought her out and she opened her heart and mind to his offer of salvation. Jesus seeks us out, too. Our Lord desires that we open our hearts and minds to the fullness of love, forgiveness, mercy, and peace that is only found in God. For what do you thirst at this time? Compassion, justice, consolation? Only Christ can truly quench your thirst. Jesus desires to do so. Open your heart today; "hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Romans 5:5).

EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES

Please make use of the Easter Flower envelope in your offertory envelope pack. Donations will help defray the cost of purchasing flowers to adorn our sanctuaries for Easter.

✝ Our Gifts to God ✝

Sunday Offering: March 5, 2023

Regular Collection	$1,858.00
Monthly	1,245.00
Children	22.75
	$3,125.75

ENVELOPES	Adults
Used	68
Families:	208

VOTIVE: $10.00
EASTER FLOWERS: $115.00

Special Collections

- Catholic Relief: $30.00

THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING THE CALL

We want to thank all parishioners and friends for the overwhelming response to our Capital Campaign Fund.. We are almost there!! We are grateful to you for answering the call and making self-sacrificial commitments to the campaign. So far, with all the pledges and donations that have come in, we are up to $97,859.

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, + 5 anonymous donors

CLEANING THE CHURCH

We do not have any volunteers to clean the church for either March or April. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help. This is a great opportunity for anyone needing community service hours. Please call the parish office or email aheiser@dioceseaj.org if you would like to volunteer!

Today is Commitment Sunday for the 2023 Catholic Ministries Drive – TOGETHER WE SERVE 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. During Lent, and throughout the year, we are challenged to renew our spiritual devotions and duties – and one of those holy duties is to support the Church. We are challenged to open our eyes and see those in our midst that bring hope to life through their time and talent in serving the community through the 14 ministries supported by the Catholic Ministries Drive. If you didn't bring your Commitment Card to Mass this weekend, please bring it next weekend, or you can send it in the mail or make an online gift at www.dioceseaj.org/giving. Thank you for supporting these vital ministries with sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries! Extra pledge cards and envelopes are available at the church entrances. Our Parishes Goals: **$11,242.**