MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 26: † ***Fr. William Perri*** – The Pompili Family
Sunday, April 2**:** † ***Albert & Elvera Tarantella*** – Ginny & Family

LECTOR SCHEDULE			ALTAR SERVERS
Sunday, March 26	Noon	P. Kowalski	We will not be using Altar Servers for Mass while we are in the Church Hall.
Sunday, April 2	Noon	M.A. Tarantella	
Friday, April 7	Noon	T. 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: Margie & Ann			
MONDAY: 03/20	Lotto Drawing	10:00 AM	Parish Office
TUESDAY: 03/21	Communion Service	8:30 AM	Chapel
	CDA Meeting	6:30 PM	Rectory
WEDNESDAY: 03/22			
THURSDAY: 03/23			
FRIDAY: 03/24	Stations of the Cross	6:00 PM	Church
SATURDAY: 03/25			
SUNDAY: 03/26	CCD	10:30 AM	Rectory
	Mass	12 noon	Church

"Be in good spirits under the fatherly mantle of St. Joseph, a place of safest refuge in trials and tribulations." - St. Joseph Marello

March 19, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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came so that those who do not see might see

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

One of the most powerful ways to enter into the Passion and death of Jesus is to pray the pious devotion we call the Stations of the Cross. The custom of walking and praying the Stations of the Cross was used in the fifteenth century. Pilgrims to the Holy Land developed a custom of visiting the places sanctified by Christ's early life, particularly the path he took on Good Friday from His trial at Pilate's house to Golgotha, where He was crucified, and then on to the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. Praying the Stations of the Cross is a powerful way to contemplate and enter into the mystery of Jesus' gift of Himself to us. In praying the stations of the Cross, we come to experience the love Jesus has for us as His faithful followers and for each one of us individually as we draw ourselves closer to Him through developing a deeper love and appreciation for His gift of salvation for us all.

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.

The Four Cups of Wine

Wine has been a traditional aspect of the Passover Seder for thousands of years. Matthew, Mark, and Luke indicate the Last Supper was a Passover meal that Jesus had with His disciples where wine took on the symbolism of Jesus's own covenant blood. At a traditional Passover Seder, each participant drinks four cups of wine or grape juice. The four cups remind us of the four expressions of redemption mentioned in Exodus 6:6-7.

1. I will bring you out from under the oppression of the Egyptians.
2. I will deliver you from slavery to them.
3. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgement.
4. I will take you to be my people.

» 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.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES: Wednesdays at 7 PM

March 22	North Bend Methodist Church	Speaker: Martha Sykes
March 29	Christian Community Church	Speaker: Deacon Dan Heiser

HAPPY ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so prompt, so strong, before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.
O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms;
I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me andask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. Amen

CEMETERY REGULATIONS (Part 2)

It has been suggested that we publish the regulations governing our cemeteries to avoid misunderstandings. This is the second part:
BUYERS' RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
1. The purchase of a Burial Privilege Certificate, whether in a grave or a crypt, does not acquire title to the property itself.
2. Plots or graves are for family use; they may not be sold for profit by holders of Burial Privilege Certificates.
3. Plot holders are to keep St. Joseph Parish informed of their current address. The address on file will be considered the legal address for notices pertaining to the cemetery plot.
4. In the event of the death of a plot holder, all privileges in the plot shall pass to the spouse; then to those named or designated in instructions left for the cemetery or in the will; then to those chosen by a joint decision of the legal heirs; finally, to those designated according to the Pennsylvania law of intestacy. A new Burial Privilege Certificate is to be issued in all instances by St. Joseph Parish.
5. St. Joseph Parish may, at its discretion, repurchase plots, graves, or crypts at original cost minus any outstanding expenses. Any transfer of ownership rights must be made by St. Joseph Parish.
6. All Cemetery Rules and Regulations apply also to mausoleums.
7. St. Joseph Parish reserves the right to make improvements to the cemetery at all times.
8. In all matters not herein specifically covered, St. Joseph Parish shall have the right to determine and decide any and all questions that shall arise.
9. All inquiries and business concerning the cemetery are to be made in writing or by appointment only.
10. Perpetual care includes filling in sunken graves, seeding, cutting grass, and trimming around memorials. Care does not include placement, maintenance or repair of any monuments or the planting of flowers or ornamental plants on specific plots.
For copies of the complete regulations, please contact the parish office.

FREE PIANO

We are looking to rehome the piano that is in our church sacristy. It is in decent condition. If you are interested and would like to see it, please call the parish office.

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.

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 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Monday:	St. Joseph; Spring begins
Thursday:	St. Toribius of Mogrovejo
Friday:	Abstinence
Saturday:	The Annunciation of the Lord

SEEING THE LIGHT

Our Lenten journey continues this Sunday as we hear of Jesus healing a blind man in the Gospel of John. Jesus proclaims himself the light of the world, a light that overcomes darkness and enables a new capacity to see. The man, blind from birth, was able to begin his path to sight by first acknowledging his blindness. We are reminded of God's ongoing invitation to us to journey from blindness to sight. We begin by acknowledging our own capacity for "blind spots," and so open ourselves to uncomfortable truths and to God's healing. We are invited to see beyond appearances, as the reading from Samuel indicates, and to look into the heart of things. We are invited to "live as children of light" as the letter to the Ephesians teaches. Like the man healed from blindness, we may gradually learn to see fully and to follow Jesus.

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A PARENT'S PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

O glorious St. Joseph, to you God committed the care of His only begotten Son amid the many dangers of this world. We come to you and ask you to take under your special protection the children God has given us. Through holy baptism they became children of God and members of His holy Church. We consecrate them to you today, that through this consecration they may become your foster children. Guard them, guide their steps in life, form their hearts after the hearts of Jesus and Mary.

St. Joseph, who felt the tribulation and worry of a parent when the child Jesus was lost, protect our dear children for all eternity. May you be their father and counsellor. Let them, like Jesus, grow in age as well as in wisdom and grace before God and men. Preserve them from the corruption of this world and give us the grace one day to be united with them in Heaven forever. Amen.

✝ Our Gifts to God ✝

Sunday Offering: March 12, 2023

Regular Collection	$1,741.00
Monthly	20.00
Children	6.00
	$1,767.00

ENVELOPES	Adults
Used	65
Families:	208

VOTIVE: $10.00
EASTER FLOWERS: $105.00

Special Collections

- Catholic Relief: $9.00

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 $97,934.

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, + 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!

MEMORIALS AND DONATIONS

St. Joseph received the following donations:
$200 towards the Capital Campaign by Ron & Peggy Manila and George & Carol Beckes
In loving memory of ***Irma Clemente*** by Mike & Michele Simon ($25)

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.