

MASS INTENTIONS

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 27	C. DeMarte	Palm Sunday, April 10	J. Kowalski / A.Ross
Sunday, April 3	T. Tarantella	Good Friday, April 15	A. Lavelle / T. O’Laughlin

IN OUR PRAYERS

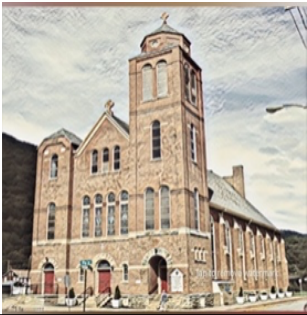
Jennifer Sauter, Sandy Francis, John “Tink” Green, Juliann Thorson, Ronnie Lullo, John Laubscher, Kay Hirlinger, Connie Shope, Deanna Dare, Donald Felty, Bill O’Neill, Karen Tomko Strobel, Susan Nelson, Thomas Packer, Bill Leary Jr., Melinda O’Neill-Lewis, Bart Pickering, Katherine Huggler, Gayle Jenkins, 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.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Collection Counters: Margie and Ann

MONDAY, 3/28		
TUESDAY, 3/29	Communion Service • 8:30 am (Mike)	
WEDNESDAY, 3/30	Lotto Drawing • 3:00 pm	Stations of the Cross Penance Service • 6:00 pm
THURSDAY, 3/31		
FRIDAY, 4/01	Communion Service • 6:00 pm (Dan)	
SATURDAY, 4/02		
SUNDAY, 4/03	Mass • 12 noon	

Gossip dies when it hits a wise person’s ear.

March 27, 2022: Fourth 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.



SEDER MEAL

LAST WEEK TO BUY TICKETS! 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. 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 and dinner starting 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. April 3rd is the last day to purchase tickets!

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Please pray for the following students participating in their Confirmation Retreat today:
3rd year: Kayla Probert and Michael Heiser, 2nd Year: Giada DeMarte and Jeremy Zuback
1st Year: Rossella Tarantella, Dalton Ross, Ethan Kalafut, and Lucas Rosamilia.
Confirmation this year will be held on Wednesday, April 27th in Bellefonte at St. John the Evangelist at 7:00 pm. Please keep Kayla Probert and Michael Heiser in your prayers as they take their final steps in preparation for their upcoming Confirmation.

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.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE (Let's see if I can get it right this time ☺)

St. Joseph's Lenten Penance Service has been rescheduled to this **Wednesday, March 30th at 6:00 pm**. All are encouraged to attend. **All religious education students in grades 2-11 must attend** or attend a service at a different parish or make an appointment with Father before Easter. Thank you.



REMAINING PENANCE SERVICES:

- March 28 - 7:00 pm St. John's Bellefonte
- March 30 - 7:00 pm St. Joseph's Renovo
- April 4 - 6:00 pm Our Lady of Victory State College
- April 5 - 7:00 pm Good Shepherd Port Matilda



IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **John Curcio** who has entered eternal life. May John rest in God's peace and may the comfort of the Lord be with his family. John's funeral Mass will be Wednesday, March 30th at 1:00 pm.

CLEANING THE CHURCH

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: stjosephrenovo.flocknote.com or you may call the parish office. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers. God bless you!

REMAINING LENTEN SERVICES

- March 23 – First United Methodist Church, 7th St. / Speaker: Pastor Rich Colvin
- March 30 – North Bend United Methodist Church / Speaker: Pastor Bob Pickering
- April 6 – Christian Community Church, South Renovo / Speaker: Martha Sykes

Formed for Lent:

Watch The Case for Jesus. In nine sessions, Dr. Brant Pitre answers the key question of faith: Who is Jesus? Dr. Pitre presents evidence from early Christian and non-Christian writings that attest to the authenticity of the Gospels. Timed to lead up to the Triduum, Dr. Pitre looks in-depth at the accounts of Jesus's Crucifixion and Resurrection and his proclamation of divinity. To sign up to use Formed, go to [Formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup); enter our zip code, and select Holy Spirit Parish. Formed also has an App and is also available on Apple TV and Roku.

PERSONAL CARE AIDE serving Renovo and the surrounding area. Parishioner of St. Joseph's Church. He has an excellent reputation, skilled and experienced. Aide takes the profession seriously and is dedicated to assuring that all clients are happy, healthy and comfortable. After all, this is so much more than "just a job"!! Anyone interested, please contact Open Systems Healthcare (570)505-3921 and request Matt Rosamilia.

Catholic Daughters News

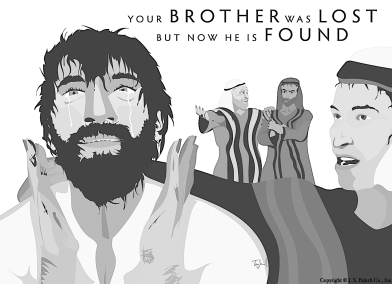
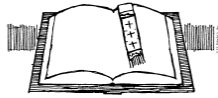
One of our long-standing and faithful CDA members passed away last year! She had a Mice figurine collection that was sold! As per her request, the money received from the sale of the collection was donated to the CDA, specifically Court St Veronica #111. Thanks to her husband, Bill Mainguth, Virginia's request was honored! We would like to thank Bill Mainguth for the \$100.00 check our Court received!

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: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
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: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11; Alternate readings (Year A):
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]



Who knew that when Moses led the Israelites out of slavery it would mean forty years of wandering in the desert before they were able to enter the Promised Land? Many of us experience periods of wandering in our life. Perhaps we made some poor judgment calls in our younger days, or maybe as adult children we returned home to live because of struggling with substance abuse, or unemployment, or a divorce. Or maybe we fell away from Church for a bit. This is nothing new. The second reading calls us to be new creations in Christ, to put away our old selves, to be transformed; and in the Gospel we hear the beautiful story of the Prodigal Son. Each of these calls for us to move, and grow, and leave old ways behind.

TESTING THE BOUNDARIES

Some of the first words a two-year-old might say are "Do by self!" It is almost a rite of passage for teenagers to test their parents as much as they can. Every parent who ever lay awake in bed at night waiting to hear the sound of the child pulling the car into the garage or opening the door knows at least as much about praying vigils as any nun in a convent. This is a deep and earnest prayer, and the parents can barely breathe until their child comes home. Usually when we think of the story of the Prodigal Son, we think of the feeling of guilt the son had as he realized how much he had messed things up, or we feel the injustice that the older brother felt, because he wasn't the rebel child leaving the home.

WELCOME HOME

What we don't often remember in the story of the Prodigal Son is that God is there welcoming, urging us on. A few years ago there was a funeral for a young man who died of a drug overdose within days of coming out of a treatment center. Many of his young friends came but expected fire and brimstone, and to be told what a bad child that boy was. Instead, the priest preached about God loving this child so much that perhaps the only way God could protect him was to bring him home. That gentle image of God welcoming him with open arms soothed the broken hearts and unspoken questions that were on many minds. Not every situation is that drastic, but God is calling us home this Lent no matter what mistakes we've made, or how many times we have made them.

† Our Gifts to God †

Sunday Offering: March 20, 2022

Regular Collection	\$2,189.00	ENVELOPES	Adults
Monthly	300.00	Used	78
Children	44.00	Families:	205
	\$2,533.00		

- Votive: \$38
- Easter Flowers: \$95

Diocesan Collections

- Ash Wednesday: \$5
- Black & Indian: \$10
- Catholic Relief: \$20

Thank you for being good stewards.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

Last Weekend was Commitment Sunday for the Catholic Ministries Drive – FORWARD IN FAITH! 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. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries! This year's goal: \$10, 836.

MEMORIALS AND DONATIONS

Saint Joseph received the following donations:
Altar & Rosary Society - \$100 Window Restoration Fund
Catholic Daughters, Court St. Veronica - \$100 Window Restoration Fund

LOTTO DRAWING

The March lotto drawing will be held this Wednesday, March 30th at 3:00 pm in the Administration Center. Please make sure to have all returns in before Wednesday to be included in the drawing. Thank you.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This week we will take up the Catholic Reliefs Services Collection to help Jesus in disguise. Envelopes are included in your offertory box. Please prayerfully consider how you can help support this collection.

