



MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday, March 12: † *Charles F. Adams* – Mary & Dick Adams
Sunday, March 19: † *Cindy Pompili* – Lewie, Danielle, Larissa, & Taylor

LECTOR SCHEDULE			ALTAR SERVERS
Sunday, March 12	Noon	A. Lavelle	We will not be using Altar Servers for Mass while we are in the Church Hall.
Sunday, March 19	Noon	A. Ross	
Sunday, March 26	Noon	P. Kowalski	

MEMORIAL CANDLES	MARCH 1-15, 2023		
<i>Church Sanctuary</i>	<i>Deceased Friends & Family</i> by Kevin & Rosie Dwyer		
<i>Chapel Sanctuary</i>	<i>Gabriel Russell</i> by Family		
<i>Blessed Mother</i>	<i>Don Prebble</i> – Wife, Ruby	<i>Malizia Family</i> - Fedeles	<i>Irma</i> - Get Well Soon, Patt & Marge
<i>Saint Joseph</i>	<i>Ryan Miller</i> – Joan Roteigliano	<i>Janet</i> – Get Well Soon, Patt & Marge	<i>Grant Gregory</i> - Vincent & Marjorie Massaro

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, 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, Irma Clemente, Merle Prebble, Larry Conly, Shawna Weaver, Eric Ditty(special intention), and Kathy Jo Kalafut

WEEKLY SCHEDULE				Collection Counters: Carol & Chris
MONDAY: 03/06				
TUESDAY: 03/07	Communion Service	8:30 AM	Chapel	
WEDNESDAY: 03/08	Penance Service	6:00 PM	Church	
THURSDAY: 03/09				
FRIDAY: 03/10	Stations of the Cross	6:00 PM	Church	
SATURDAY: 03/11				
SUNDAY: 03/12				
	Mass	12 noon	Church	

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

March 5, 2023

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



PARISH STAFF
Rev. Joseph Orr.....*Pastor*
Rev. Daniel Heiser.....*Deacon*
Alison Heiser.....*Secretary/DRE*
Louis Roteigliano... *Designer/Coordinator*
Terry O’Laughlin.....*Finance Council*
Matt Dorman.....*Parish 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
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.

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)

MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS
Call the church office to schedule an appointment. Nine-month advance notice is required for marriage.

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 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.



TOGETHER
WE SERVE

Our 2023 Catholic Ministries Drive campaign - TOGETHER WE SERVE - launches throughout our Diocese this weekend. The annual Catholic Ministries Drive supports 14 ministries through which people in our Diocese are accompanied on their faith journey. There are so many gifted and generous laypersons in our diocese who share their time and talent to support our Catholic ministries. Without their help and your help, we could not fulfill our mission. This year, more so than others, our world, our nation, our communities, our parishes, and our families need tangible expressions of hope. Please reflect on Bishop Mark's invitation when it arrives this week and return your pledge card either through the mail or in next weekend's offertory. The year 2023 is a time for everyone to reflect on how we can best serve our Church, and taking part in our Catholic Ministries Drive is a great way to start, because TOGETHER WE SERVE. Thank you for supporting these vital ministries with sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries! **Our goal this year is \$11,242.**



COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES: Wednesdays at 7 PM

March 8	Renovo First Methodist Church	Speaker: Pastor Colvin
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

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.



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 on March 12th. Thank you so much; we appreciate your support!

PRAYERS TO MARY AND JOSEPH

We are taking requests 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. We can take up to 3 requests for each altar, and we have many openings. The cost is \$10 for two weeks, call or stop in the parish office to reserve a date. *Also, don't forget our votive candles in front of the church. Please take a moment before or after Mass to light one of our blue and red votive candles for your own personal intentions.



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. Considered one of the greatest mysteries of our time, the Shroud of Turin continues to amaze and baffle scientists, doctors, historians, artists, and theologians. Scientists cannot explain the source of the image, which contains photographic and 3-D properties on an ancient cloth. But is this the actual burial cloth of Jesus Christ? Bill Wingard, a speaker for the Shroud, will present the case for authenticity that has already been delivered on the east and west coasts, and you can be the judge. 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.

Just a reminder that all Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. FASTING refers to only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day. ABSTINENCE refers to not eating meat at all throughout the day. All those who have reached their 14th year are obliged to ABSTAIN. The Church directs the holy FAST to all until their 60th birthday. (Canon 1252).

The Last Supper

During the Last Supper Jesus speaks of the Passover with His disciples. He picks up the bread and says "eat of it; this is my flesh." He picks up the wine and says "drink of this; this is the blood of a new covenant." Something big is about to happen—something bigger than ever before. Redemption is coming in a way that will be similar to the first Passover, but its impact will be far greater.

This new, greater Exodus won't produce redemption from slavery from Egypt, It will produce redemption from slavery to sin and freedom from the oppressive forces of death, and the things that hold our hearts captive and separate us from God.

Passover is a festival of freedom. For Christians, it is not simply a story about a people long ago who made their Exodus from Egypt. It is a story about a people making a greater Exodus from the oppressive powers of death and slavery to sin. It is the story of a lamb that entered the battle against the greatest evil and was victorious as if a lion had entered the battlefield (Rev 5:5-6).

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.



PENANCE SERVICE

In keeping with the penitential spirit of the season of Lent, we gather as a community to meditate on our Lord's sufferings for our sins and to confess our faults seeking God's forgiveness as individuals and as a parish. As we look forward to the coming celebration of Life Eternal, let us cast off the vestiges of the disease of sin. St. Joseph's Penance service will take place: **6:00 PM Wednesday, March 8th 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: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

<u>SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES</u>	
Sunday:	Second Sunday of Lent
Monday:	Purim (Jewish festival of the story of
	Esther) begins at sunset
Tuesday:	Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
Wednesday:	St. John of God
Thursday:	St. Frances of Rome
Friday:	Abstinence

TURNING POINTS

Our readings today describe turning points for those whom God has chosen. In Genesis, God calls Abram to leave his homeland, with the promise of forming a people in a new land. In the Gospel, the disciples see Jesus literally in a new light, the bright light of Jesus’ transfiguration. They begin to see Jesus, and themselves, in a new way. These are times when God presents a new way forward, providing new purpose and energy. Our lives too have their own turning points, where God is working (usually in less spectacular fashion) to lead us into fuller maturity, and into deeper unity with God and others. The road ahead, as with Abram, Jesus, and the disciples, may be long and difficult. Lent can be a time when we reflect upon these turning points in our past, and consider how God may be stirring something new in us today.

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SORE SHINS

Don’t break your shin on a stool that is not in your way.

—Irish proverb



**Second Sunday of Lent
March 5, 2023**

Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death
and brought life and immortality
to light through the gospel.

— 2 Timothy 1:10b

**† Our Gifts to God †
Sunday Offering: Feb 26, 2023**

Regular Collection \$2,336.00
Monthly 320.00
Children 44.00
 \$2,700.00

ENVELOPES	Adults
Used	69
Families:	208

VOTIVE: \$68.00
EASTER FLOWERS: \$260.00

Special Collections
• Mandeville: \$37.00

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

BABY BOTTLE BLESSINGS

We are collecting monetary donations to support the Pregnancy Resource Clinic. The PRC supports men and women in our area during and beyond pregnancy with medical care, counseling, and material needs. Baby bottles will be collected by Palm Sunday weekend. Donations can be made by coin, cash, or check. Please make checks payable to PRC or Pregnancy Resource Clinic. Envelopes are available for those who want to donate with a check and do not want to take a bottle.

MEMORIALS AND DONATIONS

Saint Joseph received the following memorial donations.
In Loving Memory of ***Lucy Janerella*** by Cathy & Ron Dremel (\$25 Capital Campaign)
In Loving Memory of ***Joanie Francis*** by Cathy & Ron Dremel (\$25 Capital Campaign)
In Loving Memory of ***Brother, Joseph & wife, Rose Garcone*** by Shirley Kisko (\$100 Capital Campaign)