

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 06: †**Anita & Francis Pompili, Sr** by Francis Pompili, Jr
Sunday, March 13: † **Charles F. Adams** by Mary & Dick
Sunday, March 20: † **Cindy Pompili** by Lewie, Danielle, Larissa, & Taylor

MEMORIAL CANDLES: March 1-15 *In Loving Memory of.*

Church Sanctuary: *Gabriel Russell* by Family
Chapel Sanctuary: *Anita & Francis Pompili, Sr* by Francis Pompili Jr
Blessed Mother: *Maggie Clemente* by Mom & Dad / *Special Intention*
Saint Joseph: *Jack O’Toole* by Sister, Pattie / *Special Intention*

LECTOR SCHEDULE			
Sunday, March 06	J. Kowalski	Sunday, March 20	T. Kerstetter
Sunday, March 13	A. Lavelle	Sunday, March 27	C. DeMarte

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, Liz Testa, 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, Heath Luscombe, Drew Gentzyel, Adam Smith, Joyce Winkleman O’Brien, Chad Willard, and Connie O’Toole Conrad.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Collection Counters: Margie & Ann

MONDAY, 3/07			
TUESDAY, 3/08	Communion Service • 8:30 AM (Mike)		
WEDNESDAY, 3/09	Penance Service • 6:00 PM		
THURSDAY, 3/10			
FRIDAY, 3/11	Communion Service • 6:00 PM (Terry)		
SATURDAY, 3/12			
SUNDAY, 3/13	Religious Ed K-8 • 10:30 AM	Mass • Noon	

IT IS BETTER TO **PRAY WITH GOOD WILL** FOR OUR NEIGHBOR,
RATHER THAN TO DENOUNCE HIM FOR EVERY SIN.
-ST. MARK THE ASCETIC



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March 6, 2022: First Sunday of Lent

MASS TIME

Sunday: 12 noon

OFFICE HOURS

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

COMMUNION SERVICE

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

CONFESSIONS

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

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.

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.



PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN THE UKRAINE

Bishop Mark is asking the faithful throughout the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown to join him in praying for peace in Ukraine as Russian forces invade the Eastern European country. The Bishop stands united in prayer with Ukrainian Catholics in that troubled part of the world and with the local Ukrainian Catholic population here in Central Pennsylvania. During this difficult time, he is inviting everyone to join him in praying the following ancient prayer:

We fly to Your patronage, O Virgin Mother of God.
Despise not our prayers in our needs, but deliver us from all dangers,
since you alone are pure and blessed. O most glorious Ever-Virgin Mary,
the Mother of Christ our God, accept our prayers and present them to
Your Son and our God, that for the sake of You, He enlighten and save our souls.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

UKRAINE SOLIDARITY FUND

Join us today in supporting Ukraine Solidarity Fund! To further your impact, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has promised to **match every dollar up to \$500,000**. Your gift today will provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, communications, and religious supplies. These items will all be immediately distributed, and **100% of your gift will go directly to these displaced people**. Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute to this effort. **Your gift of any amount** will go a long way in helping our brothers and sisters. Together, we can bring Christ's healing love to a wounded world. www.kofc.org

➤ Thank you to Bill Mainguth, Jr for donating his father's, William Mainguth Sr., Knights of Columbus tie clasp. Thank you to Mary Ann Kennis for the frame and mounting the tie clasp. It is displayed in the conference room with other Knights memorabilia.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LOTTO WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY:

Winners of \$100 Prize

#224 Dorothy Snoberger
#190 Matt Carter
#030 Chuck Nihart

Seller

Jim Morgan
Jim Morgan
Connie Tarantella

Winners of \$50 Prize

#235 Dolores Gregory
#245 Teresa Fedele

Seller

Jim Morgan
Teresa Fedele

Thank you for supporting our lotto it helps tremendously to offset our fuel costs.

BETSY ANN EASTER CANDY

Our CCD students are selling Betsy Ann Chocolates for Easter. Just as in past years, the students will have brochures, and we will have a few extras in the back of the church. We are also offering online sales this year as well. However, you will have to pay for shipping when using this method. The brochure will be on our website and in the Rectory. Any orders can be put in the collection basket. Money is due with the order forms on March 20th. All checks can be made to St. Joseph's. Thank you so much; we appreciate your support!



Online fundraiser instructions:

1. Go to our website www.betsyann.com and make an individual account
2. Start shopping – you can order just about anything available!
3. Under each item is two options... ship or pick up at the factory store.
4. Once finished, go to checkout. At the bottom of the checkout area, you will see “comments and special instructions for Betsy Ann Chocolates.” Please enter: **Saint Joseph Church, Renovo PA.**
5. You will pay to ship and receive an email stating that your package has been sent. If you do not receive one, you can call me at 412-931-4288, and I will give you the tracking information from UPS. The shipping costs do not factor into the profit amounts—only the product.

ATTENTION CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

CDA March meeting will be held on March 15, 2022, at 6:30 pm in the Administration Building. Refreshments will be served. Committee: Anna O'Neill, Ginny Serafini, and Mary Ann Meckley

UPDATED OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will now be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm. The office will remain closed on Friday. We hope this will be easier to remember and more convenient for our parishioners.

SAVE THE DATE: June 4, 2022

Daniel Heiser will be ordained a Permanent Deacon on Saturday, June 4th at 10am in Altoona. The church would like to provide a bus for all parishioners or anyone in Renovo interested in attending his ordination free of charge. Please call the parish office if you would like to be added to the bus list. Thank you.

AREA LENTEN SERVICES

March 9 - Zion's Lutheran Church/ Speaker: Pastor John Baney

March 16 - St Joseph's Catholic Church – Stations / Speaker: Vicar Dutch Rinker

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

April 6 - Christian Community Church, South Renovo / Speaker: Martha Sykes



Have you heard about the synod? Pope Francis has put the Church in “listening mode.” Across the world, Catholics are sharing their experience of the Church, and the results are being recorded and submitted to the Holy Father in Rome in preparation for a gathering of the world’s bishops in 2023. The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is joining all the other dioceses in the world in asking people to tell their experiences, and the main way to participate is by taking a survey. You

can access information about the synod and the survey at dioceseaj.org/synod. For a paper copy, ask the main office.

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: stjosephrenovo.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!

PENANCE SERVICE

Please mark your calendars for our Lenten “Confession Service” this Wednesday, March 9th at 6:00 pm. Several priests from the Northern Deanery will be available to hear your confessions. If you are not able to make it at this time, please call the parish office to make an appt with Father on a Wednesday (3-6 pm).

Don’t Forget To Spring Forward!



“YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD, YOUR GOD, TO THE TEST.”

LUKE 4:12

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RELYING ON GOD

Face it, the last couple of years have worn us all down. Sometimes we don’t know how to pray, or we don’t seem to find the words we want. It is easy to falter and waver. Lent is a time to get back to the basics. There is much hope and strength in our readings as we begin our Lenten journey. The letter to the Romans tells us today that “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved,” and this is an idea we hear throughout the scriptures. Psalm 91 shows us exactly how to cry for help, “Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.” In Deuteronomy, Moses teaches the people to bring their firstfruit offerings to God, and put their faith and trust in God, and Jesus teaches us in today’s Gospel that we find our life in the word of God.

GOOD ZEAL AND TEMPTATIONS

In the chapter of Luke preceding today’s Gospel, Jesus was baptized in the Jordan and began his adult ministry. Immediately afterward he was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tested. While this might seem almost surreal as we imagine the devil taking Jesus from place to place, it is really much more simple and common than that. For many of us, as we strive to live our lives, we deal with many temptations. Sometimes it is a matter of having the zeal and desire, but not the practical experience or knowledge to carry out a goal. Other times, we are afraid to ask for the assistance that we need to carry a project through to completion. Or we might think that we deserve more, or that our results should be happening more quickly. Our egos can be destructive.

KNOWING YOUR TOUCHSTONES

When Jesus found himself tested by the devil, he was given several different scenarios. The devil brought up situations that he knew could specifically test Jesus, but similar situations would test any of us. Physical hunger is a real need, and many of us might yearn for success, or better paying jobs, or power, or the like. The difference is that when Jesus was tempted, he had some strong “touchstones” to hold onto, secure answers to lead him. He went to simple, basic scriptures that he could call upon in his time of need. For many, one of those basics would be Jeremiah, “I know the plans I have in mind for you—plans for peace and not disaster.” For another it might be the Beatitudes or the twenty-third Psalm. Whatever it may be, have ready those touchstones, those “go to” prayers or phrases that you can hold onto during the times when you are sorely tested in your life. Let those stones be your firm foundation.

TODAY’S READINGS

Deuteronomy 26:4–10
Psalm 91:1–2, 10–11, 12–13, 14–15
Romans 10:8–13
Luke 4:1–13

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 6, 2022

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: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

In the First Reading from Deuteronomy, Moses teaches the people to respond as grateful stewards for all that God has done for them. He tells the Israelites to declare to God, “Therefore, I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you O Lord, have given me.” As the priest received the harvest basket to be placed in front of the altar, the gratitude for God's promise to rescue them from oppression and slavery in Egypt was made visible.

As grateful stewards ourselves, we can look at these 40 days as “soil” that God is giving us as a gift to grow closer to Him and become more like Him. We can choose to use each of the days of Lent as a day to intentionally make a generous response to our God, who sent His own Son to deliver us from the affliction and oppression caused by sin. May we experience the conversion during Lent that we will always want to return our first fruits to God by offering them to those in need, and not give them merely our leftovers. (*Stewardship Reflections*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2022/2/08)



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***Prayer
Fasting
Almsgiving***

meals and no eating otherwise during the day. Those who have reached their 18th birthday and not yet their 59th birthday are obliged to fast. Abstinence refers to not eating meat at all during the day. All those who have reached their 14th birthday are obliged to abstain.

Reflection question:

What Lenten observances do I intend to keep this year?

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The Church encourages voluntary fasting on other days of Lent. Fasting refers to only one full meal, with two small

✠ **Our Gifts to God** ✠
Sunday Offering: February 27, 2022

Regular Collection	\$1,409.00
Monthly	<u>135.00</u>
	\$1,544.00

- Votive: \$71.35

- Easter Flowers: \$155.00

Diocesan Collections

- Ash Wednesday: \$30.00

- Catholic Relief: \$50.00

Thank you for being good stewards.

MEMORIALS AND DONATIONS

Saint Joseph received a \$400 donation from Joseph E Bauer of Macungie, PA to go towards our improvement fund and our window restoration fund.

BLACK & INDIAN COLLECTION

This weekend, our parish will take up the 138th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

SEDER MEAL

St. Joseph's Seder Meal will be held on Palm Sunday, April 10th 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. Please call the office if you have any questions.

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.