



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 7: †*John Mattioli* – Grace DeSanto  
Sunday, May 14 : *Mother’s Day Envelopes*  
Wed. May 17: †*Mary Probst* – Family  
Sunday, May 21: †*Edith Beckes-Casper* – Sons; John, George, & Gene

LECTOR SCHEDULE			ALTAR SERVERS
Sunday, May 14	Noon	P. Kowalski	E. Kalafut / Q. Kalafut
Sunday, May 21	Noon	M.A. Tarantella	E. DeMarte / M. Stone
Sunday, May 28	Noon	J. Kowalski	Q. Dorman / C. Dorman

MEMORIAL CANDLES		MAY 15-31, 2023	
Church Sanctuary	† <i>Kylinn Stone Gilmore</i> by Mom		
Chapel Sanctuary	<i>Special Intention</i>		
Blessed Mother	† <i>Katie Himmel</i> – Louis Roteigliano	† <i>Mary Shook</i> – Family	† <i>Helen Daywalt</i> – Son, Tom
Saint Joseph	† <i>Jack Hanobic</i> – Cousin, Tom	<i>John Machak Family</i> – George & Sandy Machak	<i>Alex Pizzino Family</i> – George & Sandy Machak

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, Mary Tripp, Estefan Nevarez, Joel Kohler, Ginny Serafini, Tom Daywalt, Merle Prebble, Larry Conly, Shawna Weaver, Eric Ditty(special intention), Kathy Jo Kalafut, Ben Moser, Emily Coad, Magali, Deborah Hall, and Billie Francis

WEEKLY SCHEDULE    Collection Counters: Mary, Lewie, and Ann S.			
MONDAY: 05/15			
TUESDAY: 05/16	Communion Service	8:30 AM	Chapel
	CDA Meeting	6:30 PM	Administration Building
WEDNESDAY: 05/17	Holy Day Mass	6:00 PM	Church
THURSDAY: 05/18			
FRIDAY: 05/19			
SATURDAY: 05/20			
SUNDAY: 05/21	Mass	12 noon	Church

The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that he in his goodness, sends to us day after day. - St. Gianna Molla



May 14, 2023

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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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.

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.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Virginia Ginny Serafini** who has entered eternal life. May she rest in God's peace and may the comfort of the Lord be with her friends and family.

### **THANK YOU CATECHISTS**

A profound thank you goes out to the catechists who generously gave of their time and talent to make Religious Education possible this year. Thank you to ***Erica Dorman, Angie Lavelle, Sarah Ross, Mary George Rhone, Vicky Penton, and Deacon Dan.*** Their commitment is extraordinary, preparing lessons and sharing the Faith with our children and youth. This ministry could not happen without them. THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

### **FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS**

We would like to thank our parishioners and friends for the overwhelming response to our festival raffle tickets and car raffle. We know we have been asking a lot with the Capital Campaign for our ceiling fund to purchasing/selling raffle tickets. Our aim is to ensure that our parish has the funds to keep us going for years to come. We are offering substantial prizes this year for our festival raffle, almost double what we've done in the past, in hopes of selling a lot of tickets this year. If you would like additional books, please call the parish office. Thank you again!

### **ATTENTION CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**

This month's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Administrative Building. The committee for the evening is Theresa O'Donnell and Trudy Serafini. All members are asked to attend.

### **ST. JOSEPH'S 125th CELEBRATION**

By now, you should have received a letter inviting you to the celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our church building. If you have not yet received a letter or know somebody who would like one, please call the parish office. Please make plans to attend the luncheon on July 9<sup>th</sup>. It is a way to thank all of our wonderful parishioners and friends for all you do for our parish. Save the dates:

Annual Parish Festival	July 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , and 8 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 – 9:30 PM
Church Tour	July 8 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 PM
125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass	July 9 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon
125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon	July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Immediately following Mass

### **THANK YOU, KNIGHTS**

On behalf of St. Joe's parish, please thank the Knights of Columbus members who volunteer to mow and tend to our Hyner Cemetery. Last week, the grass was exceptionally high due to the amount of rain we had gotten, which limited time to get it cut properly. Thankfully, a few of the guys went down alone to do some cutting so that it would not take as long for the group of them to cut on Tuesday. It is not an easy job; we appreciate it. God bless you.



Happy Mother's Day to all the moms, grandmothers, Godmothers, aunts and all the blessed women who help and continue to be a positive influence in our lives. We hope and pray that you all have a very blessed Mother's Day. Let us also especially show honor to our Heavenly Mother, Mary Most Holy. May She continue to pray and intercede for all Her beloved children, and may we always return our love to Her.

A Mother's Love

There are times when only a mother's love

Can understand our tears,

Can soothe our disappoints And calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a mother's love

Can share the joy we feel

When something we've dreamed about

Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a mother's faith

Can help us on life's way

And inspire in us the confidence

We need from day to day. For a mother's heart and a mother's faith

And a mother's steadfast love

Were fashioned by the angels

And sent from God above. - Author Unknown - Jesuit resource

### **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Holy Day of Obligation This Thursday, May 18th, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Forty days have passed since the glorious resurrection of the crucified Lord from the dead. Today the Church remembers the return of the Son of God to the Father's right hand. When all things are made new and Christ comes in all his glory, all will be united in the kingdom of God.

**\*ST. JOSEPH'S MASS FOR THE ASCENSION IS THE VIGIL: MAY 17<sup>th</sup> AT 6:00 PM.**

### **CAR RAFFLE**

Our car raffle is quickly approaching. The winners will be picked on June 10<sup>th</sup>, so all tickets must be in by June 4<sup>th</sup>. All support of this raffle is greatly appreciated. Tickets are \$10 each TICKETS can be purchased through the parish office. Grand Prize is a 2022 Chevy Trax LS AWD. Other prizes include: Kubota Zero Turn Mower, Simplicity Lawn Tractor, Yeti Cooler, Penn State Football Game Package

### **SAVE THE DATE**

The Family Life Office of the Diocese of AltoonaJohnstown invites you to join us for the return of Faith Day at Delgrossi's Amusement Park! This year, Faith Day will be held on Sunday, June 25th. Admission to the park is always free, but there will be reduced price Ride-and-Slide passes available, as well as a dinner that can be purchased. More information to come in the coming weeks!

**We are seeking volunteers to help clean the church this Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. After the new flooring, we want to ensure all the dust and dirt left behind gets cleaned up before Mass on Wednesday night. We would appreciate any and everyone that can lend a hand, even if only for a short time. Thank you.**

**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**

Sunday / Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21  
Monday / St. Isidore Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 15:26—16:4  
Tuesday / Easter Weekday Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11  
Wednesday/ Easter Weekday Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15  
Thursday / Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20  
Friday / Easter Weekday Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23  
Saturday / Saint Bernardine of Siena Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28 Sunday /  
Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1,4, 7-8; 1 Peter 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a



**INTRODUCTION FOR TODAY’S READINGS** Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 Last week we heard how the Christian assembly in Jerusalem chose seven of  
their number to minister to the Greek-speaking Christians who lived there. One was Philip. Today  
we find him in Samaria, about 60 miles north of Jerusalem, fearlessly proclaiming the good news  
of Jesus and experiencing astounding results.

1 Peter 3: 15-18 The first letter of Peter was written to Christians who pagan neighbors  
continually questioned and ridiculed them about their faith. Since most of the Christians were  
low-born or slaves, their opponents couldn’t understand why they were so joyful and hopeful.  
Today’s passage offers pastoral advice and encouragement.



**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

My dad was adopted as a baby. It’s a big part of my family’s story. His birth mother  
placed him in a Catholic orphanage not long after birth. A young couple longing for  
a baby strolled among the bassinets. My father, then only a few months old, looked  
at the husband and smiled. The man said, “That’s my son.” They took him home and  
the family grew. This moment of adoption was a wonderful truth they celebrated even when my  
dad was a young boy. They told him, “You’re even more special than the other children, because  
we chose you to be our son.” My dad’s eyes well up with tears of gratitude whenever he tells the  
story, even eightythree years later.

What is your story? Do we think or act like unwanted orphans? Who do we believe ourselves to  
be? As we continue to ponder Jesus’ resurrection, we hear him say to us this Sunday, “I will not  
leave you orphans.” God doesn’t leave us alone like spiritual orphans. The power that raised Jesus  
from the dead is the Holy Spirit, who is also called the Spirit of Adoption. He chooses us to be  
His children, to share God’s life forever. He gives us a future filled with hope.

We are not orphans anymore! This Easter, that’s the story we should share with others. It’s the  
true story we are living right now. — Father John Muir ©LPi

**† Our Gifts to God †**  
Sunday Offering: May 7, 2023

Regular Collection:	\$1,852.00
Monthly:	610.00
Children:	6.00
	<b>\$2,468.00</b>

Votive: \$50                      Easter: \$60  
Mother’s Day: 167

*Thank you for being good stewards.*

ENVELOPES	Adults
Used:	89
Families:	208

**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.  
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, Den 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 &  
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Peggy Manila and George & Carol Beckes, Carrie & Frank DeMarte, Mr. & Mrs. William O’Neill, Tom Sox, George &  
Martha Crouse. Karen Lowery, Terri Buranosky, + 5 anonymous donors

**MEMORIALS AND DONATIONS**  
Saint Joseph received the following donations:  
In Loving Memory of **John Kurutz** by Sue Allen (\$25 Ceiling Fund)

Thank you to all parishioners who have responded to the 2023 Catholic Ministries Drive. Please join  
them in supporting our Parish and a select group of ministries that provide care for the poor,  
strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity. If  
you did not receive a commitment card in the mail, please use one of the envelopes in the church or  
you can give online at [www. Dioceseaj.org/giving](http://www.Dioceseaj.org/giving). 100% of your gift goes to these ministries. On  
behalf of these virtual ministries, thank you for sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure. **Our parish  
goal is \$11,242 so far we have received: \$3,175.**