



MASS INTENTIONS
Wednesday, Nov. 22 : † **John Kurutz, Sr.** – Mary, Joe, & JR Rosamilia
Sunday, Nov. 26 : † **Jim & June DeJoice-** Janet
Sunday, Dec. 3 : † **DeJoice & Stone Families** - Janet

LECTOR SCHEDULE			ALTAR SERVERS	
Nov. 26	12 noon	P. Kowalski	J. Zuback	D. Ross
Dec. 3	12 noon	T. Tarantella	E. Kalafut	R. Tarantella

MEMORIAL CANDLES				Nov. 15 – 30, 2023
Church Sanctuary	† Jim & June DeJoice -Janet			
Chapel Sanctuary	† Mark Morocko –Lisa & Jack Houser			
Blessed Mother	† Mark “Rock” Morocko – Vickie & Jay	† Michelle Lynn Morocko – Vickie & Jay	† Mary Fedele – Mary, Teresa, & Steve Stone	
Saint Joseph	♥ DeJoice & Stone Families – Janet	† Ed Brezovic – The Himmels	† John Fedele – Mary, Teresa, & Steve Stone	

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, Ruth Donnell, Vera Hough, Jeane Bressler, Grace DeSanto, Grace “Susie” Kisko, Liz Kalafut, Arnie Burrows, Brenda DeJoice, Caleb Leone, Adam Smith, Joyce Winkleman O’Brien, Chad Willard, Connie O’Toole Conrad, Kevin Dwyer, Denise Colvin, Frank Morton, Sue Sette, Mary Tripp, Estefan Nevarez, Merle Prebble, Larry Conly, Shawna Weaver, Kathy Jo Kalafut, Ben Moser, Kasey Knauff, Ruby Prebble, Chris Howlett, Willy Dressler, Joey Herridge, Anna O’Neill, Terry O’Laughlin, Mike Fantazier, John Tarantella, Lynn Anderson, Lisa Myers, Ed McGuire, Danielle Luzier, Kathy Smith, and David Moore

WEEKLY SCHEDULE				Collection Counters: Carol & Chris
MONDAY 11/13				
TUESDAY 11/14	Communion Service	8:30 AM	Chapel	
WEDNESDAY 11/15				
THURSDAY 11/16				
FRIDAY 11/17				
SATURDAY 11/18	Christmas Bazaar	10 am – 2 pm	Church Hall	
SUNDAY 11/19	CCD	10:45 AM	Rectory	
	Mass	noon	Church	

November 12, 2023

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

CHURCH OF SAINT JOSEPH

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MASS TIME

Sunday: 12 noon

CONFESSION:

Sunday: 11:35 – 11:55 am
Wednesday by appt.



PARISH STAFF

Rev. Joseph Orr.....*Pastor*
Rev. Daniel Heiser.....*Deacon*
Alison Heiser.....*Secretary/DRE*
Terry O’Laughlin.....*Finance/Sacristan*
Louis Roteagliano.....*Design Specialist/PR*

COMMUNION SERVICES

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 9 am - 2 pm
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: 9 am - 5 pm
Thursday: 9 am - 2 pm
Friday: Closed

MISSION STATEMENT

As members of the family of God, our mission is to joyfully share the good news, reconnect with lapsed Catholics, and warmly welcome them back into the fold. We are dedicated to serving as positive role models for the youth in our parish, exemplifying the richness of the Catholic Faith. Through the pillars of prayer, education, hospitality, outreach, and stewardship, we aim to open our arms wide, embracing all who seek to be a part of our vibrant faith community.

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.

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

If you wish to become a member of the parish, please reach out to the parish office. Additionally, if you are relocating from the parish, kindly inform us. Active membership, demonstrated through registration, practicing stewardship, and regular participation in the Sacraments, qualifies individuals to serve as godparents or sponsors. As a Church community aspiring to be faithful disciples and responsible stewards, contributing our time, talent, and treasure is vital for the collective well-being.

REMEMBRANCE BOARD

The Remembrance Board will be on display for the month of November, alongside the Paschal Candle as a prayerful reminder of the individuals who have passed away/buried in this past year:

Mary Smith
William Hritzko
Dennis Kennedy
Charles “Bud” Hallberg
Kathryn A. Shearer
Lucy Janerella
Ronald Lomax
John Kurutz, Sr.
Irma Clemente
Virginia Serafini
Martha Crouse

Carmin Spirnock
Gerald J. Kelley
Lester Grotzinger
Robert “Butch” Rooney
Elizabeth Hagen
Angeline Adams
Sarah Smith
Lucia Cavaliere
Elizabeth DeJoice
Charles Maxwell Jr.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

All St. Joseph parishioners, family, and friends are cordially invited to join us for the Annual Remembrance Service and Candle Lighting Ceremony. This event will take place on Sunday, November 19th, 2023, starting at 3:00 PM.

In commemoration of All Soul’s Day, we will honor and remember, in a special manner, those who have departed to eternal life with our Lord. The Candle Lighting Ceremony will involve lighting a candle for each of our parishioners and friends whose burials have taken place here since November 1, 2022. Furthermore, all attendees will have the opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of a beloved individual.

This service is for anyone mourning the recent or past loss of a family member or friend. It also extends to those who wish to provide support to fellow parishioners as they continue their journey toward healing.

CDA Court St Veronica #111, is still doing funeral meals upon request in the Church Basement!



The Mass Intentions Calendar at St. Joseph is now open for intentions from January through December of the upcoming year (2024). To ensure fairness and allow everyone an opportunity, there is a limit of scheduling ONE Mass per family. However, additional requests can be made after March 1st, 2024.

Furthermore, we have numerous available dates for candle intentions, and there is no set limit on candle intentions. Additionally, we will continue to accept Mass intentions that can be forwarded to Father Dusza or Holy Spirit Parish. Mass stipends are accepted at the rate of \$10 per Mass.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

A Thanksgiving Mass is scheduled for Wednesday, November 22, at 6:00 pm. We warmly invite parishioners and their guests to join us in this Mass, a collective opportunity to express gratitude to God for the abundance of blessings bestowed upon us in the past year. It is also a time to humbly seek His continued guidance and support in the years to come.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Catholic Daughters will host their annual Christmas Bazaar on **Saturday, November 18th in the Church Hall**. They are asking for donations of bottled water, cookies, baked goods, theme baskets, and yard sale items. Please contact Mary Ann Kennis or Pat Kowalski with any questions. Please try to attend and support the CDA this weekend. Thank you.

Northern Deanery Raffle

Once more, we are collaborating with fellow churches in the Northern Deanery to orchestrate an exciting car raffle. For just \$10 per ticket, participants have the opportunity to win one of four thrilling prizes.

- 1st Prize – \$30,000 toward any car at Bill McIntyre Chevrolet
- 2nd Prize – Seven Points Marina Houseboat on Raystown Lake Vacation
- 3rd Prize – Seven Spring Resort Excursion Package
- 4th Prize – Yeti Tundra Cooler Premium Package

Please be advised that the upcoming parish council meeting for this month has been rescheduled to **Wednesday, November 29th, at 6 pm**. We kindly request all members to mark this date on their calendars and make arrangements to attend. Your presence is highly valued.

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: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/ Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

“We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.” – 1 Thessalonians 4:13.

During my 18 years in priesthood, a unique encounter with a family stands out vividly. While discussing an upcoming funeral, a family member emphatically warned me, "I better not hear you talk about hope in your sermon!" The shock of this directive left me grappling with how to respond in that moment. Without the chance for clarification, my mind filled the void with speculation, and even after years of reflection, the true meaning remains puzzling.

Upon contemplation, it seems unlikely that this individual lacked hope or wished to deprive others of it. Rather, it hints at a potentially misguided or poorly formed theology—one influenced, perhaps, by teachings such as "once saved, always saved" or "faith alone." These well-intentioned but problematic doctrines can be unwise, akin to the cautionary tale of the five unwise virgins in the recent Gospel.

Our hope, as articulated by St. Paul, is grounded in the wisdom of vigilance. The unwise virgins relied solely on their lamps, adopting a mindset of "I'm saved, so I don't need hope or any other virtue." In contrast, the wise virgins chose preparedness, guided by the practice of virtues, especially prudence. They illuminated their faith, hope, and love with the ongoing supply of oil—a wisdom that cannot be easily shared like a commodity.

Understanding this encounter as a clash of theological perspectives sheds light on the importance of embracing a holistic, virtue-driven approach to faith—one that transcends simplistic doctrines and fosters a rich, enduring illumination of hope.

† Our Gifts to God †
Sunday Offering: Nov. 5, 2023

Regular Collection:	\$ 2,144.00
Monthly:	825.00
Children	7.00
	\$ 2,976.00

Votive: \$ 31.00
All Souls: \$100.00
All Saints: \$385.00

Thank you for being good stewards.

USHERS

As we strive to ensure a reverent atmosphere during Communion for all members of our congregation, we are currently seeking dedicated volunteers to assist as ushers during Communion at all Masses. Please call the parish office if you are interested.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS:

Nov. 4 – Malm Riggle	Nov. 8 – Jack Rooney
Nov. 5 – Teresa Fedele	Nov. 9 – Kathy Jo Kalafut
Nov. 6 – Katie Adams	Nov. 10 – Carrie Harhigh
Nov. 7 – Justin Woomer	Nov. 11 – Jim Miller



THANK YOU FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

In loving memory of **Charles Maxwell, Jr** by Angie & Gene Lavelle (\$50) & Pattie Rauch (\$25),

THE OCTOBER COUNT

Last month, our parishes along with parishes around the country conducted the “October count,” a measure of attendance at Sunday Mass. The measure has been taken for many centuries, and in some European dioceses it is possible to measure the level of engagement in worship by the population over the course of many centuries. The October count has proven especially critical in the life of our Church as bishops use the figures to measure the vitality of parish life, to sketch parish boundaries, and even to decide when to close, merge, or form new parishes. Below is the Mass attendance for our parish for the month of October:

Oct. 1`	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22	Oct. 29
132	129	108	123	153