



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Sept 10: †*Marilyn Crane* – Louis Rotegliano
Sunday, Sept 17: †*Father, Timothy Grimme* – Andrew Simon
Sunday, Sept. 24: †*Deceased Members of Bucktail Class of 1974*

LECTOR SCHEDULE			ALTAR SERVERS	
Sunday, Sept 10	noon	J. Kowalski	T. Stone	P. Tarantella
Sunday, Sept 17	noon	C. DeMarte	A. Tarantella	Q. Dorman
Sunday, Sept 24	noon	A. Lavelle	M. Stone	E. DeMarte

MEMORIAL CANDLES

SEPT 1-14, 2023

CHURCH SANCTUARY	† <i>Mazzulla Family</i> – The Fedeles
CHAPEL SANCTUARY	<i>Bucktail Medical Center</i> – Marj Massaro
BLESSED MOTHER	† <i>Christopher Perry</i> – † <i>Special Intention</i> Mary & Steve Rathmell
SAINT JOSEPH	† <i>John Kurutz</i> † <i>Timothy Kurutz</i> – Love, † <i>Jim Costulas</i> – Judy Mom

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 Turnowchuk, Ruth Donnell, Vera Hough, Jeane Bressler, Grace DeSanto, Angeline Adams, Grace "Susie" Kisko, Liz Kalafut, Arnie Burrows, Brenda DeJoice, Caleb Leone, Drew Gentzyl, Adam Smith, Joyce Winkelman 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, Tom Daywalt, Merle Prebble, Larry Conly, Shawna Weaver, Eric Ditty(special intention), Kathy Jo Kalafut, Ben Moser, Deborah Hall, Billie Francis, Kasey Knauff, Ruby Prebble, Chris Howlett, and Charles Maxwell

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Collection Counters: Carol and Chris

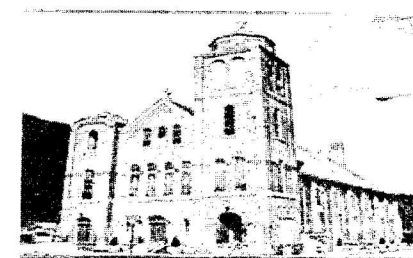
MONDAY 9/11			
TUESDAY 9/12	Communion Service	8:30 AM	Chapel
WEDNESDAY 9/13			
THURSDAY 9/14			
FRIDAY 9/15			
SATURDAY 9/16			
SUNDAY 9/17	CCD	10:45 AM	Rectory
	Mass	noon	Church

September 10, 2023

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday: Closed
Friday: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

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.



The annual Columbus Day Mass is a tradition of the Columbus Chapel & Boal Mansion Museum in Boalsburg, celebrated by both the Knights of Columbus and our local Catholic community. This chapel contains incredible artwork, historic vestments and statues, and two pieces of the True Cross. Due to overwhelming interest in this special Mass on Monday, October 9, we will have two opportunities

to celebrate Mass this year: 10:00am with Fr. George Jakopac, and 2:00pm with Fr. Brian Saylor. Mass is followed by a reception in the Boal Mansion ballroom, and a museum tour for all who attend. To reserve your seat at this annual event, please email arupprecht@maryu.marywood.edu by September 29. Reservations are required, and availability will not last!

For anyone who is interested in pursuing the vocation of Permanent Deacon in our diocese, there will be an opportunity for prospective candidates to meet, to learn about our vocation and the formation process. October 3rd at the U.S. Hotel and Tavern, Hollidaysburg at 7:00 PM Light refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served. If you are interested, please contact: Deacon Michael Russo (michael.russo@atlanticbb.net) or Jessica Gramling (jgramling@dioceseaj.org)

Are you interested in a personal relationship with God? Have you been attending Mass but not able to fully participate in the sacraments? Are you searching for a faith community? Do you desire to learn more about the Catholic faith? OCIA is for YOU... OCIA (FORMERLY "RCIA") OCIA stands for Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. For those seeking to be initiated into the Catholic church, OCIA is the process of learning about and growing in the Catholic faith and deepening your relationship with Jesus Christ, leading to reception of the sacraments of baptism (if necessary), Confirmation and the Eucharist. If you or anyone you know are interested in joining the Catholic Church, or have questions and want to learn more, OCIA is for you! Please call the parish office for more information.

Many candle intention dates remain available for the remainder of 2023. The candles burn for two weeks in honor or memory of your loved ones. Call the parish office to schedule your dates.

~ Prayer to Saint Michael ~ St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

K through 9th grade classes will begin on **September 17th at 10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.** and will be held in the Administration Building (rectory). By now, all returning students should have received a mailing that included the schedule for the year and a form to fill out. If you did not receive anything in the mail, please get in touch with the parish office at 570-923-0172. Any "new" students can register online or call the parish office for a paper copy. Please note: Grades 8/9 and 10/11 will alternate every other week. However, students are welcome to come each week if they choose. We will start classes promptly at 10:45 a.m. Because CCD class is only an hour this year, we ask that all students be on time. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Joseph's CCD program is looking for individuals who enjoy sharing God's word with students as teachers, co-teachers, and substitute teachers for the upcoming year. If you think you might be interested, don't hesitate to contact Alison at aheiser@dioceseaj.org. Clearances are required, and we can guide you through the process.

GIVING THANKS - After reception of Communion:

Eucharist is a Greek word meaning "thanksgiving". The moments after we receive Holy Communion are opportunities to connect with the person we are thanking: Jesus

There is no special formula for prayer during this time, just a willingness to speak with our Lord from the heart. Some people use prayers that they have memorized; some reflect upon the past week as a starting point in prayer. We will be teaching our students the ALTAR prayer, which is a good way to begin a conversation with Jesus.

Adore: Jesus, I adore you...

Love: Jesus, I love you...

Thank: Jesus, I thank you for...

Ask: Jesus, I ask you...

Resolve: Jesus, I resolve to...

Teach your children to spend those few precious moments in Jesus' Real presence adoring Him, loving Him, and thanking Him for the greatest gift of Himself in the Eucharist. Teach them to bring their concerns, their fears, their joys to Him as they kneel in silent prayer after receiving Jesus – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

The minutes that follow Communion are the most precious we have in our lives."

- (Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi)

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: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/ Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31- 37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1- 11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1- 16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Love and Truth

I think even the most devout, the most pious Catholic reading this could summon to mind, if asked, one or even two examples of Catholic teaching for which they have desperately looked for a loophole.

Don't worry, I won't make you share with the group. But bring it to your mind now: the doctrine you once resented, or perhaps still do. The commandment you don't fully understand, the one you bristle against. The rule you find the hardest to follow. The belief you hate explaining to your friends.

If it disappeared from scripture or dropped out of the catechism, would your life really be easier? Would you be happier?

I am thinking of mine. For a long time, I searched high and low for a way around this particular teaching. I read books and Scripture and tradition, I prayed and reflected and tried to argue with myself. For a time, I gave up complying with it entirely. I threw it to the wind, with a shoulder shrug and a self-satisfied assurance to myself that God, being a loving father, does not want his child to be unhappy.

But reader: I was miserable. I was so, so miserable, and I stayed that way until I finally accepted that God is, indeed, a loving father, and desires nothing less than the unhappiness of his children. And so, to ward it off, he has given us the truth, and asked us to share it amongst ourselves like a cherished heirloom, a priceless inheritance.

To share truth, you must show love. To show love, you must share truth. One demands the other. Because this is what Christ does for us, and this is the mission of the Church in this world. Loosening and binding. Bearing witness. Giving testimony. Speaking truth, and in speaking truth, showing love. "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." — Psalm 95 ©LPI

† Our Gifts to God † **Sunday Offering: September 3, 2023**

Regular Collection: \$ 2,058.00
Monthly: 885.00
Children: .00
\$2,943.00

Votive: \$25
Assumption: \$5
Retired Priests: \$60
Catholic University: \$60

ENVELOPES Adults
Used: 75
Families: 208

Thank you for being good stewards.

ST. JOSEPH'S CALENDAR RAFFLE

We are asking for donations of gift cards (\$25 or higher) or cash donations in any amount for our upcoming calendar raffle. Thank you to those who have already donated! We are hoping to have our calendar finished by October 1st. We kindly ask that all donations be in by September 22nd. Thank you!

IN LOVING
Memory

MEMORIALS/DONATIONS

St. Joseph received the following donations:

In loving memory of *our son, Matthew P. Miller* by Craig & Diane Miller of Lock Haven (\$500)

MAUI

Catholic Charities USA is assisting with relief efforts following the devastating wildfires which struck parts of the island of Maui, Hawaii, on August 8 and 9. To make a financial contribution to these relief efforts, visit: catholiccharitiesusa.org
Let us pray for all those affected by this disaster and for those assisting with recovery and rebuilding efforts.

St. Catherine of Bologna (1413-1463) Feast Day: March 9

Born in the northern Italy city of Bologna on September 8, 1413, Catherine went on to become a Poor Clare nun, writer, teacher, mystic, and artist. In the convent, she often worked at humble tasks and parlor duties.. She was a model of piety and reported visions of Jesus, Mary, Thomas Becket, and Joseph. Catherine died on March 9, 1463, and was buried in the convent graveyard, but after eighteen days a sweet smell emanated from the grave. Her body was then exhumed from the grave and found to be incorrupt. Catherine's body was then relocated to a chapel where it remains on display, dressed in her religious habit, seated upright behind glass.

