

LECTOR SCHEDULE			ALTAR SERVERS	
Sunday, Sept 24	noon	A. Lavelle	M. Stone	E. DeMarte
Sunday, Oct 1	noon	A. Ross	S. Heiser	J. Zuback
Sunday, Oct 8	noon	P. Kowalski	J. Heiser	D. Ross

MEMORIAL CANDLES **SEPT 15-30, 2023**

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

IN OUR PRAYERS♥

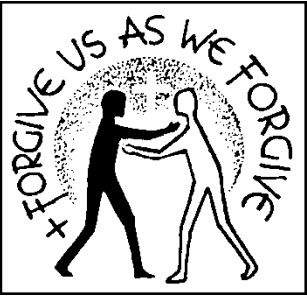
Jennifer Sauter, John “Tink” Green, Sandy Francis, John Laubscher, Kay Hirlinger, Connie Shope, Deanna Dare, Donald Felty, Bill O’Neill, Karen Tomko Strobel, Susan Nelson, Thomas Packer, Bill Leary Jr., Melinda O’Neill-Lewis, Bart Pickering, Katherine Huggler, Gayle Jenkins, Elaine Charcalla, John Kapp, Ron J. Long, Ruth Donnell, Vera Hough, Jeanne Bressler, Grace DeSanto, Angeline Adams, 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, Joel Kohler, Tom Daywalt, Merle Prebble, Larry Conly, Shawna Weaver, Eric Ditty(special intention), Kathy Jo Kalafut, Ben Moser, Kasey Knauff, Ruby Prebble, Chris Howlett, Charles Maxwell, Willy Dressler, Joey Herridge, and Anna O’Neill

WEEKLY SCHEDULE		Collection Counters: Mary, Lewie, and Ann	
MONDAY 9/18			
TUESDAY 9/19	Communion Service	8:30 AM	Chapel
	CDA	6:30 PM	Rectory
WEDNESDAY 9/20			
THURSDAY 9/21			
FRIDAY 9/22			
SATURDAY 9/23			
SUNDAY 9/24	CCD	10:45 AM	Rectory
	Mass	noon	Church

September 17, 2023

**CHURCH OF
SAINT JOSEPH**

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.



MASS TIME

Sunday: 12 noon

CONFESSIONS

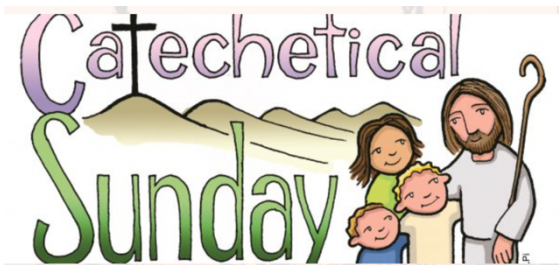
Wednesday by appt.

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.



SERVING CHRIST AS HIS CATECHISTS

The Church celebrates with all our catechists this Sunday, September 17. Many people come forward annually to pass on the faith to our children, adolescents, and adults. The theme for this year is “Come to Me All You Who Labor, and Are Burdened”.

On this Catechetical Sunday, we thank these volunteers who serve Jesus Christ as His catechists of your child! Nothing can replace you and your witness of faith in your children's lives. Our parish family is thrilled to be able to help you deepen your children's relationship with Our Lord. We express our deepest appreciation to the following:

Grades K/1: **Erica Dorman** / Grade 2: **Angela Lavelle** / Grade 3: **Sarah Ross**

Grade 4/5: **Mary George Rhone** / Grade 6/7: **Mary Rathmell**

Grades 8/9 & 10/11: **Deacon Dan** / Confirmation: **Alison Heiser**

Also, a very special thanks to **Vicky Penton**, who helped plan and improve our program for this year and donated to the Religious Education program an immense amount of supplies and resources to help the Catechists teach the students and ensure a successful year! God bless you!

A Catechist's Prayer

Loving Father, pour forth your Holy Spirit upon me that I may be a good catechist of your Word, your Son, Jesus Christ. Render my mind and heart so open, receptive, and responsive to your Holy Spirit that, like Mary, I might become a living instrument of your Word to others. Help me to be a faithful witness to Gospel life so that your Church may become ever more alive. Let the fire of your love so enkindle my heart that I may be an instrument of drawing others to love of you in the Church of your Son. I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SARRIS CANDY BAR SALE

We will again be selling Sarris Candy Bars at the rectory. There are peanut butter, crisped rice, roasted almond, and milk chocolate bars available for \$1.00 each. All proceeds will go towards updating our festival equipment & supplies. Anyone wishing to buy a candy bar can stop in the rectory during office hours. We appreciate your support!



Ho Ho Ho!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Catholic Daughters will once again host their annual Christmas Bazaar this year. **The date for the 2023 Christmas Bazaar is Saturday, November 18th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.** Please set this weekend aside to volunteer and patronize this parish event. The next CDA meeting will be this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. The committee for the meeting is Dorothy Costulas and Mary Rosamilia.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- SEPT 27 @ 4:30 PM: Cemetery Meeting
- SEPT 27 @ 6:00 PM: Liturgy Committee Meeting
- OCT 4 @ 6:00 PM: Parish Council

Please note that all are welcome to attend all and any of these meetings. The more people that attend, the more feedback we receive, and we can better serve our parish.

BEATIFICATION

Beatification is a stage in the Roman Catholic Church towards canonization or sainthood. Those beatified are declared "blessed" and worthy of public veneration. Last Sunday, a beatification Mass service was held in Poland for the Ulma family, a Catholic family of nine murdered by Nazis for hiding Jews during World War II.

This was the first time an entire family has been beatified, a great honor and a step towards sainthood. In late 1942, motivated by their Christian values, farmers Jozef and Wiktoria Ulma and their six young children hid eight Jews in their farmhouse in the village of Markowa. The Nazis discovered the Jewish people hiding on the Ulma farm and executed them. The Nazi police then killed 31-year-old Wiktoria, who was pregnant and in premature labor (the child was actually born during the horror of the killings and received “baptism by blood” of its martyred mother), and 44-year-old Józef outside their home. An additional order sealed the fate of the remaining family members: “Kill the children, too.” Stanisława, 7, Barbara, 6, Władysław, 5, Franciszek, almost 4, Antoni, 2, and Maria, 1, were executed.

The greatest of all faults is to be conscious of none.—Thomas Carlyle

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 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

The Hateful Things We Hug Tight

At the end of “Lord of the Rings: Return of the King,” Gollum fights with Frodo for possession of the One Ring. He wins the fight, but in doing so topples over the edge of the mountain ledge, falling into the cavernous fres of Mount Doom. As he falls, we see him smile, and clutch the ring to his chest. He is happy. He has won what he spent his life pursuing. It is only in the last millisecond before his face slips below the lava that we see his eyes widen in terror as he realizes the truth: the thing he clutches to his heart is the thing that killed him. In choosing the ring, he chooses death. Sin, and the fallen nature of this world, makes us addicted to something that kills us. Like any addiction, it is a vicious cycle. The less we forgive, the more hardhearted we become ... and the less we seek forgiveness ourselves. What breaks the cycle? Reconciliation with God — or, Confession, as we call it. In fact, it does more than break the cycle. It turns it backward. Not only does it detoxify our souls of sin, it weakens our addiction to sin’s effects — anger, vengeance, unforgiveness. The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works, said St. Augustine. Ultimately, I view our whole human life as a struggle on the ledge of a mountaintop. It is certain that we will choose sin — we always do. We will tumble over the side, toward ruin. But let us be Frodo, and not Gollum. Let us cling to the rock of the sacraments and accept the hand that would drag us away from the fames. “Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight.” — Sirach 27:30

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son’s Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Amen

† Our Gifts to God †
Sunday Offering: September 10, 2023

Regular Collection:	\$ 1,755.00	Votive: \$145
Monthly:	50.00	Catholic University: \$35
Children:	5.00	
	\$1,810.00	
ENVELOPES	Adults	
Used:	75	
Families:	208	Thank you for being good stewards.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

We will take up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education and the University’s various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. The Catholic Project - an initiative that aims to heal the breach of trust many have experienced as a result of the crisis in the Church, a master’s program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers are a few examples how the University is serving the Church and nation. Visit: futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org to learn more. Thank you in advance for your generous donation.

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!



MEMORIALS/DONATIONS

St. Joseph received the following donations:
In loving memory of **the Curcio & Smith Families** by Ellen Smith of VA (\$500)