



**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday, Sept 18: † *Gloria Serra Sweitzer* by Cousin Dee-Dee  
Sunday, Sept 25: † *Gene Kalafut* by Deacon Chip & Connie  
Sunday, Oct. 2: † *Karen Dwyer Jones* by Family

**† MEMORIAL CANDLES September 15-30:**

Church(basement) Sanctuary: *Jack Hanobic* Thinking of you, Tom  
Chapel Sanctuary: *Keiper Family* by The Fedeles  
Blessed Mother (Chapel): *Joanna Francis* By Pat & Marcia Clemente  
Saint Joseph (Chapel): *Timothy Kurutz* by Mom & Dad

LECTOR SCHEDULE		ALTAR SERVERS
Sunday, Sept 18	J. Kowalski	We will not be using Altar Servers for Mass while we are in the Church Hall.
Sunday, Sept 25	T. Kerstetter	

**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, Tom Allen, and Mary Tripp*

WEEKLY SCHEDULE			
Collection Counters: Carol and Chris			
MONDAY: 9/19			
TUESDAY: 9/20	Communion Service	8:30 am	Chapel
WEDNESDAY: 9/21			
THURSDAY: 9/22			
FRIDAY: 9/23			
SATURDAY: 9/24			
SUNDAY: 9/25	CCD Class	10:30 am	Administration Building
	Mass	12 noon	Church Hall

**“Most commit the same mistake with God that they do with their friends: they do all the talking.** -Venerable Fulton Sheen

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

CHURCH OF  
SAINT JOSEPH

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MASS TIME

Sunday: 12 noon

CONFESSIONS

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

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Joseph Orr.....*Pastor*  
Rev. Daniel Heiser.....*Deacon*  
Alison Heiser.....*Secretary/DRE*  
Judy Kurutz.....*Finance Secretary*  
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 SAINT 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.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

NO SERVANT CAN SERVE  
TWO MASTERS



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)

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.



Today, September 18 is Catechetical Sunday. We come together to acknowledge the dedication of those who serve as Catechists in our Parish. The wonderful volunteers who are part of our CCD program are: **Erica Morton, Angela Lavelle, Sarah Ross, Mary George Rhone, Vicky Penton, Alison Heiser, and Deacon Dan Heiser.** We thank these volunteers for their good work, faith, and hearts open to sharing our beautiful faith with the young people of our Parish. You are appreciated and valued! Today also offers an opportunity to recall that all the baptized have roles in handing on the faith in their daily life, families, work, and parish involvement.

### **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.

### **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

The Parish and Finance Councils have designated the end of 2022 until September 2023 for our Capital Campaign to raise money for our ceiling repairs. We will kick off the campaign this week. As you may have heard, it was determined that the repairs to the church ceiling would cost \$488,000. Through the diocese insurance, we received \$250,000 towards the price of repairs. This has left the Parish to pay \$230,000. We have \$130,000 in our bank accounts to be used, leaving us with close to \$100,000 to be raised by September 2023. Therefore, we have set a goal of \$100,000 to be raised by September 2023. All parishioners are encouraged to prayerfully consider the amount that they can donate towards this campaign. You should receive your letter and pledge card sometime this week. *\*All money raised in the Capital Campaign will stay in our Parish and will not be assessed by the Altoona Johnstown Diocese.*



### **SARRIS CANDY BAR SALE**

The Heiser kids are sponsoring a Sarris Candy Bar Sale to help raise money for our ceiling project. They have peanut butter, crisped rice, roasted almond, and milk chocolate bars available for \$1.00 each, as well as chocolate-covered pretzels for \$2.00. All proceeds go to our Capital Campaign Fund. Anyone wishing to buy a candy bar can stop in the rectory during office hours. Thank you for your support!

### **ATTENTION CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**

The C D of A meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, is canceled! The next meeting will be on October 18, 2022, at 6:30 pm in the Administrative building.

### **YETI RAFFLE**

The Knights of Columbus are raffling off a Yeti Cooler donated by the Ross Family to help with our ceiling fund. Tickets are \$5 each and are available at the parish office. We will pick the winner on October 15<sup>th</sup> after the Flaming Foliage parade.

# You cannot serve both God and mammon.

Luke 16:13



SEPTEMBER

18 2022

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### **COUNTER TO OUR EXPECTATIONS**

When we listen to the scriptures at liturgy, there is kind of an unspoken idea that we will hear something amazing and uplifting, that will stir our hearts into flame and make us better Catholics, better Christians, better people, as we carry the Living Word of God out in our lives. So how surprising is it when we get a day like today, when so much seems to run counter to our expectations? Amos warns us about cheating and taking away someone's rights. In Paul's first letter to Timothy, he explains we must pray for everyone, no matter what we think of them, even if they are in a place of power and authority. And Jesus' praise of the "children of this world" in today's Gospel passage is really disconcerting!

### **JUSTICE FOR ALL**

When we grasp a better understanding of Amos, it really is a mirror of the Gospel message that we must be good stewards and offer kindness and justice to all. Remember that Jesus is in the midst of speaking through a series of parables. (We left off with the Prodigal Son last week.) When he is speaking of the steward, he is not telling us to get into money laundering or get-rich-quick schemes or engage in multi-level marketing. Rather, we can infer that we are to use our goods and our skills wisely and for the betterment of everyone. In the parable the steward is praised for his quick thinking and for finding a way to resolve the situation. The parable ends with Jesus telling us "You cannot serve God and mammon" and you must make a choice.

### **EVERYTHING IS A CHOICE**

The Gospel parable tells us what the steward did one time to get out of a bind. But we are called to make the right choice, the best choice over and over. Sometimes it is hard. You may not be choosing between good and evil, but sometimes even have to choose between two goods. We frequently have to make choices like, "Do I spend this extra time at work to get that promotion? Do I bring the work home with me? Or am I able to leave it there and be with my family when I am done?" Parents often have to look at their savings account before they determine which activities they can afford for their children to participate in. Music and sports and the arts are wonderful, but all require special equipment and time. But making a sacrifice on everybody's part might reap great rewards. Sometimes, though, the choice is made to just get food on the table, or to clothe the family. We learn to make the choices that are best for ourselves and are decisions we can live with. We learn to discern what is best for those we love.

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

Amos 8:4-7  
Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8  
1 Timothy 2:1-8  
Luke 16:1-13



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: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18  
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13;  
Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21  
Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13  
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc;  
Lk 9:7-9  
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4;  
Lk 9:18-22  
Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;  
Lk 9:43b-45  
Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16  
Lk 16:19-31

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday  
Monday: St. Januarius  
Tuesday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions  
Wednesday: St. Matthew  
Thursday: Autumn begins  
Friday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

PRIORITIES

Make a choice. God or money, material things, earthly pleasure. This is what Jesus asks us to do in today’s Gospel. The Pharisees and scribes, and many people, want it both ways. God and wealth. But Jesus knows that “no servant can serve two masters.” It is not that wealth is inherently bad, but the pursuit of it to the exclusion of what is good and righteous is. Our faith is meant to guide and shape the way we live. If we are followers of Jesus Christ, we will treat others, especially the poor and vulnerable, fairly and justly. We will live with devotion to God and let our lives speak the truth of God’s love for all. We will put first things first, or more precisely, put God and God’s ways first, assured that when we do, everything else will fall into place.

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Reflection question:

How do I show love for my neighbor?

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RIPPLES

There is a ripple effect in all we do.  
What you do touches me;  
what I do touches you.

—Anonymous

FAULT

The greatest of all faults is to be conscious of none.

—Thomas Carlyle



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† Our Gifts to God †  
Sunday Offering: Sept 11, 2022

Regular Collection	\$1,485.00
Monthly	420.00
Children	6 00
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ENVELOPES	Adults
Used	59
Families:	205

- Votive: \$55.00
- Catholic University: \$50.00

*Thank you for being good stewards.*

SAINT JOSEPH LOTTO TICKETS

The first lotto drawing is next Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. We still have 40 tickets we need to sell. Please stop by the parish office to get your tickets. All sellers are asked to make their returns by Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please note that the drop-box on the rectory porch is secure. Therefore, you can bring your returns anytime, whether the office is open or not. Thank you for the support!



CHURCH PEWS

Last call for anyone wishing to donate your church pew back to the church. We still 2 RIGHT-sided pews. If you have a right-sided pew but want to keep a pew, we can trade you a left-sided pew for your right-sided one. We desperately want to be able to complete this project to help us as we are trying to bring back the beauty of what our church once was and is meant to be. Please call or email the parish office if you can help us out. Thank you.

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

St. Joseph’s Church received the following memorial donations In Loving Memory of  
† **Ernest Peterson by** The Kelleys; Mick, Jamie & Janice, Garrett, Brett & Ashley & Girls (\$100 Ceiling Fund)

† **Joanna Francis by** The Kelleys; Mick, Jamie & Janice, Garrett, Brett & Ashley & Girls (\$100 Ceiling Fund)

St. Joseph’s Church received the following donations for our Capital Campaign/ Ceiling Fund:

- Anonymous \$500.00
- Anonymous \$1,000.00
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