



MEMORIAL CANDLES		SEPT 15-30, 2023	
CHURCH SANCTUARY			
CHAPEL SANCTUARY	<i><b>Keiper Family – The Fedeles</b></i>		
BLESSED MOTHER	† <i><b>Christopher Perry</b></i> – Mary & Steve Rathmell	† <i><b>Special Intention</b></i>	† <i><b>Special Intention</b></i>
SAINT JOSEPH	† <i><b>John Kurutz</b></i>	† <i><b>Timothy Kurutz</b></i> – Love, Mom	† <i><b>Jim Costulas</b></i> - Judy

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: Margie and Ann			
<b>MONDAY</b> 9/25			
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9/26	Communion Service	8:30 AM	Chapel
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9/27	Cemetery Meeting	4:30 PM	Rectory
	Liturgy Comm.	6:00 PM	Rectory
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9/28			
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9/29			
<b>SATURDAY</b> 9/30			
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10/01	CCD	10:45 AM	Rectory
	Mass	noon	Church

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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

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

Please notify the office when a parish member is in the hospital or cannot attend Church and wishes to receive Holy Communion at home.

Call the church office to schedule an appointment. Nine-month advance notice is required for marriage.

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.

**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY**

On Sunday, September 24, 2023 we celebrate Priesthood Sunday. Priesthood Sunday seeks to reaffirm the priesthood of Jesus Christ and its central place in the life of the Church. This day also specifically honors priests, without whom the Holy Sacraments could not be conferred, for a single day out of the 365 days of the year during which they tirelessly serve their parishes.

As a faith community, may we show gratitude to Father Orr here at our parish and to priests everywhere that God will grant them perseverance in their calling. The Prayer for Perseverance of Vocations is below.

Prayer for Perseverance of Vocations

**O God, you have constituted your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest for the glory of your majesty and the salvation of mankind; grant that those whom He has chosen ministers and dispensers of His mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. Amen.**



**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 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.** Please set this weekend aside to volunteer and patronize this parish event.

**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.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mark Morocko**, who has entered eternal life. May he rest in God’s peace. Our sympathies are extended to all family and friends.

**COME CELEBRATE THE WONDER, WARMTH,  
AND MAGIC OF THE SEASON!**

St. Joseph’s Parish has 2 opportunities to attend a bus trip to Sight and Sound in Lancaster to see MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS.

This holiday season, travel back in time to Bethlehem as the original Christmas story unfolds all around you. Journey alongside of Mary and Joseph, a flock of surprised shepherds, and three wise men – along with their camels! There may be no room in the inn, but God has a lowly stable prepared as the angels announce the coming of the Messiah!

The first bus trip is hosted by Fr. Brian Saylor and St. John’s Parish in Bellefonte on Tuesday, November 28, for the 11:00 a.m. showing. Travel will be by Fullington Trailways. We will be stopping after the show at Cracker Barrel in Harrisburg. The bus will be boarding in front of St. John’s at 6:30 am and returning approximately at 7:00 pm. Cost of the trip is \$130.00 per person which includes show ticket and transportation. Meals will be on your own.

All reservations and money must be received in St. John’s parish office by Friday, October 27th. Please note – no reservations will be accepted without payment. Space is limited.

If you have any questions, please contact St. John’s parish office at (814) 355-3134.

**Sight & Sound with Holy Spirit Parish, December 27th**

\$144 per person Adult and children  
(14 and older)  
\$104 per child (3 - 11)

Depart St. Agnes - 9:15am  
Buffet Luncheon - 12:30pm  
Show Time - 3:00pm  
Depart for home - 6:00pm  
Fast Food meal stop  
Arrive St. Agnes - 9:15pm



Contact either Holy Spirit or St. Joseph’s parish office to reserve your spot!



## October: Month of the Holy Rosary

On October 7th, the Church celebrates the feast day of Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary. The feast day was established by Pope Saint Pius V on the anniversary of the victory at Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The naval victory was attributed to the Virgin Mary whose intercession was entreated through the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

The Church then proceeded to dedicate the entire month of October to the Holy Rosary so that individuals, families, and communities would pray the Holy Rosary, if possible, on a daily basis for peace in the world. “Not only do we earnestly exhort all Christians to give themselves to the recital of the pious devotion of the Rosary publicly, or privately in their own house and family, and that unceasingly, but we also desire that the whole of the month of October (in this year) should be consecrated to the Holy Queen of the Rosary” (Pope Leo XII; *On Devotion of the Rosary*, September 1, 1883).

“Because Mary is our mother, devotion to her teaches us to be authentic sons: to love truly, without limit; to be simple, without the complications which come from selfishly thinking only about ourselves; to be happy, knowing that nothing can destroy our hope. ‘The beginning of the way, at the end of which you will find yourself completely carried away by love for Jesus, is a trusting love for Mary.’ I wrote that many years ago, in the introduction to a short book on the rosary, and since then I have often experienced the truth of those words. I am not going to complete that thought here with all sorts of reasons. I invite you to discover it for yourself, showing your love for Mary, opening your heart to her, confiding to her your joys and sorrows, asking her to help you recognize and follow Jesus” (St. Josemaria Escriva; *Christ is Passing By*, no. 143).

### 6 WAYS TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY WITH DEVOTION

Inspired by St. Josemaria’s personal example, following are six ways to pray the Holy Rosary with devotion to honor the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary during this special month dedicated to her:

1. **Pray the rosary daily privately or with friends and family.**  
“Develop a lively devotion for Our Mother. She knows how to respond in a most sensitive way to the presents we give her. What is more, if you say the Holy

Rosary every day, with a spirit of faith and love, Our Lady will make sure she leads you very far along her Son’s path” (*Furrow*, no. 691).

2. **Pray the rosary during the day—try not to postpone it until the end of the day or bedtime.**  
“You always leave the Rosary for later, and you end up not saying it at all because you are sleepy. —If there is no other time, say it in the street without letting anybody notice it. It will, moreover, help you to have presence of God” (*Furrow*, no. 478).
3. **If possible, use a book like [“Holy Rosary”](#) or an audio recording of the Rosary to help you enter more deeply into each mystery.**  
“—Have you... ever contemplated these mysteries? (...) Come with me and — this is the essence of what I have to confide— we will live the life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Each day we will render them a new service. We will hear their family conversations. We will see the Messiah grow up. We will admire His thirty years of hidden life... We will be present at His Passion and Death... We will be awed by the Glory of His Resurrection... In a word: we will contemplate, carried away with Love (the only real love is Love), each and every instant of Christ Jesus” (*Holy Rosary*, Author’s Note).
4. **When praying the family rosary, especially with young children, use a booklet or app that shows an image for each mystery of the rosary.**
5. **When you see an image of Our Lady at home, on the street or in Church, direct a glance at it and send her an affectionate interior prayer or greeting.**  
This was a practice St. Josemaria started from a young age and that he recommended to others throughout his life.
6. **Make a pilgrimage to a nearby church or shrine dedicated to Mary.**  
St. Josemaria believed that a “local pilgrimage” with a small group of friends or family is a good way to honor the Blessed Virgin and to help us to be more devoted to her. Traditionally, a “local pilgrimage” includes, if possible, walking to and from the shrine or walking part of the way to and from the shrine; reciting five mysteries of the rosary on the way; praying another five mysteries of the rosary at the shrine; and praying another five mysteries of the rosary on the way back.
7. ***\*Pray the Rosary with the Parish. Every Sunday, we say the Rosary before Mass at 11:30 a.m. in the Church. During the Month of October, try to get to Mass early so that you can participate in praying the Rosary in our church.***



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: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a  
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16- 18  
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd5/Lk 8:19-21  
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6  
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9  
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51  
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45  
Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/P

**GOSPEL MEDITATION** - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE September 24, 2023 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Once I gave my three-year-old niece a certain toy for Christmas. When she opened it, she was happy. Shortly thereafter her five-year old sister opened another present from me: the same toy, along with some play jewelry. The three-year-old cried out: “That’s not fair! Why’d she get the jewelry, too?!” Let’s face it: there’s something about God’s grace in our religion which bugs us. We love to look at others’ blessings and cry out: “That’s not fair!” Catholicism is not fair in the sense that it is a religion founded on God’s grace which is unmerited favor. God pours his mercy, love, and divine life upon us not because we’re good but because He is infinitely good. If you think the “not fair” quality of grace is easy to accept, consider how typically angry we get when we hear the parable of the workers who get paid way more than they deserve. The hyper-generous landowner says to the indignant hard workers, “Are you envious because I am generous?” Well, yes, they are, and so are we! Therefore, we have to reckon with this painful truth in order to move into the divine sphere of gifts, which is the world of Christ and his Church. Then we are able to move beyond a titfor-tat world and into one where gifts are poured forth on those who don’t deserve it — namely, upon us. — Father John Muir ©LPi

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 17, 2023

Regular Collection: \$ 1,402.00  
Monthly: 20.00  
Children: 9.00  
\$1,431.00

Votive: \$70  
Catholic University: \$60  
Retired Priests: \$125

ENVELOPES Adults  
Used: 62  
Families: 208

Thank you for being good stewards.

OUR COLLECTION COUNTERS

We want to thank our collection counters at our parish who diligently work behind the scenes to get the job done: Mary Adams, Louie Pompili, Ann Simon, Margie Sutliff, Ann Fedele, Carol Coover, and Chris Haas.

SARRIS CANDY BAR SALE

We will again be selling Sarris Candy Bars at the rectory. Peanut butter, crisped rice, roasted almond, and milk chocolate bars are 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!

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 1<sup>st</sup>. We kindly ask that all donations be in by September 25<sup>th</sup> . Thank you!



MEMORIALS/DONATIONS

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

\*Please excuse any misprints of names or monetary amounts listed in the bulletin. Rest assured that our books and the donation cards that are sent to the families are always correct. Thank you!

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL  
OBSERVANCES**

Monday: Yom Ha-Shoa  
(Holocaust Remembrance  
Day)  
Tuesday: Income Tax Day  
Friday: St. Anselm of Canterbury  
Saturday: Earth Day

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.

Bulletin Announcements may be sent to Alison at [aheiser@dioceseaj.org](mailto:aheiser@dioceseaj.org)  
Please submit all requests by Wednesday for them to be published in Sunday’s Bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation!

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So far, we have raised \$92,399 in donations and memorials plus \$11,650 out in pledges totaling: \$108,049!!