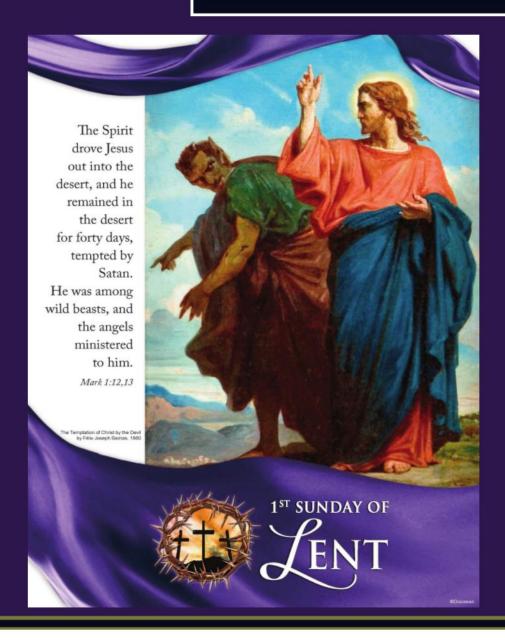
# Welcome To

# SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



# February 18, 2024 First Sunday of Lent

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## WELCOME TO SAINT JOSEPH PARISH!

#### Masses and Events February 17-18

Saturday, February 17 - Vigil, First Sunday of Lent

(Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15)

4:00 PM Mass - Martin & Catherine Schaffer (Olinger)

After Mass Welcome Kiosk (Narthex)
Sunday, February 18 - First Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Mass - People of the Parish Living and Deceased

+9:45 AM Mass - ₽ Tricia Bowden (McMullin)

with Childrens Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

11:30 AM Mass with Rite of Sending-P Daniel O'Connell (Thomas)

11:30 AM Deaf Ministry Bible Study (Little Flower Rm.)

After Masses Welcome Kiosk (Narthex) Coffee and Donuts (Brindle Hall)

2:00 PM Bingo (Brindle Hall)

2:00 PM High School Youth Ministry (Lee Horan Rm.)

+ American Sign Language

#### Mission Statement

Like our Patron, Saint Joseph, the Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are called to foster the presence of Christ in all that we say and do. Our Mission is to grow disciples for our Lord Jesus Christ.



#### MUSIC MINISTRY THIS WEEKEND

4:00 PM Organ/Cantor 8:00 AM Organ/Cantor 9:45 AM Sanctuary Choir 11:30 AM Sanctuary Ringers



#### WELCOME TO SAINT JOSEPH PARISH!

Our Welcome Kiosk is open after all Masses this weekend! We are here to help you learn more about our parish and to help you register. We can connect you with our many ministries and programs. Stop by for information, a prayer square, and a smile!

The Hospitality Ministry is excited to connect with members of our Deaf Apostolate who are greeting at the 9:45 AM Mass this weekend and Boys Novice Blue Basketball Team who are greeting at 11:30 AM Mass. In addition, members of our Greeter Ministry are also greeting this weekend. Thank you! We encourage other ministries and individuals to sign-up to greet. For Hospitality Ministry information please contact Marlene Steinour - Tinysteiny75@gmail.com or 717-712-9457.

Join our Parish: Visit www.stjosephmech.org/parish-registration Sacrament of Penance: Saturdays at 2:15 PM - 3:15 PM

Please notify the Parish Office when you or a family member has been admitted to a hospital or healthcare facility. In the event of serious illness or injury please contact the Parish Office at 717-766-9433. Holy Communion can be brought to homebound parishioners, please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Visit our website for more information:

https://www.stjosephmech.org/baptism

Sacrament of Matrimony Common Policy:

It is necessary for a couple to contact the clergy NINE TO TWELVE MONTHS prior to the anticipated date of the wedding.

## This Weekend's Candle Dedications:

AMBO CANDLES: Special intention.

**ALTAR CANDLES:** Special intention of Patricia Shields.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** Special intention. **TABERNACLE CANDLES:** Special intention.

#### Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have recently died, may they rest in peace. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let thy perpetual light shine upon them. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

WE REMEMBER:

Catherine Murray-Flaherty

Sally Sentman

#### Parish Info

Parish Office: 717-766-9433

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - Noon

Bulletin Deadline Mondays by 8:00 AM. Email submission: bulletin@stjosephmech.org

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First Sunday of Lent



# JOIN US THIS WEEK FOR MASSES AND EVENTS - FEBRUARY 19-24, 2024

Monday, February 19 - Lenten Weekday (Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18; Matthew 25:31-46) President's Day 8:30 AM Mass - Louise Peil (Rozman) 9:00 AM Rosary (Church) Parish Office Closed // No SJS / No REP Tuesday, February 20 - Lenten Weekday (Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15) 6:30 AM Mass - Special Intention of the Barbush Family 9:00 AM Leisure Club Steering Committee Mtg. (Brindle Hall) 7:00 PM Tuesday Lenten Series - Hearing God's Voice (Church) Wednesday, February 21 - Lenten Weekday; Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of (Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32) the Church 7:50 AM Rosary (Church) 8:30 AM Mass - # Richard Shepps (Gallucci) 9:30 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 9:30 AM Bible Study (Lee Horan Rm.) 6:00 PM REP HS (Lee Horan Rm.) 6:30 PM Legion of Mary (John Paul II Rm.) 6:30 PM Columbiettes Mtg. (Brindle Hall) 7:00 PM Respect Life -Information & Action on Human Trafficking Presentation (Parish Life & Ed, Ctr, -Library, Room 218) Thursday, February 22 - Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle (1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19) 8:30 AM Mass - ‡ James Auchey (Auchey) 9:30 AM Abiding Together (Lee Horan Rm.) 7:00 PM Abiding Together (Lee Horan Rm.) Friday, February 23 - Lenten Weekday; Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr (Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26) 6:30 AM Mass - P Catherine Murray-Flaherty (Patterson) 1:20 PM Stations of the Cross (Church) 5:15 PM Supper & Speaker Series (Brindle Hall) 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross (Church) Mass - For Mothers Facing Difficult Pregnancies 7:00 PM 7:30 PM Holy Hour (Church) 8:30 PM Benediction (Church) Saturday, February 24 - Lenten Weekday (Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48) 8:00 AM Mass - Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate & Consecrated Life 9:00 AM Women's Lenten Retreat - Praying with Icons (Brindle Hall) 6:15 AM That Man is You (Brindle Hall) 10:00 AM Junior Legion of Mary (John Paul II Rm.) 2:15 PM Confessions (Church) Saturday, February 24 - Vigil, Second Sunday of Lent (Genesis 22:1-2a, 10-13,15-18; Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10) 4:00 PM Mass - # Frederick Jaworski (Columbiettes) Sunday, February 25 - Second Sunday of Lent 8:00 AM Mass - # Bernard Markey (Markey) 9.30 AM RCIA (Lee Horan Rm.) 9:30 AM REP Preschool/Kindergarten (Parish Life & Ed. Ctr.) +9:45 AM Mass - # Alicia Fisher (Brennan) with Childrens Liturgy of the Word

Mass - People of the Parish Living and Deceased

Deaf Ministry Bible Study (Little Flower Rm.)

Middle School Youth Ministry (Brindle Hall)

Coffee and Donuts (Brindle Hall)

Sacrament of Baptism (Church)

Bible Study (Lee Horan Rm.)

with Rite of Recognition Holy Communion Class, Year 2









#### PRAYER FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion. Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

#### MUSIC MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND

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11:30 AM

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1:00 PM

2:00 PM

6:00 PM

After Masses

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#### PARISH TRANSFORMATION



#### Parish Transformation: Hospitality Ministry Highlight

#### "Hello and Welcome to Saint Joseph's"!

Our Saint Joseph Hospitality Ministry includes our ushers, greeters, welcome kiosk, and card blessings ministries. These ministries work to foster a welcoming culture that inspires guests and parishioners on their journey as disciples with our Lord Jesus Christ. God greets and welcomes us to our own personal call to holiness. In return, we extend kindness and love to all we serve in the community. Below are comments from greeters, ushers, and those who have been impacted by the cards sent by the children of Saint Joseph's School. See the impact you can make. If you want to join us in making an impact, consider joining one of our welcoming ministries.

Greeting is a way to meet your fellow parishioners. It's a great way for young children (with parents or grandparents) to participate in a parish ministry. On one occasion, my grandson was greeting with me. A parishioner coming in thanked him for opening the door and greeting him. He had a small gift for him. It was a blessed medal of St Michael. My grandson has worn that medal every day and has prayed the St Michael prayer. When giving service to others, you get far more than you give.

Rita Gore

For more information about our hospitality ministries, contact: Marlene Steinour at © 717-712-9457

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My husband and I want to be involved in a small way in our active parish. Serving as greeters fulfills our needs.

-Beth and Tony Bianchi



I was once asked to fill in as an usher and have enjoyed it every Sunday since. A few months ago, after Mass, I noticed the car parket next to me was filled with boxes. I spoke to them and they shared that they were traveling, helping their son move. They commented to me that they enjoyed the welcoming feeling they received at our service, loved the music, and hoped to return someday.

Donna Warton

I chose to greet as a way to meet other parishioners and to become generally more involved in the parish. I've not been disappointed. I feel much more connected to the parish now. My grandson has occasionally greeted with me and if available, my husband helps, too. It can truly be a family activity. Susan Bianca





It has been a joy to have received pictures and messages from the kindergarten class at St. Joseph's school. We live at Bethany Village and love being connected with children who are among God's richest blessings. You are in our prayers, Mary and Ernie Buckley



greetings from the students at St. Joseph's. It was a wonderful gift to brighten the day for a senior citizen and let them know someone is thinking of them.

What a nice surprise the first time I received holiday -Mary-Ann Henson



I remember being greeted and it giving me a very nice feeling, putting me in the right mood to receive the Word of the Lord. So, when I had a chance to become a greeter myself, I was glad to sign up for it. It's been an amazing experience. I love watching people smile as I open doors for them. The thought that I'm helping put them in the right frame of mind as they hear the Word of the Lord is especially inspiring.

-Mark O'Keefe









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Mr. William Moser, grandfather to three of our current SJS students, recently presented an interesting astronomy program to our fifth graders. This included the students making and learning how to use a star wheel.



Congratulations to
David Kulp,
Boy Scout Troop 195
newest
Eagle Scout!

**Trinity's Spring Musical**—*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* Join the Trinity's Saint Genesius Players for their production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* on Friday, February 23, and Saturday, February 24, at 7:00 PM, and on Sunday, February 25, at 2:00 PM.

Find the ticket link on our website (thsrocks.us), Facebook page, or by emailing communications@thsrocks.us. We will have a special Showtime Scripture Study before the show on Sunday, February 25, at 1:15 PM. Principal John Cominsky will talk about the story of Joseph from a biblical perspective in Trinity's cafeteria. The event is free; donations benefit Trinity's Saint Genesius Players.



Weekly Stewardship Report: February 11, 2024	
<b>Regular Sunday Offerings:</b> Weekly Goal	\$ 28,355.00
Actual Offerings: Weekend Offerings (basket) Electronic Check - Bill Payer Online Thru WeShare	\$ 17,088.00 \$ 4,987.00 \$ 12,565.00
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Comparison Prior Year - February 12, 2023	\$ 26,944.00
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#### FRIDAY LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES

What do a Seminarian, a convert to the Catholic Faith, a 3rd grade parent, and a Bishop Emeritus all have in common? Their love of the Eucharist! In this year's Annual Lenten Speaker Series, hear from very different speakers who will share their personal story of how they have encountered God in the Eucharist in very different ways. Each week we will gather in Brindle Hall at 5:15 with a shared Lenten meal followed by the speaker and finish in time for Stations of the Cross. Please register for the dinners by emailing Becky at familyministries@stjosephmech.org or on the Saint Joseph parish website https://stjosephmech.org/lenten-supper-speaker-series

This Friday, February 23: Deacon Richard McAlister says: "I am a Transitional Deacon for the Harrisburg Diocese, currently in my last year of study at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. I am blessed to call the Cathedral as my home parish through which I entered into full communion with the Catholic Church in 2016 and most blessed to be stationed at Saint Joseph parish for my canonical assignment. For my talk I wish to reflect on "The Eucharist, is it the greatest mystery?"

Next Friday, March 1: Ann Marie Bolish

PRAYING WITH ICONS, a women's Lenten retreat, will be held in Brindle Hall from 9:00 AM to noon, Saturday, February 24. After light refreshments, Iconographer, Jody Cole, will teach us how to "read" an icon. This event is free; however, please register so we can plan refreshments accordingly. You may register by emailing Diane Freundel at dianefreundel@gmail.com or complete the information below and drop it off at the Parish Office.

Lenten Women's Retreat Registration

Name:
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In this 5-part series, you will learn how to let God, in His kindness, take you from where you are to where He wants you to be, and how to bring others with you. Tuesdays, February 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19; 7-9 PM. You don't need to attend all dates to participate.

Register at stjosephmech.org/lent or complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket at Mass.

Hearing God's Voice Tuesday Lenten Series
Name
Email
Number attending:
Feb 20 Feb 27 Mar 5
Mar 12 Mar 19

Looking for a way to serve others during LENT? Here is an idea! For several years, the Home Mission Outreach Ministry of our parish has helped provide volunteers at the Overnight Safe Haven shelter in Harrisburg and its mission; "To provide a safe, welcoming place to rest when the temperatures make it unsafe to sleep outside." There are two volunteer shift opportunities: Sunday-Thursday evenings from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM to assist staff with intake procedures and Friday and Saturday evenings from 7:00 PM-7:00 AM to stay overnight (in private sleeping area) and assist with morning routine of coffee and clean up of facility. One or two volunteers are needed for each shift, so sign up with a friend! The shelter will be open until the end of March and there is a great need of volunteers for both shifts. For more II VICKIE MYERS-MARY KAY INDEPENDENT BEAUTY CONSULTANT information about duties during each shift and how to sign up, contact Denise Sturnes, Safe Haven Program Director @ 717-364-8573, or parishioner Glenn Carnahan @ 717-580-1026



We want to be happy. That is our goal in life, but sin makes us unhappy. If we want lives of eternal happiness and peace with the Lord in Heaven, we need to orient our whole lives toward Christ. Join us on Saturday morning in Brindle Hall at 6:15 to learn how to live in a deeper understanding of the repercussions of sin. TMIY is a men's program to transform Catholic men, their families, and society. Free, hot breakfast is provided. Contact Tony Devlin at donmantho@gmail.com for information.

#### Welcoming Your Feedback!

Did you know that you can share your feedback on homilies any time? It's part of our Parish Transformation effort continually enhance our homilies so they further our mission of growing disciples for our Lord, Jesus Christ. You can submit feedback online by scanning the QR code here or by asking an usher for a printed form. We appreciate your help with this effort!





Respect Life Committee:

Information and Action on Human Trafficking February 21: Presentation

Join us on February 21 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Life and Education Center room 218 for an overview of human trafficking in Central Pennsylvania. Details at stjosephmech.org/eventsnews.

#### SAINT JOSEPH PARISH PICTURE DIRECTORY!

Our Saint Joseph Church Directory is a great way to get to know our parish family better! Adding your family photo is quick and easy to



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