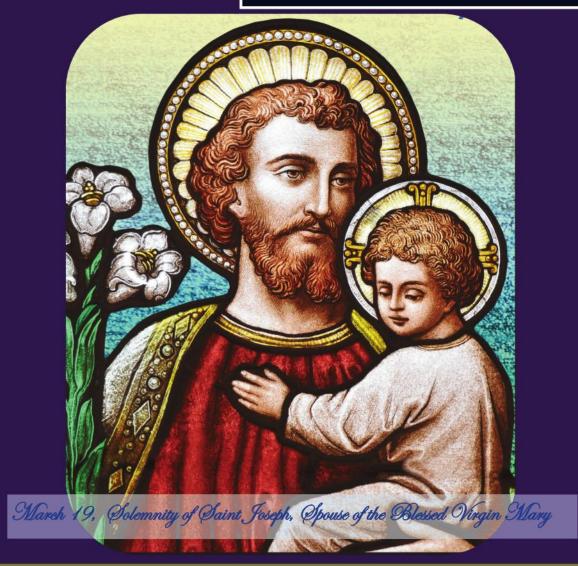
Welcome To





March 17, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Church 400 E. Simpson St. www.stjosephmech.org Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 Parish Office 717-766-9433 410 E. Simpson St. officemanager@stjosephmech.org Saint Joseph School 717-766-2564 420 E. Simpson St. www.sjsmch.org

WELCOME TO SAINT JOSEPH PARISH!

Masses and Events March 16/17

Saturday, March 16 - Vigil, Fifth Sunday of Lent

(Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33)

4:00 PM Mass - People of the Parish Living and DeceasedAfter Mass: Welcome Kiosk & Silence of Mary Collection (Narthex)

Sunday, March 17 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Mass - Pearl Hutsko (Heller)

9:30 AM RCIA (Lee Horan Rm.)

9:30 AM REP Preschool/Kindergarten (Parish Life & Ed. Ctr.) +9:45 AM Mass - Special Intention DelSanto Family (Baker)

with Childrens Liturgy of the Word

11:30 AM Mass & Third Scrutiny- † Richard Shepps (Barbush)

After Masses Welcome Kiosk (Narthex)

Silence of Mary Collection (Narthex) Coffee and Donuts (Brindle Hall) Sacrament of Baptism (Church)

2:00 PM High School Youth Ministry (Trindle Bowl)

6:00 PM Bible Study (Lee Horan Rm.)

+ American Sign Language

1:00 PM

As announced last weekend, Father Rozman is taking a medical leave effective immediately. We are very grateful that his health issues are not critical, but they do require that he take time away from his pastoral responsibilities. Together with our parish staff, Father Roth will be diligent in ensuring that the spiritual needs of our parishioners are met during this time. Should any changes be required to our schedules, we will notify everyone through our normal parish communications. Please keep Father Rozman in your prayers, entrusting his recovery to our loving God. If you would like to offer him a note or card, please send it to the parish office or drop in collection basket, and it will be forwarded to him.

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.

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 Organ/Cantor 11:30 AM Organ/Cantor

Dear Saint Joseph Parishioners:

While I am away from the parish to take care of a few health issues, please know how grateful I am for your prayers. I assure you that I will keep you in prayer as well. May God bless you always.

With love, from your Pastor, Father Rozman

This Weekend's Candle Dedications:

AMBO CANDLES: In memory of Patrick M. O'Brien on his 52nd Birthday, love from his family.

ALTAR CANDLES: Special Intention of Father Rozman.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Special Intention of Father Rozman.

TABERNACLE CANDLES: Special intention of Father Rozman.

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.

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

Phone Numbers

March 17, 2024

 Video Phone for the Deaf:
 717-610-0326

 Mass & Confession Times:
 717-766-8032

 Saint Joseph School:
 717-766-2564

 Religious Education:
 717-766-2472

Our Staff

PastorRev	erend Thomas J. Rozman
Parochial VicarR	everend Kenneth C. Roth
Deacon	Deacon Steven Auchey
Parish Manager	David Maceiko
School Principal	Rebecca Bamberger
Pastoral Musician	Justin Myers
Religious Education Coordinator	Mark Rebuck
Family Ministries Coordinator	Becky Davis
Youth/Evangelization Coordinator	Dan Menezes
Communications Coordinator	Mary Vukelich
Parish Advisory Council	pac@stjosephmech.org

Fifth Sunday of Lent



JOIN US THIS WEEK FOR MASSES AND EVENTS - MARCH 18-23, 2024

Monday, March 18 - Lenten Weekday; Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1-11)

9:00 AM	Rosary (Church)	
4:30 PM	REP First Session Grades 1-8 (Parish Life & Ed. Ctr.)	
5:50 PM	Cherub Choir Practice (Parish Life & Ed. Ctr.)	
6:30 PM	REP Second Session Grades 1-8 (Parish Life & Ed. Ctr.)	
Tuesday, March 19 - Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a)		
6:30 AM	Mass - People of the Parish Living and Deceased	
10:00 AM	Leisure Club Steering Committee Mtg. (Brindle Hall)	
7:00 PM	Tuesday Lenten Series - Hearing God's Voice (Brindle Hall)	
Wednesday, March	20 - Lenten Weekday (Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42)	
7:50 AM	Rosary (Church)	
8:30 AM	Mass - 🕆 Susan Young (McConnell)	
9:30 AM	Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)	
9:30 AM	Bible Study (Brindle Hall)	
6:00 PM	REP HS (Lee Horan Rm.)	
6:30 PM	Legion of Mary (John Paul II Rm.)	
Thursday, March	21 - Lenten Weekday (Genesis 17:-9; John 8:51-59)	
8:30 AM	Mass - Patrick O'Brien (O'Brien)	
9:30 AM	Abiding Together (John Paul II Rm.)	
10:00 AM	SJ Leisure Club Mtg. (Brindle Hall) Property	
6:00 PM	Maintenance Mtg. (John Paul II Rm.) Abiding	
7:00 PM	Together (Lee Horan Rm.)	
Friday, March 22	- Lenten Weekday (Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42)	
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Middle School Youth Ministry (Brindle Hall)

Parish Lenten Penance Service (Church)

Bible Study (Lee Horan Rm.)

Confirmation Year I (Seventh Gr) Rite of Entrance (Church)

WELCOME TO SAINT JOSEPH PARISH!

Our Hospitality Ministry is excited to connect with members of our Deaf Apostolate who are greeting at the 9:45 AM Mass this weekend and our High School Boys CYO 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 signup to greet.

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!

For Hospitality Ministry information please contact Marlene Steinour at tinysteiny75@gmail.com or 717-712-9457.



Our Parish Penance Service will be Sunday 3/24/2024 at 2:00 PM.

Fridays during Lent

Stations of the Cross at 1:20 PM & 6:30 PM 7:00 PM Holy Hour

Holv Week

Tenebrae - Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00 PM

Holy Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper Visitation following; Night Prayer at 10:30 PM

Good Friday, March 28 9:00 AM, Morning **Prayer of the Church**

3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross at the Gazebo Holy Saturday, March 30, Noon, Blessing of the Food, Midday Prayer of the Church

7:00 PM Easter Vigil Easter Sunday, 6:30 AM Sunrise Mass at Gazebo **Masses in Church:**

8:00 AM, 9:45 AM, 11:30 AM

MUSIC MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND

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

+ American Sign Language

11:30 AM

2:00 PM

2:00 PM

6:00 PM

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PARISH TRANSFORMATION

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: Respect Life Committee

In this world it is a sinful reality that some lives are treated as being worth more than others.

But the Gospel and the Catholic faith boldly proclaim a different, transcendent, and glorious truth: that the equal dignity of all human persons is God-ordained.

They also tell us that as disciples of Christ, it is our duty to promote

human dignity in every aspect of our lives and our world. We are given God's very Spirit to move our hearts with compassion and inspire us to action.

The Respect Life Committee at Saint Joseph provides a channel through which parishioners can honor human dignity. Our committee's mission statement sums this up:

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

The Respect Life Committee of Saint Joseph Parish is dedicated to prayer, education, discussion, and action in promoting the truths of the Gospel of Life. Our mission is to help our parish grow in the awareness of the sanctity of all life, from conception to natural death, and to live out the Gospel in addressing issues that compromise human dignity. We are committed to observing and promoting the social doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church.

PAST AND CURRENT INITIATIVES

- participated in the 2023 Morning Star 5K Run and Walk for Life
- coordinated visits to homebound and those in assisted living/nursing facilities
 - provided anti-abortion information in the church Narthex after Masses
 - collected record-high donations in the 2023 Baby Bottle Collection
- collected record-high donations for the 2023 Kentucky Mission Christmas Shop
- recruited 40+ volunteers to help with Walking With Moms in Need and launched the Inventory Phase of this multiyear initiative
 - hosted talk on Human Trafficking, and hosted fund raiser to help combat this problem in our area
 - hosted civil discourse workshop to help us honor human dignity and demonstrate Christian charity in our disagreements with others
 - recruited volunteers for the men's overnight shelter

UPCOMING INITIATIVES

service trip to Kentucky: informational meeting 4/10, donations collected 4/13-14 and 4/20-12, trip 5/5-10
 asylum seekers presentation by Catholic priest stationed at the Texas border: 4/24

Does anything you've read here speak to your heart? If so, join us! Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 1 at 7 PM in Brindle Hall. You can contact Deacon Auchey for more information at deaconsteven@stjosephmech.org or 766-9433.

Most importantly, we ask that you please pray for us, and for an increase in respect for the sacred gift of life!





Students recently enjoyed a visit from Maple, a two -year-old Standard Poodle, and her handler, Ms. Jamie VanMeter. Maple

is a facility dog and has been serving the students at Trinity High School since the beginning of the school year. Research has shown that facility dogs support psychological and academic growth, while increasing

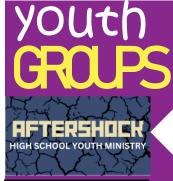
social skills and self-esteem in children and adolescents. Maple may visit our students from time-to-time...something which the students will certainly welcome! Thank you, Ms. VanMeter and Maple!



Mr. Bill Moser brought another astronomy lesson to SJS. This time, he presented a wonderful lesson on "The Solar System" to our kindergarten students. Thank you, Mr. Moser!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 3-8! Join the Saint Joseph School Track & Field Team for our spring season! Practices will start week of March 18. Please visit our athletics website for more information and to register today! stjosephmechathletics.com. If you have any questions, please contact Head Coach Jess Roman at jessroman06@gmail.com.

WERE YOU MARRIED IN 1974? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on Sunday, July 7, 2:00 PM at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. The celebrant will be Bishop Timothy C. Senior. To receive an invitation, please call the parish office at 717-766-9433, by April 5. Happy Anniversary!!!



Bring your friends!

BOWLING Today!!! March 17 2-4PM, at TRINDLE BOWL



March 24 2-4PM, Brindle Hall



Contact: Dan Menezes
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Weekly Stewardship Report: March 10, 2024 Regular Sunday Offerings: \$ 28,355.00 Weekly Goal Actual Offerings: Weekend Offerings (basket) Electronic Check - Bill Payer 16,728.00 2,722.00 Online Thru WeShare \$ 15,569.00 **Total Offerings** \$ 35,019.00 Comparison Prior Year - February 26, 2023 29,894.00 **Additional Offerings:** 1,604.00 **Easter Flowers** \$\$\$\$ Ash Wednesday 10.00 Propagation of the Faith 50.00 Black & Indian/Poor Missions 70.00 Capital Improvement 845.00

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FRIDAY LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES Email familyministries@stjosephmech.org

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 PM with a shared Lenten meal followed by the speaker and finish in time for Stations of the Cross. Register for the dinners: email Becky familyministries@stjosephmech.org or on our website: stjosephmech.org/lenten-supper-speaker-series

Join us this Friday, March 22

The 2024 Men's Conference is Saturday, April 20. Bring your fathers, your sons, your brothers, your cousins, your friends, your coworkers, and join us for "Saint Joseph: The Carpenter's Table," featuring Jon Leonetti. If any special accommodations are needed, please contact Marianne Weltmer at 717-657-4804 ext. 322 or email: mweltmer@hbgdiocese.org. Please make requests by March 20. Register: hbgdiocese.org/mens-conference-online-registration.

Bishop Senior has named our own John Messinger among the 2024 Lorica Award winners. The Lorica Award is bestowed upon those individuals who have contributed to the life of the Church and the wider community through parish work, Catholic education, liturgical ministries, and charitable outreach. The Lorica Awards ceremony will be held on Sunday, March 17 at 4:00 PM at Saint Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg. All are welcomed to attend this event with light refreshments to follow in Saint Joseph Hall of the Cathedral Education Center. Free parking will be available in the South Street Garage.

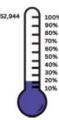
Home Mission Outreach News!! We are delighted to be returning to Eastern Kentucky for our first work trip in several years on May 5-10, 2024! Projects are in the works and we are looking forward to sharing our ministry with fellow parishioners. We will be adding additional information in the bulletin in the coming weeks. But if you are interested in learning more about our work, accommodations, travel etc. – and we hope you are! Please contact us. We will be happy to answer any questions you have. In the meantime, please pray for the people of Eastern Kentucky and our opportunity to be of service those most in need. We appreciate the continued support and prayers of the Saint Joseph parish community. Mary & Glenn Carnahan call or text Mary at 717-580-1647 or email mcarnahan49@gmail.com

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"Strengthened by the presence of Christ in the Eucharist, we are challenged to respond with grateful hearts to advance the mission of the church. By sharing our gifts with others, the real presence of Jesus is made visible through us." - Bishop Timothy Senior



PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR 1 NEW MEMBER

The Parish Advisory Council (PAC) serves the entire Saint Joseph parish community by working with the Pastor and Senior Leadership Team to articulate the vision for the parish's future and develop a broad strategic plan to achieve that vision. The council's efforts reflect the mission of the parish: To foster the presence of Christ and to grow disciples for our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are looking for parishioners in good standing to serve on this Council and will commit to:

- striving for a deeper relationship with Jesus; a willingness to share faith with others; being open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit; growing in knowledge and love of Scripture and knowing the basics of our Catholic theology; a daily prayer life; participating in the Sunday Eucharist; a willingness to serve in parish ministries:

- a willingness to serve in parish ministries; forming real Christian community among all who belong to Saint Joseph Parish;
- attending the monthly Saturday PAC meetings.

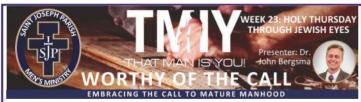
If you or someone you know fits this description, please submit a Nomination Form. Forms are available at the Welcome Kiosk in the church, at stjosephmech.org/council-member-nominations, and at the parish office. The nomination deadline is April 30, 2024.

Please direct any questions to pac@stjosephmech.org.

Thank you!!

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.



Join That Man Is You on Saturday morning in Brindle Hall at 6:15 as Dr. John Bergsma shows us how the Apostle John presents what happened on Holy Thursday through his eyes, as a Jewish person would view it. The Last Supper Jewish community rituals foreshadow how we are fulfilling Jeremiah's prophecy today. 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.

HERSHEY PARK DISCOUNT TICKETS **AVAILABLE**

PLACE ORDER BY 4/19







Scan the QR Code for the **Ticket Order Form!**

Ticket order forms are also available at the Parish Office.

Any questions, please call us 717-766-9433!





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 do. It is safe and secure and for our

parishioners only. Only the information you add, is what is visible to our parish. Scan the QR code to get started: You will use your email address you gave when you registered with the parish. CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app. To view our directory on your phone, simply go to the App Store, search for Instant Church Directory and download the FREE app to begin. If you need assistance, call the parish office: 717-766-9433.

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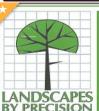
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