

St. Joseph Catholic Church



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St. Joseph is a Tithing Parish

God's Plan for Giving

In return for the Lord's generosity,
our people returned to God the following:

Sunday Collection: \$3,159.00
Repair & Maintenance: \$801.00

The Parish Office will be closed
Monday, May 30th Memorial Day

Second Collections

June – Father's Day
June 5 – Education & Care of Future Priests
June 12 – Our Faith, Our Future
June 12 – Missionary Cooperative Program
June 19 – Catholic Communication Campaign
June 26 – Repair & Maintenance

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., May 21th
4:00 PM

Henry Stewart
Paul Stewart

Sun., May 22nd

8:00 AM

Sixth Sunday of Easter
St. Rita of Cascia
People of the Parish

11:00 AM

Closing of CCD
CCD Students & Teachers

Mon., May 23rd
9:00 AM

Ardith Browne
Her husband Ross

Tues., May 24th
9:00 AM

Blessings for Mothers

Wed., May 25th
6:00

Vigil Mass for Ascension
Dorothy Diehl
Marion & Tom Lang

Thurs., May 26th
12 Noon

Ascension of the Lord
Harry McGee
McGee Girls

Fri., May 27th
9:00 AM

St. Augustine of Canterbury
Blessings for Mothers

Sat., May 28th
4:00 PM

Blessings for Mothers

Sun., May 29th

8:00 AM

11:00 AM

Seventh Sunday of Easter

People of the Parish

Blessings for Mothers



All weekend and weekday Masses will be held
at the Church on Broadway with the exception of
the Sunday 11 o'clock Mass, which will continue to
be held at the Parish Center.

From Your Pastor.

Last week Our Lord spoke to us of a New Commandment, Love One and Other as I have loved You. Consider how much Jesus loves us. Beyond words, only in the image of Christ Crucified do we have some idea of how much He loves us. This week as we prepare for Ascension Thursday, the Lord speaks of leaving us with the gift of His peace, not the peace that the world gives but as He gives the peace He received from the Father. First and foremost, His peace is found in giving up His will for the sake of the will of the Father. This is the reason the world does not have a strong sense of enduring peace; the world seeks its own will over and against the will of God and then expects to be satisfied with 'fake peace'.

The Lesson from the Acts of the Apostles shows us that the Church was almost divided and separated over the issue of circumcision of adult Gentile converts. It almost pulled the newly born body of Christ, the Church apart. It was the First Ecumenical Council in Jerusalem that kept us together, and it was the humility of St. James, the head of the Church of Jerusalem, to defer to Peter and to accept the will of the council rather than his own will that saved the day. Here we have the first of many examples throughout Church history that the Holy Spirit speaks through the unity of the bishops to preserve unity and peace in the Universal Church.

Peace is not a feeling or a mood, it is a deliberate choice of the will, to humble oneself before the will of God and to take the peace that God has given and to share that peace with others. Consider the well-known and beloved Prayer of St Francis, "Make me an instrument of your peace."

Fr. John D. Hoba



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Some men informed the Gentiles that they must be circumcised if they wished to be saved, because of the Old Laws. Disciples then went forth to tell the Gentiles to honor only those rules which were strictly necessary, such as abstaining from eating meat sacrificed to idols and illicit sexual union.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John depicts Jerusalem coming out of heaven, sparkling with the radiance of precious jewels. Angels were stationed at each of its twelve gates, and each gate bore the name of one tribe of Israel. The city had no temple, because God was its temple. The glory and light of God and the Lamb also replaced their need for the sun.

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Jesus tells his disciples, "Anyone who loves me will be true to my word." For those who do honor his word, both Jesus and God will love them and stay with them always. He also tells them that God will send the Holy Spirit in his place to give them the instructions they will need. Jesus then tells them that peace is his farewell gift to them.

MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

—St. Francis of Assisi

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember those who are sick
in your prayers, especially:

Dolores Caicco	Don Schantz
Andrew Mikowski	Bernice Yocum
Vickie Youmans	Charlotte Farrell
Erma Dominick	Dave Moser
Connie Buehler	Joan Rudolff
Judy Reese	Bob Bender
Luke Boyd	Christine Koons
Michael McHale	Diane Sykes
John Heimbach	Dave Machamer
Enza Welker	Gloria Reeder
Louise Wilver	Vince Emery

Please contact the church office (email, call or place a note in the collection basket) if you would like to have a name added to the prayer list. The names appearing on the list are to be on for two months. You are welcome to have a name reinstated. Please spell the person's name and include your name with the request.

ST. JOE VOLUNTEER JOBS AVAILABLE

If you can help, please call or email the office, or put a note in the collection basket.

We are looking for someone to take our recycling to the recycling center – once a month after a fundraiser. The materials are separated at the Parish Center.

We are also looking for someone to take the inventory of products needed for our fundraisers. We have inventory sheets. The job will require about two hours each month – except during Fish Dinner time – then inventory should be taken every two weeks. Sheets will be submitted to the office staff for ordering.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 9:30-3:30

Wednesday 9:00-12:00

If you would like to make an announcement in the bulletin, please contact the office via phone message, email or note in the collection basket.

*Happy May Birthday
Marie Luzenski*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 22, 2022-Last Day of CCD
May 30, 2022-Memorial Day
Mass at the Cemetery 10 AM
June 5, 2022- First Holy Communion
June 18, 2022-Chinese Auction
June 19, 2022-Father's Day
July 30, 2022-Chicken Bar-B-Q
August 4, 2022-Emmitsburg Pilgrimage
September 10, 2022-Harvest Festival
September 17, 2022-Harvest Festival
October 8, 2022-Rosary Rally
October 14, 2022-Filled Chicken Breast Dinner
October 21, 2022-Rummage Sale
October 22, 2022-Rummage Sale
November 11, 2022-Filled Pork Chop Dinner

SUPPORTING THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL

2022 Missionary Cooperative Program
Collection June 11 & 12

It seems hard to believe that there are still billions of people who have not yet heard the "Good News" of Jesus. That is why the Pontifical Mission Aid Societies exist in the Church: namely, to promote mission awareness among the baptized and support for the spread of the Gospel.

The Diocese of Harrisburg has been blessed with generous and faithful people who respond with sacrificial generosity to these mission aid societies. Since the Missions Office began in the diocese in 1924, countless missionaries have benefited from the prayers and support offered year after year. Thank you for answering the call to the 'missionary spirit' through your support of this holy work of the Church.

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

May 21st

Bishop Ronald Gainer celebrated the Ordination to the Diaconate this Saturday. The Mass can be viewed on the Diocese of Harrisburg's YouTube channel: youtube.com/hbgdiocese

POPE FRANCIS HAS ASKED US TO PRAY IN MAY FOR FAITH-FILLED YOUNG PEOPLE

We pray for all young people called to live life to the fullest. May they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generate, and the dedication to service.

2022 CHINESE AUCTION



We will be having the Chinese Auction this year. The date is Saturday, June 18th. Contact Harriet Moore. Her new phone number is 570-412-3769. She no longer has a land line.

You can help by donating cash and Harriet will purchase items for a

basket. Or you can donate a gift card. You might ask a local business owner if she/he would donate a gift certificate if you would purchase one!!

Don't wait until the last minute. 😊

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Harriet Moore is organizing for a Fall Rummage Sale. The tentative dates are October 21st & 22nd. Contact Harriet if you have items to drop off. Her new phone number is 570-412-3769. She no longer has a land line.

Congratulations Madeline Bramble

Madeline was presented with the Red Rose Award for her work as chapter historian of the Sigma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society. The society promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

PARISH CEMETERY UPDATE



Several tombstones in our cemetery are in need of repair – they are off of their bases, or they have sunken. The gentleman who is working on the project has completely removed the foundation of five of the problem stones and poured new foundations. He will reset those five shortly.

He will tackle five more stones in two months, and then he will work again next Spring. We have received a donation to complete these repairs. Repairs such as this are never paid through Perpetual Care.

SAINTS WHO WERE MOTHERS

Saint Helen

Helen was a British princess. She became a Christian late in life. Her son was Constantine, the first Christian Emperor. It was the faith and piety of his mother that made him become a Christian. Helen used her wealth for charity and to build churches. When Constantine planned to build a church on Mount Calvary, Helen made a journey to Jerusalem, hoping to find the Holy Cross upon which Christ died.

Three crosses were found, and they were brought before a woman who had an incurable disease. When the third cross touched her, she was cured. With great joy, the holy Empress began to build a glorious church on Mount Calvary in which she placed the precious relic of the true Cross.

Copied from the Book of Saints, Part 4 by Father Lovasik, SVD

UPCOMING EVENT



YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

ONE CHURCH, ONE FAMILY

MAY 27 - MAY 29

Calling all young adults – join us this spring for *One Church, One Family*. This retreat for young adults (20s and 30s, married or single) includes daily Mass, Adoration, Confession, group discussions, fellowship, and praise and worship.

Place: Christian Retreat Center,
369 CRC Drive, East Waterford, PA

**Cabin Cost (includes meals,
must provide own linens, towels, etc.):**
\$95

Lodge Costs (includes meals, hotel style room):
\$130

Meals included:

Saturday – Breakfast, lunch, and dinner
Sunday – Brunch

For questions, please contact:

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If finances are a concern, please contact Jim Gontis,
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