

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: \$2,716.00

Repair & Maintenance: \$880.00

Second Collections

August 28 – Love of Neighbor

August 28 – John Paul Kasperowicz Collection for
feeding the hungry

Our condolences to the Family of Barbara Swartz.

Barbara died peacefully Saturday, August 13th, and
she was buried Wednesday, August 17th
in our cemetery.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Aug 20th
4:00 PM

Saint Bernard
Rita & Harold Prentiss
Vicki & Joe Youmans

Sun., Aug. 21st
8:00 AM

St. Pius X
Viola Barsis
Carole & Ed Barsis

11:00 AM

Eleanor Poponiak on her 93rd
Birthday by her daughters

Mon., Aug. 22nd

9:00 AM

*Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*
Nancy & Joe Maturani
By Helen Gallagher

Tues., Aug. 23rd
9:00 AM

Saint Rose of Lima
Special Intentions of Mike
Seksinsky by Ruth & Jim

Wed., Aug. 24th
6:00 PM

Saint Bartholomew
Bishop Gainer
on his 75th Birthday

Thurs., Aug. 25th

9:00 AM

*Saint Louis,
Saint Joseph Calasanz*
People of the Parish

Fri., Aug. 26th
9:00 AM

Gene Caicco
by His wife Carolyn

Sat., Aug 27th
4:00 PM

Saint Monica
Ron Toczek for his 70th
Birthday. Thank God for
His many blessings.
by Ron's Family

Sun., Aug. 28th

8:00 AM

*Twenty-second Sunday in
Ordinary Time*
Eleanor Valushin &
Madeline Zimmerman
by Vicki & Joe Youmans

11:00 AM

Giovanni Bua
by Enza Bua

From Your Pastor.

It is Monday AM, August 15, as I write my column. Today on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The holy rosary managed to make morning new on Fox News. Rachel Campos Duffy came to the defense of the rosary after *The Atlantic's* Daniel Panneton attacked what he claimed was the weaponization of the rosary by radical traditional Catholics. Now here is an unexpected grace. On Our Lady's feast, national news is giving some notice to the rosary. Too much to say, but all this fits into the context of this past Sunday's Gospel, the fact that Jesus wishes to set the world on fire. His followers will be hated by the world and those of the prince of this world. It is not the rosary but the Lord Himself Who has declared war against evil. His Mother, the Queen of Heaven, is a warrior queen, who has led many a battle for the Lord. Yes, I am proud to carry a rosary and to say the rosary against the powers of this world.

Whenever totalitarian regimes take over mind control, they always attack religion, especially the Catholic Church. As it was in the past so it is now until the end of time, what is of God will be attacked as evil and what is evil in God's sight will be lifted up as being good. The devil is a liar and a murderer from the beginning. We must expect these attacks and be proud of our Holy Mother's weapon against evil.

A very big THANK YOU to all who made the Vigil Mass a great honor for God. The bishop was thankful and appreciated our sign of faith. You made it happen, I will offer Mass for you hard workers, as you blessed the Lord may the Lord bless you.

Fr. John D. Hoke



The Feast of Saint Pius X is August 21st. His beautiful window in our church was donated in memory of former Parishioner Carl Stitley. Carl was a Staff Sergeant in the United States Army. He was killed in action on March 21, 1968 in Vietnam on his second tour of duty.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Isaiah portrays a time when people from many nations will gather in Jerusalem and proclaim God's glory. God's messengers will teach many nations about God. Just as the Israelites bring offerings, these messengers will bring people from all nations to worship.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

The Hebrews are told that God disciplines those he loves. When a parent disciplines a child, the child usually learns what is expected of him. The Hebrews are encouraged to face life's trials as a form of discipline and attempt to learn something from them.

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Jesus warns that the door to God's kingdom will be locked for those who ignored his wishes. Many people will come from all nations and take their place in God's kingdom. Others will not be recognized by God, and he will reject them.

AUGUST 27TH AND 28TH HAPPENINGS

We will be welcoming back John Paul Kasperowicz to our church on August 27th & 28th. John Paul will be part of the music ministry, and he will talk about his farming mission to feed the hungry at the weekend Masses.

Café St. Joe will be open at the 8:00 and 11:00 Masses. John Paul will be available to share a cup of coffee and answer any questions you may have concerning his mission. Please stop by the Café for a cup of coffee and a bite to eat. Enjoy the company of our fellow parishioners.

CCD registration will be held after all the Masses the weekend of August 27th and 28th. There will be an Open House in the CCD hallway following the 11 o'clock Mass.

Happy August Birthday
Paul Boiardi

APOLOGIES TO JULIO BELLIDO.

We used Julio's photos of the Emmitsburg Pilgrimage in last week's bulletin, not Julia's!

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember those who are sick
in your prayers, especially:

Dolores Caicco	Lew Bogle
Andrew Mikowski	Bernice Yocum
Vickie Youmans	Charlotte Farrell
Alfred Wilver	Dave Moser
Connie Buehler	Joan Rudloff
Judy Reese	Bob Bender
Luke Boyd	Christine Koons
Michael McHale	Mike Walter
John Heimbach	Helen Choplick
Enza Welker	Gloria Reeder
Dashawnda Russell	Patricia Starcher

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 27&28, 2022-CCD Registration
August 27&28, 2022-John Paul Kasperowicz Visit
August 28, 2022- Café St. Joe
at the 8:00 & 11:00 Masses
September 9, 2022-Make Apple Dumplings
September 10, 2022-Harvest Festival Stand
September 16, 2022-Make Apple Dumplings
September 17, 2022-Harvest Festival Stand
September 17, 2022-Quilt Drawing
September 24, 2022-300 Club Drawing
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

We will once again have a stand at the Milton Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 10th and Saturday September 17th. We will sell **Walking Tacos** and **Apple Dumplings**. Sign up sheets for two-hour shifts are on the bulletin boards in the rear of the church and the Parish Center hallway. Please consider helping. It is a fun time.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 9:30-3:30

Wednesday 9:00-12:00

Office Phone: (570) 742-4356

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 Birthday Eleanor Poponiak August 22nd



she is working in Human Resources. Below is one of her letters.



Hello, Eleanor, Ma'am! I just wanted to let you know that, as of yesterday, July 25, 2022, I officially received my Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Human Resource Management from college. If it weren't for you, I wouldn't know where I am now. My parents and I want to thank you and your family for the assistance you provided to me. We appreciate your love and support ever since we first connected with the help of the *Unbound* (CFCA) organization, formerly known as the St. Joseph Foundation. I appreciate the cards, letters, and presents you never ceased to send me on any occasion. I hope you lead the finest life possible and that both you and your daughters are in good health. God bless and always take care of yourself. I love you.

Submitted by Eleanor's daughter Jody.

BISHOP GAINER'S VISIT TO ST. JOSEPH, MILTON

August 13, 2022

In recent years, the metal portico over the Broadway entrance to our church began to leak. Right before the pandemic, it was removed, and plans were drawn up to build a covering that would give the Parishioners a little more protection from the elements. Completion was stalled first because the pandemic shut construction down, then our contractor got sick, then getting materials was difficult and expensive. We finally have a beautiful front entry to our church.



Deacon Tom Lang, Father John Hoke, Bishop Ronald Gainer await the ceremonies in front of the new Broadway entrance.



Bishop Gainer blessing the new construction.

Brian Schaffer received his First Holy Communion at this Mass.



Brian and his Mother present the Offertory gifts.



The Schaffers: Mom Janine, little brother Jack, Brian, Dad Brian, Father Hoke and Bishop Gainer



Saturday morning began with two visitors that we had to "get rid of" – 2 skunks!!



Animals have been regular visitors!



Vince sets traps, and then takes them to the country to release the "catch". So far we have caught a groundhog, a squirrel, an opossum and the two skunks!

At the left is Vince ready to remove the two skunks. His partner in crime – Fr Hoke was dressed in shorts & a t-shirt.

Aren't we lucky to have Vince!

Prep began a month ago for Bishop Gainer's visit to St. Joe's, and Romeo & Mateo helped with the last minute setup on Friday



Gio Custodio and Tyler Murray prepare to carry the Bishop's Mitre (headgear) and Crosier (staff). Louise Cromley and Ella Swanger were altar servers.

Our Choir graced us with:
Prelude-On the Lips of an Angel
Entrance-The God of All Grace
Offertory-The Lord is My Light
Communion-Gift of Finest Wheat
Meditation-How Beautiful
Exit-Lift High the Cross