

St. Joseph Catholic Church

My concern is not whether God is
on our side; my greatest concern is
to be on God's side,
for God is always right.

Abraham Lincoln

Happy Presidents Day

Steppes of Faith

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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: \$4,024.00

Poor Missions: \$895.00

Second Collections

February 19, 2023 – Our Faith, Our Future

February 26, 2023 – Repair & Maintenance

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week
for the Deceased Members
of the Chiccino Family.*

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Feb. 18th

4:00 PM

MaryAnn Wertz Carter
by Amy & Willis Beaver

Sun., Feb. 19th

8:00 AM

*Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time*
People of the Parish

11:00 AM

Bud Basler
by the Choplick Family

Mon., Feb. 20th

9:00 AM

Presidents' Day
Bonnie Kauffman
by the Choplick Family

Tues., Feb. 21st

9:00 AM

St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Martyr
Susana Ramirez
by her son Rafael Ramirez



Wed., Feb. 22nd

12:00 Noon

Ash Wednesday
Bonnie Kauffman
by Bonnie & Tony Lupo

6:00 PM

Richard Krakovitz
by Mary Emery &
Joan Hendricks

Thurs., Feb. 23rd

9:00 AM

St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr
Larry Russel
by Bonnie & Tony Lupo

Fri., Feb. 24th

9:00 AM

Connie Buehler

Sat., Feb. 25th

4:00 PM

Elizabeth & Rudolf Muscarella
by Frank Muscarella Family

Sun., Feb. 26th

8:00 AM

First Sunday of Lent
David Zardus
by Amy & Willis Beaver

11:00 AM

People of the Parish

From Your Pastor.

This Sunday we will celebrate **Ordinary Time** for the last time until the end of the Lenten/Easter Season, 14 Sundays from now. This green time, Ordinary Time, is to help us to ponder the mystery of salvation proclaimed in our creed and celebrated in our sacraments, so as to live it day by day in our ordinary lives. This Sunday gives us the most difficult commandment to love our enemies and to pray for our persecutors, that we might truly become children of our heavenly Father. It is like reaching the top of the mountain peak and going the last most stressful difficult steps to the goal, to the glory of eternal life.

To do this we need to be disciples who take every advantage to be as close as we can to the Lord Jesus, to study Him, contemplate Him and worship Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Please open your hearts to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and spend time during our parish 24 hours of adoration.

If you have need for new forms to fill in for your commitment, the forms are available in the back of the church. We begin adoration Monday the 27th. We need your help, God Bless You.

Fr. John D. Hoke

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration will be held each Monday at St. Joseph's Church beginning, February 27th. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 9 o'clock Mass, and the Eucharist will remain on the altar until

Benediction immediately preceding Tuesday morning's Mass. Sign up sheets are also posted on the bulletin boards.



CONFESSIONS

At the Church
Saturday from 3:15-3:45
before the 4 o'clock Mass.
Sunday from 7:15-7:45
before the 8 o'clock Mass.
Or by Appointment

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

The Lord urges Moses to tell the Israelite Community to love their neighbors as themselves. They should bear no grudge or hatred against another.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Paul, once again, reminds the Corinthians that they are the temple of God, and, as such, must avoid internal disputes and wrangling. He tries to make them realize that they belong to Christ and that the Spirit of God dwells within them.

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

In this part of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to do an extraordinary thing — to love their enemies and to pray for their oppressors. He reminds them that there is nothing laudatory in loving those who love them for even the “pagans” do this. He urges them to “turn the other cheek” and to “walk the extra mile.”

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

In Pew Solicitation in March



The Diocesan Annual Campaign provides resources, expertise, guidance and support for more than 90 ministries and programs throughout the 15 counties of the Diocese of Harrisburg.

Gifts from donors like you sustain, expand and support our ongoing evangelization efforts, provide continuing education programs for our Catholic schools and Religious Education programs, seminarians, clergy and permanent deacons, and investments in pro-life activities.

Now, more than ever, the programs and ministries that received funding from the Diocesan Annual Campaign need your prayers and steadfast support. Your gift, no matter the size, truly makes a difference. On behalf of those who benefit from our ministries, please accept our heartfelt appreciation and deep gratitude.

<https://www.hbgdiocese.org/diocesan-annual-campaign>

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember those who are sick
in your prayers, especially:

Bob Bender	Malyssa Lenig
John Bender	Sue Lindner
Lew Bogle	Marie Luzenski
Luke Boyd	Michael McHale
Dolores Caicco	Andrew Mikowski
Leslie Cameron	Dave Moser
Helen Choplick	Melinda Oliveri
Ronan Erb	Mary Ruth Palmer
Irene Hamilton	Gloria Reeder
John Heimbach	Joan Rudloff
Cheryl Hrapowicki	Dashawnda Russell
Michael Hrapowicki	Larry Seibert
Betty Johnston	Patricia Starcher
Christine Koons	Enza Welker
Margaret Helen Koons	Vickie Youmans
Andria Laurence	Andrea Rae Young

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.

EASTER EGG HUNT



We are asking for donations of individually wrapped candy - candy that will fit into a plastic egg. And we need donations of plastic eggs. Please drop off donations at the CCD office at the Parish Center, or the box marked Easter Egg Hunt Donation in the back of the Church.

Thank You from Tony Lupo

Tony would like to thank all who sent him cards, prayers and well wishes following his back surgery in January. He is well on his way to recovery.

PARISH COUNCIL REQUEST

The Parish Council is seeking interested parishioners to fill several vacancies to address Evangelization, Pastoral & Social Concerns and Ecumenism. You may contact Jim Seksinsky for specifics. 570-437-2992

CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN 2023

February 21, 2023 – Women's Bible Study Begins
February 22, 2023 – Ash Wednesday
February 24, 2023 – First Fish Dinner
March 16, 2023 – Parish Council Meeting
March 18, 2023 – Men's Conference
Diocesan Center, Harrisburg
March 22, 2023 – Students lead
the Stations of the Cross

WHAT IS AN ICON?

Why was the painting of St. Joseph referred to as an icon?

An **icon** is a religious work of art, most commonly a painting. It is not simply artwork; "an icon is a sacred image used in religious devotion". The most common subjects include Christ, Mary, saints and angels.

Although especially associated with portrait-style images concentrating on one or two main figures, the term also covers most of the religious images in a variety of artistic media, including narrative scenes, usually from the Bible or the lives of saints.

Icons are most commonly painted on wood panels with egg tempera.

*Happy February Birthday
Grace Bentlage - 94 years old!*

Knights of Columbus invite all area practicing Catholic men, age 18 and over to join their local council.

Exemplification of new members and current members who hold 1st & 2nd degree are invited to participate in the ceremony on Sunday, March 12, 2023, at Holy Angels Church, Kulpmont, PA starting at 1:00PM.

Revised procedures immediately take men to their 3rd degree status. Families and friends are invited to witness the ceremony. Contact any member of the K of C to register or our council email at knightsofcolumbus4824@gmail.com

We will carpool as needed for this exemplification.

LILLIAN, KAYLEE, KYRA AND BRETT JOINED OUR "YOUTH IN SERVICE."



Lillian Welker (far left) has joined our choir. She attends the 11 o'clock Mass, and she has already served as the cantor.

Kaylee & Kyra Mortimer (middle with Father Hoke) are two new altar servers.

Brett Boyd (right) joined his Grandfather Bob Engleman for his first time serving on the altar.

Kaylee, Kyra and Brett have been anxiously waiting for this opportunity to be an altar server. **Louise Cromley, Ella Swanger, Tyler Murray** and **Geo Custodio** have been altar servers for one year. Those four were called into service when Bishop Gainer visited our Parish in August 2022. **Sam Moss** is a lector at the 8 o'clock Mass. All of these students portrayed Saints in the November "Walk through the Cemetery".

(Right) After the 11 o'clock Mass, Father invited all the children in attendance to come up to view the beautiful icon of St. Joseph.



FIRST LENTEN FISH DINNER

Friday, February 24th

Our menu is breaded fish & tartar sauce, roasted potatoes, macaroni & cheese, stewed tomatoes, coleslaw, roll & dessert. Everything will be takeout, and the cost is \$14.00.



We continue to request your help with cakes – contact Tracie Leitzel tleitzel1@ptd.net AND workers Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings and Friday afternoon around 3:30. Potato peelers, we will begin at 8:00 Wednesday morning! We can always use a cleanup crew beginning at 5:00 Friday evening. To volunteer, please email annechic109@gmail.com or call the Office 570-742-8425.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 9:30-3:30

Wednesday 9:00-12:00

Office Phone: (570) 742-4356



CATHOLIC GROUP CRUISE TO ALASKA

July 2-9, 2023

For more information and group rate call Shelly at Dream Born Travel 407-901-0190.



CATHOLIC CONNECTION IN THE SUPER BOWL

The game-winning kick in Super Bowl LVII was made by a Catholic, who later gave credit to his teammates and glory to God. The 27-year-old is outspoken about his Catholic faith.

Many on social media were quick to point out that during the game, Harrison Butker was wearing what appeared to be a brown scapular around his neck. A *scapular* is a sacramental that anyone can wear as a sign of their consecration to Mary.