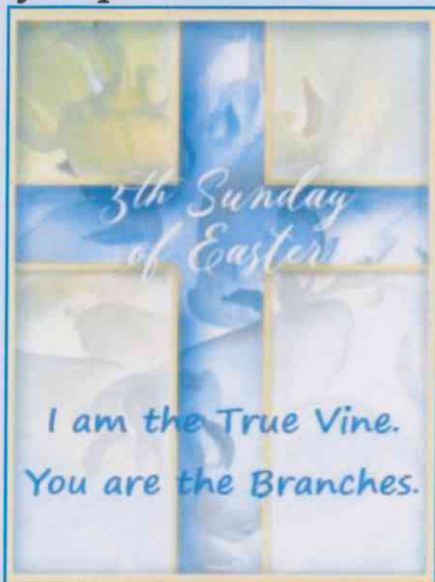


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St. Joseph is a Tithing Parish

God's Plan for Giving

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

Sunday Collection: \$3,381.00

Catholic Home Missions: \$941.00

Second Collections

May 7 – Our Faith, Our Future

May 14 – Mother's Day Collection

May 21 – Repair & Maintenance

May 28 – Pentecost

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., May 6th

9:00 AM

First Saturday

Barbara Sforza

4:00 PM

Vincenzo Viterbo

by his daughter Giusi Viterbo

Sun., May 7th

8:00 AM

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Lola Benoit

by Margaret Cochran

11:00 AM

People of the Parish

Mon., May 8th

9:00 AM

Erik Sutherland

by her aunt Donna Reid

Tues., May 9th

9:00 AM

Cheryl Ann Prosseda

Wed., May 10th

6:00 PM

St. John of Avila, Priest

St. Damien de Veustro, Priest

Paul Boiardi

by Vickie & Joe Youmans

Thurs., May 11th

9:00 AM

Mary & Paul Morba

by their daughter Marie Lindner

Fri., May 12th

9:00 AM

Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs

St. Pancras, Martyr

Mary "Grace" Bentlage

Sat., May 13th

4:00 PM

Our Lady of Fatima

People of the Parish

Sun., May 14th

8:00 AM

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Lola Benoit

by Margaret Cochran

11:00 AM

Paul Boiardi

by Carole & Ed Barsis

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



24-hour Eucharistic Adoration is held each Monday at St. Joseph's Church following the 9 o'clock Mass, and the Eucharist will remain on the altar until Benediction immediately preceding Tuesday morning's Mass.

*Come enjoy some time
visiting with the Lord.*

From Your Pastor,

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in Me. In My father's house there are many dwelling places.... And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to Myself, so that where I am you also might be."

Here we have another incredible reflection on the power of the risen Lord, see how His gloried body is also a living temple, a dwelling place not only for Him but also for us. In eternal life we will receive a new body made in the likeness of Christ's glorified body, but this new body is also attached to and a beautiful addition to the Father's house. It is made by Jesus for us to dwell in and to be with Him and for Him to be with us. Let your imagination run wild in trying to imagine the incredible dwelling place He is preparing for us. Your imagination is incapable of adequately envisioning the wonder of our eternal dwelling.

In our Lord's Day, a Jewish man who became engaged would leave his bride-to-be and go to this father's house and there he would prepare an addition for his wife and new family. It was the father who would check out the new construction and give his approval and have his son then get his bride and bring her into the father's house.

Easter is more than just the mystery of the Lord returning from the dead, it is the glorious mystery of Christ returning to make us members of His royal priesthood, His kingdom of priests, all dwelling together in peace and harmony in the new temple of God, the Father's House. May the wedding feast of the Lamb begin!

Fr. John D. Hoke

OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 9:30-3:30

Wednesday 9:00-12:00

Office Phone: (570) 742-4356



If a member of your family (or if you hear a Parishioner) is hospitalized or moves to an Assisted Living or Rehab facility, please notify us. We would love to support the person with prayers, cards and/or visits.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

The early Christian community choose seven people to serve at table so that the Twelve can devote themselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19

The Lord is merciful toward those who trust in him.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

Those who have faith are chosen in Christ to be a holy priesthood.

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-12

Jesus tells his disciples,
"I am the way and the truth and the life."



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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

God Bless You, one and all who come to Mass and Adoration, Monday 9 AM to Tuesday 9 AM. My hope and prayers are that all who are able to do so will be of generous heart and spend time with the Lord in Adoration. It would be helpful to have prayer partners for each of the hours. Please check the list and fill in where you can do so. We need help especially on Monday morning 10:30-12 noon, Monday afternoon from 3-4, Monday evening 9-10 and Tuesday morning 4-5 AM.

REASON TO SPEND ONE HOUR WITH JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

If the Pope himself would give you a special invitation to visit him in the Vatican, this honor would be nothing in comparison to the honor and dignity that Jesus himself bestows upon you with the invitation of spending one hour with him in the Blessed Sacrament. "The divine Eucharist bestows upon the Christian people the incomparable dignity." -Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*

MEET OUR NEW BISHOP

The Reverend Timothy C. Senior



Bishop Senior was ordained an Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia in July 2009. He is currently Regional Bishop of Montgomery County and Philadelphia-South, as well as Chancellor of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. Prior to assuming these responsibilities, Bishop Senior served as Rector of St.

Charles Borromeo Seminary from 2012 to 2022, after having been the Moderator of the Curia of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from 2009 to 2012. He served as Vicar for Clergy from 2004 to 2009. From 1992 to 2004, Bishop Senior served in the Archdiocesan Secretariat for Catholic Human Services, both as Deputy Secretary and then Secretary.

A 1977 graduate of Lansdale Catholic High School in Lansdale, Pa., Bishop Senior is a classically trained pianist and the youngest of the three children of the late James H. and Elise Rothwell Senior. He was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 1985. He earned a Masters of Divinity and Master of Arts in Theology from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, served as an assistant pastor at a parish in Bucks County and taught religion in an Archdiocesan high school. He was then assigned to graduate studies at Boston College, earning his Masters in Social Work and Masters in Business Administration in 1992.

In 1998, he was named Honorary Chaplain to His Holiness, and in 2005, he was named a Prelate of Honor. In 2009, Bishop Senior was appointed Titular Bishop of Floriana and Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, and was ordained a Bishop on July 31, 2009 by Cardinal Justin Rigali.

A DIVINE MERCY MOMENT

During the press conference, the bishops revealed that the phone call accepting Bishop Gainer's resignation and announcing Bishop Senior's appointment came from the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Christophe Pierre on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16.

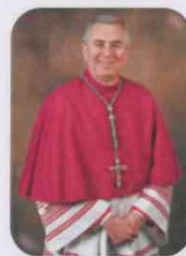
"The feast of Divine Mercy will forever have a new significance for me," Bishop Gainer remarked.

Bishop Senior said he spent time before the Blessed Sacrament after accepting the appointment.

"It's one of those moments where you go before the Lord. It's difficult sometimes to find the words. You need to just sit and rest for a moment before the amazing truth of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist," he said.

"A tremendous sense of peace descended upon me. I'm so grateful for that," he continued. "The truth and the peace came upon me as I called to mind the words of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 'O Blood and Water, which gushed from the Heart of Jesus as Fount of mercy for us, I trust in you.' This is the Jesus whom we proclaim, the Jesus who we trust, and who gives meaning and purpose to our lives."

BISHOP GAINER'S FUTURE



In keeping with canon law, Bishop Gainer offered his resignation to Pope Francis when he turned 75 years of age last August. He will serve as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese until Bishop-designate Senior's Mass of Installation, June 21 at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Harrisburg.

Bishop Gainer introduced Bishop Senior during the press conference, and said the occasion marked the first time since 1971 that a bishop is retiring from the Diocese of Harrisburg. Installed for our local Church in 2014, Bishop Gainer plans to remain in the Diocese as our Bishop Emeritus.

"Today is certainly a joyous day for the clergy, religious and laity of our Diocese and for the members of our Diocesan staff, and for me personally," Bishop Gainer said of the appointment.

"I've known Bishop Senior for more than 25 years, and I have full confidence that he will be a caring, faithful shepherd who will speak the truth with love and conviction, leading the Diocese of Harrisburg as a true successor of the apostles," he said.

"I am very grateful to our Holy Father Pope Francis for sending to the Diocese of Harrisburg a man devoted to living the demands of the Gospel," Bishop Gainer said. "As we enter this new chapter in the history of our Diocese, I do so with the confidence that the offices of teaching, sanctifying and shepherding within our local Church are in the very best hands."

Copied from the Catholic Witness, April 27, 2023

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember Those Who Are Sick
In Your Prayers, Especially:

Pat Behan	Marie Lindner
Bob Bender	Sue Lindner
John Bender	Marie Luzenski
Luke Boyd	Michael McHale
Dolores Caicco	Andrew Mikowski
Leslie Cameron	Dave Moser
Helen Choplick	Mary Ruth Palmer
Tony Contino	Eleanor Poponiak
Elaine Cook	John Preyer
Mike Enright	Gloria Reeder
Ronan Erb	Joan Rudloff
Giovanna Fanella	Dashawnda Russell
Irene Hamilton	Larry Seibert
John Heimbach	Donald Stark
Betty Johnston	Patricia Starcher
Christine Koons	Diane Sykes
Margaret Koons	Enza Welker
Nicole Lamprinos	Bill Woodling
Andria Laurence	Vickie Youmans
Malyssa Lenig	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.

Eleanor Poponiak came home April 24, and she would like to thank all the parishioners who sent cards and called to wish her well.

FILLED PORK CHOP DINNER

Friday, May 12, 2023 4:00 to 6:00



It's time for another fundraising dinner. The menu will be filled pork chop, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, applesauce, roll & dessert. Cost will be \$14.00.

We will need cakes for dessert. Please contact Tracie Leitzel if you can help. tleitzell@ptd.net
We really need to know how many cakes we will have by Wednesday of that week so we can determine if we need to purchase any desserts.

CORRECTION

**We used 260 pounds of cheese
for the six Fish Dinners.**

VOLUNTEERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



The volunteer in the spotlight this month is Bob Engleman. Bob has been active in St. Joe's ever since he joined our church.

Look at this picture of Bob – the Eucharistic Minister – at our church picnic in the seventies. He is again a regular on the altar, and he really enjoys serving with his grandson Brett. He was a CCD instructor for the older students in the seventies, and he helped when his daughters were active in the Youth activities.



A current member of the Parish Council – working on Facilities & Grounds, Bob served many years on the Council throughout the eighties and nineties. A faithful fundraising helper, Bob and his wife Terry have been portioning the applesauce and preparing the coleslaw vegetables since our take-out dinners began, and Bob has been a server, and Terry has been a baker. In the Fall, he helped pick and husk the corn and then freeze it for our chicken and pork chop dinners.

Bob champions our *Twenty-four Hour Eucharistic Adoration* by visiting twice each week – once after midnight. He was a regular visitor at the Sts. Cyril & Methodius Adoration Chapel before the pandemic. And he supported the Sacred Heart Caring Community by writing letters to their elderly Parishioners. He is now helping to write those letters to our shutins and senior citizens, and he and Terry help preparing, packaging and delivering takeout meals to our shutins.

Bob plays the drums and sings with two local groups – *Final Cut* and *Crave*.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN 2023

May 12, 2023 – Filled Pork Chop Fundraiser
May 14, 2023 – Mother's Day
May 17, 2023 – Vigil Mass for Ascension 6:00 PM
May 18, 2023 – Ascension Thursday Mass 12 Noon
May 18, 2023 – Parish Council
May 28, 2023 – Pentecost Sunday
First Holy Communion
June 18, 2023 – Father's Day
July 29, 2023 – Chicken Bar-B-Q