

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: \$8,027.00
Pentecost Collection: \$1,327.00

Second Collections

June – Fathers' Day Remembrance
June 11 – Our Faith, Our Future
June 18 – Catholic Communications
June 25 – Repair & Maintenance

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week
for the Deceased Members
of the McHale Family
Requested by Ann & George Woodling*

Trinity Sunday

June 4, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., June 3rd	<i>First Saturday</i> <i>St. Charles Lwanga &</i> <i>Companions, Martyrs</i> All Fathers
9:00 AM	
4:00 PM	Pauline & Lucy Muscarella by Frank Muscarella Family
Sun., June 4th	<i>The Most Holy Trinity</i> Lola Benoit by Bonnie & Tony Lupo
8:00 AM	
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
Mon., June 5th	<i>St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr</i> All Mothers
9:00 AM	
Tues., June 6th	<i>St. Norbert, Bishop</i> Ann P. Emery on her 100 th Birthday requested by M. John Emery
9:00 AM	
Wed., June 7th	Ann Emery by Mary & Vincent Emery
6:00 PM	
Thurs., June 8th	Paul Boiardi by Erma & Frank Dominick
9:00 AM	
Fri., June 9th	<i>St. Ephrem, Deacon</i> All Fathers
9:00 AM	
Sat., June 10th	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Frank Povish by his Family
4:00 PM	
Sun., June 11th	<i>Corpus Christi</i> <i>The Most Holy Body & Blood</i> <i>of Christ</i> People of the Parish
8:00 AM	
11:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Brown Family by Marian & Tom Lang

Patricia Starcher died this past week.
Our condolences to her family especially
her daughter Sherry Mabus

From Your Pastor.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity, let us take a moment to thank God for revealing this great hidden mystery, that we have personal knowledge of the Three Divine Persons of the One True God.

Our Christian belief in the Holy Trinity distinguishes us from adherents to all other world religions. Hinduism is pantheistic, Buddhism agnostic. Islam and Judaism hold to mono-personal monotheism. Jews consider the Holy Trinity erroneous, and Muslims find it offensive.

Only with divine revelation through Scripture and Church Councils do we have this beautiful gift from God to know more than just things about God, to know the inner nature of God Himself.

Scripture tells us that God is "LOVE." TO LOVE IS TO GIVE ONE'S SELF TO ANOTHER. The only way God could have for all eternity, without beginning or end given Himself to Another is if there was another 'one' to give Himself to in total self-giving. The Father is the eternal giver, what He gives is the Son, and the 'personal' love between Them is the Holy Spirit. Without the three there would be no love truth gift of God Himself. All creation reflects the inner love, truth, goodness, and beauty of the Holy Trinity.

Fr. John D. Hoke



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



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.

TRINITY SUNDAY

First Reading

Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9

Moses pleads for God's mercy on Mt. Sinai.

Responsorial Psalm

Daniel 3:52-56

We praise God who is exalted above all forever.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul urges the Corinthians to live in peace with one another and with God.

Gospel Reading

John 3:16-18

God sent his Son into the world to save the world.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.*

REASON TO SPEND ONE HOUR WITH JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Jesus will bless you, your family and the whole world for this hour of faith you spend with Him in the Blessed Sacrament.

"Blessed are they who do not see and yet believe..."

"Faith can move mountains..."

"What is needed is trust..."

"Behold I come to make all things new."

John 20:29; Mark 11:23; Mark 5:36; Rev 21:5

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

God Bless You, one and all who come to Mass and Adoration, Monday 9 AM to Tuesday 9 AM. My hope and my 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 from 11-12 and Monday evening into Tuesday morning. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION May 28, 2023



LOOK AT THESE HAPPY FACES

L to R: Keismary Santiago-Rivera, Mason Mortimer, Luke Boyd, Jamison Myers, Justice Baker; Sara Mull- CCD Instructor, Father Hoke

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember Those Who Are Sick
In Your Prayers, Especially:

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN 2023

June 4, 2023 – Last Day of CCD
5th & 6th Grade Class will lead the Rosary at 10:30 at the Parish Center. Please join them.
June 18, 2023 – Father's Day
July 29, 2023 – Chicken Bar-B-Q
August 3, 2023 – Pilgrimage to Emmitsburg
September 9, 2023 – Harvest Festival
September 16, 2023 – Harvest Festival
October 13, 2023 – Filled Chicken Breast Dinner
November 10, 2023 – Filled Pork Chop Dinner



VOLUNTEER IN THE SPOTLIGHT



The volunteer in the spotlight this month is Amy Beaver. Amy has been the 5th & 6th grade CCD teacher for ten years. She established our current website, and she continues to update it weekly. Six years ago, Amy took on the responsibility of compiling the information and photos for our church directory.

In addition to these huge tasks, Amy worked with the organization of our Holiday Giving Tree. She has been a lector at the 8 o'clock Mass forever, and she is the mentor for those who would like to serve as lectors.

A one-time Parish Council member, Amy now serves on the Finance Committee. During Fish Dinner weeks, Amy works every Thursday making the coleslaw and thawing the fish and every Friday breading the fish and prepping the tomatoes. And on Chicken & Pork fundraisers she helps with the morning prep. Then she comes back and purchases nine or ten dinners for family and friends.

Amy is also a member of our shut-in takeout meal committee. For each meal she helps to package and then deliver the meals. Thank you, Amy Beaver for your untiring service.

Happy Birthday
Erma Dominick

OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 9:30-3:30

Wednesday 9:00-12:00

Office Phone: (570) 742-4356

A DAY OF RECOLLECTION/ RETREAT

June 24, 2023 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Christ the King Mission Church in Benton

Spiritual presentations, Mass, Confession, Lunch and More. Father Andrew St. Hilaire will be the presenter. The sponsor of the event is the Secular Carmelite Order of the Discalced Carmelite Community of the Blessed Virgin of Mt. Carmel and St. Joseph of Danville.

Register by June 18th. Cost is \$20.00

Email mbcort88@gmail.com or

Call Mary at (570) 205-2100 or

Call Sheila at (570) 274-2366

CEMETERY IMPROVEMENT

Last summer we began the process of uprighting ten of the tombstones in the older section of our cemetery. We contacted Scott Hackenburg of *Hackenburg Cemetery Restoration Services*. He agreed to work on ten stones a year, and he is completing work on a second ten this month. We used ancestry.com to search for relatives of these former parishioners, but in most cases, living relatives would be great, great grandchildren, and we haven't located them.

Scott and Jim Seksinsky plan to try a new technique on a few stones in the original section to preserve them.

Perpetual Care does not mean that the church or cemetery is responsible for the upkeep of the individual tombstones. It simply means that the grounds will be cared for. Fortunately, St. Joe's has been the recipient of a grant from the Kirby Family Charitable Foundation to be used for tombstone restoration. And if you recall Addy Murphy sold hoagies to raise money as her Confirmation project, and she allowed us to designate \$1,500 of that money for tombstone restoration.

We have used some of Addy's money to purchase the soap we have been using to clean headstones. This will be the fourth summer that we will clean tombstones. We plan to work in the new section this year. We worked on the older section June of 2020 and June of 2021, and we worked on the original section summer of 2022.

Unfortunately, the birds have perched on many of the cleaned stones, and we haven't had a good hard rain to clean up their mess.

Marie Luzenski would like to thank all Parishioners who sent her birthday wishes through snail mail and email.

TURBOT TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY

Second Saturday of the Month Breakfast

June 10th 8:00 - 11:00

Greystone Diner at the corner
of Broadway and Cemetery Roads
June feature is Sausage Gravy & Biscuit
They always serve Scrambled Eggs, Coffee
& Orange Juice