

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: \$3,654.00

Second Collections

January 14, 2024 – Aid to Catholic Churches

In Central America

January 21 – Repair & Maintenance

January 28 – Our Faith, Our Future

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Sat., Jan. 13th** 4:00 PM *St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor*
Cheryl Prosseda
- Sun., Jan. 14th** 8:00 AM *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
People of the Parish
- 11:00 AM Bob Zacker requested by
Bonnie & Tony Lupo
- Mon., Jan. 15th** 9:00 AM *Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day*
Ken Laurence requested by
Carole & Ted Barsis
- Tues., Jan. 16th**
Paul Boiardi requested by
his wife Marilyn
- Wed., Jan. 17th** 6:00 PM *St. Anthony, Abbot*
Thomas Sullivan
- Thur., Jan. 18th** 9:00 AM Special Intentions of the Lottie
Smith Family requested by
Sherry Mabus
- Fri., Jan. 19th** 9:00 AM Lola Benoit
- Sat., Jan. 20th** 4:00 PM *St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr*
St. Sebastian, Martyr
Donna Konyar requested by her
husband Jim on their 62nd
wedding anniversary
- Sun., Jan. 21st** 8:00 AM *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
People of the Parish
- 11:00 AM Ken Laurence requested by
Bonnie & Tony Lupo



**Our Sanctuary Candle burns
this week for Lew Bogle
May Lew rest in peace.**

Bishop Senior has asked all parishes to support our Catholic charity, **Missionary Childhood Association**. MCA benefits the poorest children in the world: Children who live in poverty. This collection goes directly to the children. We have a collection jar placed in the back of the church and parish center. We are asking for your help. **Whatever is in your pocket, spare change or more!** That money will be collected weekly, and once a month we will send our collected monies to MCA. St. Joseph will collect from September thru May.

From Your Pastor,

Just a month until St. Valentine's Day, see how fast time goes! We are only about 80 days until Easter. Last month I kept thinking, I can't believe the year has passed so fast. Time is a sacred gift from God. Let us remember "It is not how many years a person gets to live, it is what one does with the time God has given to us." So let us pray that we make good use of the days before us in 2024. We begin Ordinary Time, not that any time is ordinary in the Lord.

This Sunday, let us seek to learn from the young prophet Samuel, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening!" Also Psalm 40, "Here I am Lord, I come to do Your will." It is a blessing to have the 24 Hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday into Tuesday. I missed you and my prayer time with the Lord these past two weeks because of the date for Christmas and Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. I have been so blessed today as I sincerely tried to follow the Scripture and to be still, shut up so that the Lord could show up in my heart and do the speaking. It is hard to listen and to be open hearted to what God has to say. But it is worth the effort.

Today, the Lord told me that His Baptism was a life changing event. After 30 years of the quiet, safe life in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth, Jesus came into the public life of confronting Satan and all evil and teaching about the Kingdom of His Father. It was the end of a peaceful life and the beginning of a new life doing the will of the Father.

In my meditation the thought I received was that the death of St. Joseph was very beautiful. There were tears among all three, but there was joy and trust in the Father's will. Joseph told Jesus how proud he was of his son and how he knew that the young man, Jesus, was ready to complete the good work Joseph had carried out from the time of the Annunciation. Jesus learned so much from Joseph and was proud of His *Abba* Joseph. There are many persons in our life that help us to learn how to listen to the voice of God, often it is the voice of our parents. May St. Joseph pray for us that we listen well and do the will of God.

Fr. John D. Hoke

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19
The Lord calls Samuel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
A prayer of commitment to follow
the will of the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20
Paul reminds the Corinthians that
their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading

John 1:35-42
John the Baptist recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of
God, and Jesus receives his first followers.



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



24-HOUR ADORATION

St. Joseph Church offers 24-hour
Adoration each Monday beginning at
9:30 [following the morning Mass]
and ending Tuesday morning at 8:55
[preceding the morning Mass]. If
you can commit to a regular hour each week,
please tell Father Hoke who is doing the
scheduling.

If you have changed your particular hour as a
regular "visitor" during the 24-hours of
Adoration OR if you can't make it at your
designated hour, please let Father Hoke know.

To Our Shutins:

If you would like Father Hoke to visit you
with Holy Communion, please call the
office 570-742-4356

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember Those Who Are Sick:

Sharon Austin	Sue Lindner
Dolores Caicco	Marie Luzenski
Leslie Cameron	Laurie McGrady
Helen Choplick	Michael McHale
Elaine Cook	Dave Moser
Frank Dominick	Jan Moser
Mike Enright	Melinda Oliveri
Giovanna Fanella	Mary Ruth Palmer
Joyce Gamble	Rita Patynski
Trey Gresh	Eleanor Poponiak
Luann Hackenburg	Geri Pryer
Thomas Hackenburg	Margaret Punako
Tiffany Hauck	Melissa Rowse
Laverne Havash	Joan Rudloff
John Heimbach	Benita Kolen Solomon
Ryan Jimenez	Eleanor Stopper
Rita Klein	Diane Sykes
Abram Koons, Jr	Mike Walter
Nicole Lamprinos	Bill Woodling
Andria Laurence	Vickie Youmans
Marie Lindner	Lincoln Yordy

Please contact the church office if you would like to have a name added to the prayer list.

OUR FAITH & OUR FUTURE PROJECT UPDATE



Our handicap restroom installation has made several strides this past week.

Poured concrete has cured. Cement blocks were brought

in. Blocks were laid and now under cover for protection from the elements.

Next step will be dependent upon the weather. Part of the ramp will be removed and then aligned with the bathroom. New concrete will then be poured for the realigned ramp and bathroom.

What you see in the picture is the base (the poured concrete), the cinder block which will not be visible when the project is completed, and the white pipe that passes through to the church basement (and a little bit of snow!)

*“Thanks to everyone for the cards and prayers during my recent illness.
I greatly appreciated them.”
Paula Foriska*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

January 19 th	-----	March for Life
February 3 rd	-----	Catechetical Conference
February 14 th	-----	Ash Wednesday
February 16 th	-----	First Fish Dinner
February 17 th	-----	Confirmation Retreat
March 18 th -22 nd	---	Confessions at Local Parishes
March 23 rd	-----	Confirmation
March 24 th	-----	Palm Sunday
March 28 th	-----	Holy Thursday
March 29 th	-----	Good Friday
March 31 st	-----	Easter Sunday
April 20 th	-----	Men's Conference
May 19 th	-----	First Communion

PLANNING AHEAD

Fish Dinners Are Right Around The Corner



The first of six fish dinner fundraisers is February 16th. So, we are looking for workers at various positions and various dates. The dinners will continue to be “takeout” because the dining room is used for Mass.

These are our needs:

Wednesday 8:00-10:00, we peel & dice the potatoes, cut the vegetables for the coleslaw and prepare & portion the tartar sauce.

Thursday 8:00-10:00, we thaw the fish and prepare the coleslaw.

Friday 7:30-10:00, we bread the fish, portion the coleslaw and prepare the stewed tomatoes.

Friday 9:30-11:00, we portion & box the cakes.

Friday 12:15-1:30, we bag the rolls.

Friday 11:00-??, we prepare and roast the potatoes.

Dinner crew must arrive by 3:40.

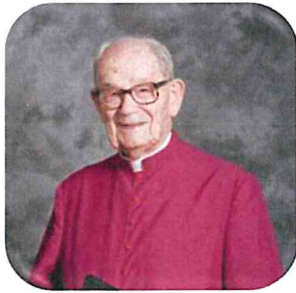
We need line servers, runners (take the food from the kitchen to the CCD hallway), carhops, and most importantly a cleanup crew!

We will need cakes for dessert each week. Please notify Tracie Leitzel each week if you can help with that task. tleitze1@ptd.net

The dinner dates are February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22. Please call the office 570-742-4356 or email annechic109@gmail.com with your date availability for the Friday tasks. We welcome ALL on Wednesdays. But as you can imagine, we can't prepare to serve at least 300 patrons Friday with workers just showing up if they are free!!

A LITTLE CHURCH HISTORY

Father Pohl had accumulated the sum of \$14,000 toward the much needed repair of the Church interior, and with the threatening



developments of the Korean War making delay unwise, Father Topper began the work almost immediately. Plaster had fallen from the ceiling and the walls were so badly damaged that the entire interior

had to be replastered. The surfaces were covered with metal lath in October 1950, and the plastering was completed for Christmas. The painting and decorating were entrusted to the *Rambush Decorating Co, New York*, one of the nation's outstanding firms engaged in church decoration. The electrical system was modernized, and thirty-six Rambush light fixtures were installed. A new oil-fired boiler and heating system with recessed radiation were installed by *B. O. Daubert, Lewisburg, PA*. The floor in the nave of the Church was covered with rubber tile in blue, grey and red to match the fresco.

The *Jasper Wood Products Company, Watsontown* fabricated and donated the combed grain oak altar and gradine. They also donated the matching wood for the altar railing, doors, wainscot and other furnishings. When the work was complete, carpenters and others had brought the total expense for church repair to \$25,230. The wood-carved statues of the Madonna and St. Joseph, imported from Italy by Carl Moser, NY, and a few other items, added \$2,180 to the expenditures. The repair of the church interior was completed for Easter Sunday 1951, and the parish had a debt of \$7,000 which was liquidated before the end of the year.

In the fall of 1952, repairs and improvements in the rectory and needed furnishings necessitated the expenditure of \$5,700. At the same time the exterior of the Church and Rectory were painted at a cost \$2,500.

ADULT EDUCATION AT ST. JOE'S

Adults meet at our Parish Center each Sunday that CCD is in session. They meet from 9:30 to 10:30. *Great fellowship while learning something about the Catholic Faith.* All are welcome.



Homemade Pierogi Sale Superbowl Event \$7 per dozen

Orders are currently being taken by writing your name & qty desired on sheets on the bulletin boards at the church.

You can also order via email to
knightsforcolumbus4824@gmail.com

Pick up orders at St Joe's Parish Center
Friday Feb 9th between 3-5pm

If you would like a copy of your 2023 contribution report, please place a self-addressed stamped #10 envelope in the collection basket.

JOB OPENINGS

Sisters of Saints Cyril & Methodius in Danville are looking for two fulltime third shift Nurse's Aide/CNA, one parttime second shift Housekeeper (Life Skills candidates are encouraged to apply for parttime Housekeeping position), one fulltime Cook and one fulltime Dishwasher.

Please contact our HR Department for more information at 570-275-3581 ext. 156 or e-mail scole@sscm.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 10:00-4:00
Wednesday 9:00-12:00
Office Phone: (570) 742-4356

COUNSELING AVAILABLE

Heart of Mercy Counseling Ministry (Sisters of the Good Shepherd) in the Danville area has two licensed therapists available to serve adults for individual or couples counseling. In-person or virtual counseling options.

Please contact either one of them to schedule an appointment if you are seeking counseling based in Catholic teaching:

Sr. Mary Frances Altavilla, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, 410-245-0870 faltavilla@hotmail.com
Sr. Patricia Marie Barnette, Licensed Professional Counselor, 352-328-8145 guadalupe531@aol.com
(in Coal Township on Mondays)