



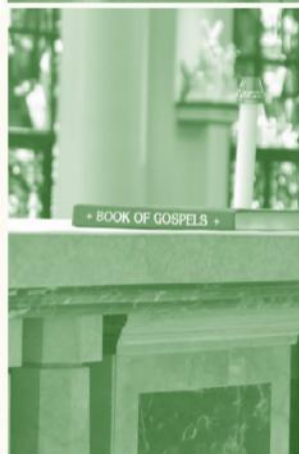
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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JULY 10

7am: Anna Pham Thi Hoa &
Joseph Nguyen Van Kiem
9am: Matthew Rivas & Mary &
Tom Doyle

THURSDAY, JULY 13

7am: James Ferraro
9am: Freda Kresach

SATURDAY, JULY 15

5pm: Anna McDevitt

SUNDAY, JULY 16

6am: Parishioners
7:30am: Frank DiSantis
9am: Crystal Shellington
10:30am: William Keough
17th Anniversary
12pm: Gerard Heenan
4pm: Michael Nastasi

SATURDAY, JULY 8

5pm: Tina Webb

SUNDAY, JULY 9

6am: Parishioners
7:30am: Kathleen McGinley
9am: Wilma Murphy
10:30am: Thomas Lawson
12pm: Edward Smith
4pm: Steve Curtiss

TUESDAY, JULY 11

7am: Robert E. Smith
9am: Rosemarie Leva

FRIDAY, JULY 14

7am: Felice Barile
9am: Joseph Panichelli,
5th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

7am: Marie L. Berenato
9am: Henry (Hank) Joseph
Horstmann

SATURDAY, JULY 15

8am: Carmine Capone

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

BAPTISM

Parents of babies to be baptized are asked to please register for Pre-Jordan, a baptism preparation program. You can find the class dates and register either online via our website: stjosephrc.org/baptism

MATRIMONY

Couples planning to marry are asked to meet with their parish priest as soon as possible after their engagement and to enroll in a marriage-prep program at least 6 months prior to the wedding. For more information, visit stjosephrc.org/matrimony

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 330PM-430PM
Wednesdays: 630AM, 830AM, 630PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Any sick or hospitalized parishioner who is in need of the Sacrament of the Sick should contact the Parish Office.

PERPETUAL ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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MORNING PRAYER

Monday—Friday at 630AM in Church.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

The Holy Rosary: Recited before the 9AM Mass daily.
Miraculous Medal Devotions: Every Tuesday after the 9AM Mass.
Novena to Saint Joseph: Every Wednesday after the 9AM Mass.
Divine Mercy Chaplet: Every Thursday after the 9AM Mass.
Litany to the Sacred Heart: First Friday of the month after the 9AM Mass.
First Saturday Devotions: The First Saturday of each month at 830AM

PRAYER LIST

Every three months we will remove names from the military and sick list. This is to help ensure that our lists are always up to date. Please call the parish office to add or remove names.

...those who are serving our country:

Brandon W. A'Hara, SSGT Steve Anderson, Pvt. Daniel Barron, Petty Officer Katesiree Cannon Boson, Caytie Castells, PV2 Francesca Chindemi, Ensign Morgan S. Dankanich, Major Joseph S. DiBerardinis, CPL Daniel A. DiLuigi, Capt. Mark Edwards, Pvt. Corinne Riley Estrella, Sargent Ian Fay, James Heisler, Nathan J. Horton, Christopher L. Hume, USN Victoria Jones, Zachary Kish, Peter Kurtz, Lt. Col. Paul Lang, Krzysztof Malarz, Capt. Andrew C. Oddo, Pvt. Vincent Romano, Cpt. Joseph W. Rule, 1st Lt. Eric F. Satterthwaite, Pvt. 1st Class Matthew Scalia, Cmdr. Christopher Schwarz, Jr., Corporal Jeremy Solnosky, SaR. Max Spatola, LT Sean Sweeney and Aaron Thieroff, Captain Kyle Wagner and Sgt. Stephen Yori

...those who are sick:

William Allan, Lidia Arasin, Sally Aruis, Charles Authier, Daniel Barron, Deb Blazejewski, Baby Botero, Kevin Boylan, Donna Buckalew, Kim Buttner, Mary Ann Cardelli, Bernadette Constant, Tony D'Angelo, Mason Ellingsworth, Helen Fiorillo, Joan Garber, Waldtraut Gauss, Craig Glantz, William Gilland, Toby Graveno, Carrie Grosso, Dana Hathaway, Liam Hawk, Christina Hoffmann, Danielle Horack, David Horack, Roseanna Isabella, Baby Kai, Jimmy Kane, Matthew Keenan, Aidan Kelly, Rosie Kuchar, John Keenan, Jim Lisney, Chris Litwinko, Barbara Luminella, Mike Lyons, Donna Martin, Kellie Martin, Taylor Martin, McBeth Family, Mary McDonald, James Mento, Jr., Bill and Rosemarie McReynolds, Richard Miller, Deborah Nejman, Katie Nejman, Michele Pate, Jeannette Petrella, John Pontzer, Gina Ofner, William O'Neill, De Anna Ousey, Chris Osner, Nancy Paquet, Brenda Pezone, Larry Polinsky, Charlie Rivas, Dee Roache, Dave Robey, Anna Reverman, Robin Reichert, Stephen, Ed Shultz, Justin Smith, Robin Smith, Phyllis Suleski, Donald Sundstrom, Bob Tiedemann, Noah Thomas, Agnes Timothy, Barbara Wayne and Patricia Wishing.

WE REMEMBER

The Chapel Sanctuary Candle burns in loving memory of:

Anna Povilaitis

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
and may Perpetual Light shine upon them.*

WEEKLY LETTER

July 9, 2023

Dear Friends,

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” I am wondering if there is anyone who might be reading this column who hasn’t felt like this at some point in their life. To feel burdened can also mean to feel exhausted, helpless, filled with anxiety or fear, afraid, and on and on. Those feelings, those emotions are perhaps familiar to us, and maybe even some days seem as if there is no escape from those feelings, but I believe there is. Jesus gives us the answer to these feelings, these fears, and these insecurities, he tells us “Come to me.” Only in the Lord can we find the answer to our fears and worries, our sadness, and our pain. If we turn to him and ask for his help he will give us rest, he is the answer to our prayers and our sure shelter in any storm. The challenge comes in letting the Lord share our burden and in allowing him to help us look past the pain or the anger and see that our life with him brings all the grace and hope we need.

What makes the Lord’s yoke so “easy” and his burden so “light” is the truth that he bears that yoke and burden with us and most times for us that is how much we are loved by our God. Our response to such great love is to share that love and trust in the Lord with others, especially the people we love the most. Jesus calls us to be a source of his love and blessing to others, how we do that is by allowing Jesus to be center of who we are and all that we are.

As summer unfolds for us, I pray that our parish family will find some time to relax and rest from the day to day demands that fill our lives. I know that not all of us can get away, however, we can all hopefully find some time to enjoy the summer days, rest in the Lord, recharge our hearts and souls and be renewed in spirit. That is a very intentional way to live my friends, we should want to find that time when we can and allow the Lord to be our shelter in any storm that way, we can take on our day-to-day duties and responsibilities and know that we do all that we do with the Lord in our hearts and by our side.

*Peace,
Fr. Steve Leva*





HOPE TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

HOPE is a transportation ministry which provides rides to doctor's appointments, the grocery store, the pharmacy and other necessary errands. Rides require a minimum of 48 hours notice and can be requested a week in advance. For more information, please contact Debbie Hastings at 610-304-0631.

For the week of July 10

Mary Sweeney at 610-269-0604

Michele DiGiantomasso at 267-312-2269

For the week of July 17

Casey Rhoads at 908-489-0174

Debbie Hastings at 610-304-0631

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR DREXEL NEUMANN ACADEMY

It is time to collect schools supplies again for our sister school, Drexel Neumann Academy (DNA) in Chester, PA. They will soon be beginning their 17th year of service to the children of Chester. DNA offers students a safe environment to learn and a challenging curriculum, which will prepare them not only for their academic future, but also for life. DNA is giving the children of Chester the opportunity to be models of peacemaking in a violent environment and the educational foundation for a bright and successful future.

As a parish, St. Joseph has helped DNA in their mission by providing needed books and supplies for their students for the past seven years. On July 1st, tags will be available in the narthex with items on their wish list. Please choose a tag and bring the item/items by July 16th to the narthex. If you have any questions please call Peg or Tim Cassidy at 610-873-1641, or email at ptcassidy1980@gmail.com.

REMINDER

*Please return
wishlist items
next weekend!*

SATURDAY MAMA MEETUP

Join us on the third Saturday of each month for some Mama time! Littles are welcome! Most littles that have attended are 5 and under but there is no limit.

During the school year, we meet in The Nest from 9:30-11am. However from May though September, we will meet at Bell Tavern Park as long as weather permits.

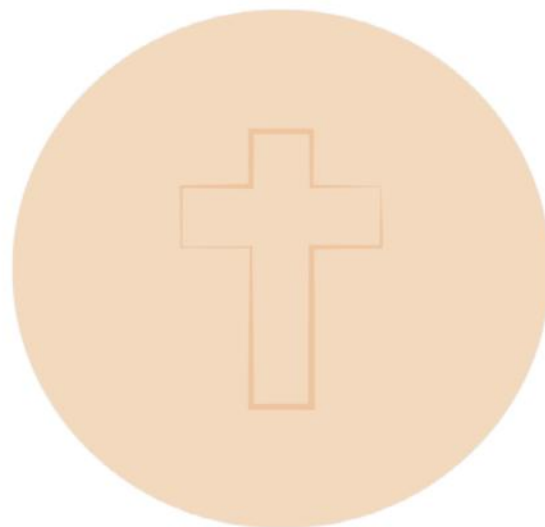
Please contact Christine Davis as needed at (302)668-5185. Or, check out our St. Joe's Mom Facebook group for updates at www.tinyurl.com/MamaMeetup



Archdiocese of Philadelphia Eucharistic Revival

THE HOLY MASS: THE LORD'S DAY **PART 1 OF 4**

Why is it so important to be at Mass on Sunday? Is it "just a rule" or more? Where do we begin? The best place to begin is at the beginning, the very beginning. Following the six days of Creation, having completed His first labor of love on behalf of mankind (creating and bringing mankind into being) God rests on the seventh day, the Sabbath. We read in Genesis "God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work he had done in creation."¹ Following Israel's liberation from Egypt the observance of this seventh day will be codified in the Ten Commandments: "Remember the Sabbath day—keep it holy."² This day, the seventh or Sabbath, for the Jewish people is Saturday.



The observance of the seventh day is recalled particularly so that Israel may imitate God, he rested on the seventh day, and recall the mighty work of salvation the Lord wrought on their behalf; freeing them from servile labor to be a people peculiarly his own. With Jesus, we see the fulfillment of the Old Law. In Jesus, some parts of the law are fulfilled, as in completed and done, others parts are fulfilled in that they are perfected. In Jesus, the definitive Lord's Day, is Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord wherein Jesus conquers sin and death opens the way to heaven for all who believe in Him.

Pope Innocent I, writing at the beginning of the fifth century testifies to the custom of gathering on Sunday: "We celebrate Sunday because of the venerable Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we do so not only at Easter but also at the turning of the week."³ The center point of these observance of this day for Christians, particularly Catholic, is the celebration of the Eucharist.

In the Eucharist, the saving sacrifice of Jesus is re-presented, made present again, and those persons believing in him are permitted to taste the fruits of the tree of life, the cross, in the reception of his very body and blood, under the forms of bread and wine. In ancient times, as now, it was a defining characteristic of the Christian people to refrain from servile labor on Sunday and gather for the "breaking of the bread." Sharing in the one sacrifice of Christ the Christian people are made one.

Christians fully become the Body of Christ by sharing in the Body of Christ, the Eucharist. Christ is the head and we are the members. Separated from our head, by sin or our own negligence, we are not much different than a limb cut off from a perfectly healthy body; more dead than alive. By Baptism, we are made for communion. Observing the Lord's Day fulfills this desire and duty of a grateful heart.

– Rev. Matthew Biedrzycki, Parochial Vicar, Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia

¹ Gen 2:3

² Ex 20:11

³ Cited from John Paul II, *Dies Domini*, Apostolic Letter on Keeping Holy the Lord's Day, 11

GOOD WORKS IS CALLING YOU

Good Works extends the love of Jesus Christ to low-income homeowners by making their homes warmer, safer, and drier. Since starting this ministry in 2001, St. Joseph parishioners have completed numerous homes under the direction of Good Works. We try to involve the homeowner in every way possible and make them a part of the home repair team.

Skills of all levels are encouraged to participate! St. Joe's holds their work days every 3rd Saturday of the month. For more info, please contact Becky Kopec at gwpartnerchurch@gmail.com.



CARING FOR FRIENDS

The Caring For Friends freezer is in need of meals throughout the summer months for our local homebound neighbors. Pans are available in the Holy Family center (church office) or in the Katherine Drexel room at church. If you cook on the grill when it's too hot to heat up the kitchen, meals made with grilled chicken, burgers or fish are welcome additions to CFF meals.

Be sure to freeze the meals at home before taking the filled pans to the freezer in the office. Thank you so much for continuing to provide healthy meals for our neighbors in need! Contact Debby @ dokeefe19@hotmail.com for more information.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS

Your charitable donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of St. Joseph Church allow us to help our neighbors in need in the greater Downingtown area.

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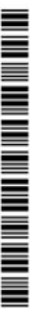


For more information:

Visit: www.catholicinrecovery.com

Email: mtal1962@yahoo.com or

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WANT TO HELP COUNT THE WEEKLY COLLECTION?

Volunteers are still needed to help count the weekly collection. Volunteers gather at the parish office Monday mornings at 8am to count the collection from the weekend's Masses. Don't worry, we have calculators and we'll show you the process.

It's easy to do and a great opportunity for retirees who'd like to stay sharp! There are two volunteer teams, so you'd be able to count on an every-other-week basis.

If you'd like to know more, please contact Carol Orphanos, Bookkeeper, 215-269-8294 or CarolO@stjosephrc.org



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

DUE TO THE JULY 4TH HOLIDAY, COLLECTION INFORMATION FOR JULY 2 & 9TH WILL APPEAR IN THE JULY 16TH BULLETIN.

thank you

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