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August 13, 2023 | 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time



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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

5pm: Don Hornig,
2nd Anniversary

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

6am: Parishioners
7:30am: Yvonne Anthony
9am: Frank Jr. & Mike
Nadlestumph & Mary Rispo
10:30am: Alice Stine
12pm: Joseph N. Respicio
4pm: Frank Sr. & Mary
Nadelstumph

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

7am: Tom Woodward
9am: Benedict Poccia
7pm: Mary R. Francella

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

7am: Jim DiSante
9am: Brian McGuinness
12:05pm: Cecilia Dunn
7pm: Mary Morgan

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

7am: Arlene Houle
9am: Manetta-Pace & Colella
Families

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

7am: Anna Pham Thi Hoa &
Joseph Nguyen Van Kiem
9am: Jane & Robert Patterson

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

7am: Michael McGuinness
9am: Grace Patterson (Living)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

8am: Lynda Graziano Del
Vischio

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

5pm: Robert Naugle, Sr.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

6am: Parishioners
7:30am: Dominic DiEugenio
9am: Parker Stumpf
10:30am: Justin McCarthy
12pm: Margaret Sheey
4pm: John Mullen

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

Available 24/7 in the Holy Family Center.

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, Airman First Class, James G. DiSantis, 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, Jo Ann Arnold, Sally Aruis, Charles Authier, Daniel Barron, Vincent Bellistri, Deb Blazejewski, Baby Botero, Kevin Boylan, Ashlyn Brown, Donna Buckalew, Kim Buttner, Donn Cabott, Mary Ann Cardelli, Bernadette Constant, Tony D'Angelo, Mason Ellingsworth, Joan Garber, Waldtraut Gauss, Craig Glantz, William Gilland, 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, Kathleen Manuel, 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, Angie Pisano, John Pontzer, Gina Ofner, William O'Neill, De Chris Osner, George Pastino, Nancy Paquet, Brenda Pezone, Larry Polinsky, Charlie Rivas, Dee Roache, Dave Robey, Anna Reverman, Robin Reichert, John Rogelstad, Stephen, Ed Shultz, Justin Smith, Robin Smith, Phyllis Suleski, Donald Sundstrom, Bob Tiedemann, Noah Thomas, Barbara Wayne and Patricia Wishing.

WE REMEMBER

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

August 13, 2023

Dear Friends,

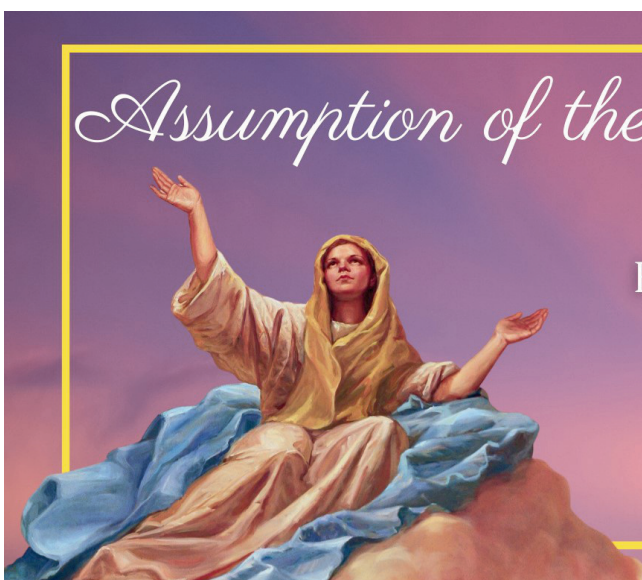
If you spend any time thinking about it, there is potentially a great deal for us to fear in this life and in this world. The sad truth is that we could almost become paralyzed by our fear if we were to give into it, but I believe that Jesus has other plans for us. I think Jesus was a realist in so many ways, he knew firsthand what it meant to live in this world, and I imagine that he had a great many of the same emotions and perhaps even many of the same thoughts as the people of his day. One of the big differences I think is that Jesus knew for certain that this world and all that it offers and the challenges and fears that it contains from time to time, they are not the truth about this world and they can only live in our hearts and minds if we allow them to.

In our Gospel for this weekend Jesus is needing a little "alone" time and sends the Disciples ahead of him. As he comes walking towards them (during the fourth watch which is 4am until about 6am) they see him and believe that it is a ghost (the dark and the wind and the waves can really play a trick on your mind), and they begin to panic. Jesus wants them to relax and so he says, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." And then there is Peter, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." Jesus command it, Peter starts to walk on the water and then remembers that this is not really something he should be doing, and he panics and begins to sink. Peter cries out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" That really is one of those moments where Peter should be careful what he asks for, and yet Jesus remains calm and makes everything fine again.

It can be a very natural thing for us to become frightened or to worry about things that are often out of our control. Jesus wants us to know that when this happens, we should remember his words to his disciples, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." He is always with us, and he will always love us, and he will always take our hand and lead us through the tough and scary times, all we have to do is trust in him.

Tuesday, August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass for the Solemnity will be celebrated on Monday, 8/14 at 7:00 pm and Tuesday, 8/15 at 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 12:05 pm and 7:00 pm.

*Peace,
Fr. Steve Leva*



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MASS TIMES
7am, 9am, 12:05pm, 7pm
Vigil Monday, Aug. 14 at 7pm



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 Aug. 14

Michele DiGiantomasso at 267-312-2269

Mary Sweeney at 610-269-0604

For the week of Aug. 21

Casey Rhoads at 908-489-0174

Debbie Hastings at 610-304-0631



The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops', together with dioceses across the country, is helping to welcome displaced families to the United States through "Welcome Circles". The St. Joseph Parish Faith and Justice Team has formed a "Welcome Circle" and we are now preparing to welcome our first families to Downingtown.

A Welcome Circle is a group of 5-20 people who come together to provide wraparound support for the family, housing, time-bound income support, basic necessities, job search advice, orientation to the community, and more.

Anyone interested in joining or supporting our Welcome Circle and helping families coming from Ukraine, please contact Deacon Matt at DeaconCoyne@stjosephrc.org

Double Your Impact by Donating in August! Coats for Kids

St. Joseph Parish Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the Back to School Winter Coat Drive. Did you know that many local children go without a coat each winter? Please support children in need by visiting the link below for more information and instruction on how to donate.

A \$25 donation will provide TWO warm winter coats for children in need. Coats will be provided to local organizations for distribution in November. Help us exceed our goal of 300 coats!

Donate & Learn More Here: <https://tinyurl.com/mpwf7f9y>





ST. JOSEPH PARISH YOUTH GROUP
WIFFLE BALL



SEPT. 9 @ 2PM

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PLAY OR STAY!

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION PRESENTS:

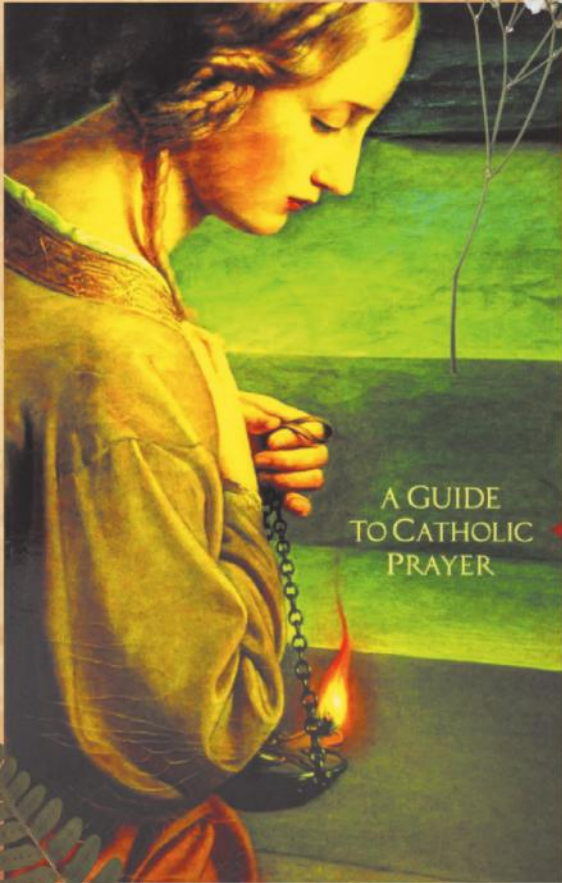
OREMUS

Do you find it easy to pray? Do you hear God's voice in your daily life and know how to respond? For most of us the answer is no, and we struggle to find even a few minutes every day to pray. The good news is that you can overcome these difficulties. Oremus teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. Over eight weeks you will learn the simple yet profound steps of Catholic prayer.

Following Church Tradition and the wisdom of the saints, you will learn to talk to God and hear his voice in Scripture, in your heart, and in ordinary moments. You will become more aware of his close presence, will learn to overcome distractions and dryness, and will recognize desolation and consolation as normal prayer experiences.

As you grow closer to God, you will also grow in your relationship with those around you.

Registration is starting now for this 8-week course. Sessions offered Tuesday evenings or Friday mornings. Visit <https://stjosephrc.org/adult-faith-formation> for more information or to register.



HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Help is needed to bring Communion to our homebound parishioners. Homebound Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion visit up to two communicants once a month and participate as a member of a four-person team. Team members can swap assignment dates among themselves to ensure our communicants are never left without a visit. Homebound EMs decide when they will attend mass and communicate their schedule to the parishioners they will be visiting by calling the day before. Please plan to attend our next training session on Wednesday, August 23 at 7:00 pm in the church narthex.



OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

St. Joseph parish invites you to join us for the 2023 – 2024, Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) class which commences on the evening of September 6th, at 7 PM in our Parish Meeting Center. OCIA is for prospective converts to the Catholic faith as well as those wishing to refresh themselves with our Catholic faith. Candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of our Catholic beliefs and practices which encompasses a period of reflection, prayer, instruction, discernment, and formation.

Our OCIA classes meet each Wednesday evening at 7 pm in our Holy Family Center (HFC) which is located between the rectory and the convent. Our first meeting subject will be an introduction to OCIA, How God makes Himself known, and Who is Jesus? For more information and to register for 2023-2024 OCIA class, please contact St Joseph's Director of Religious Education, Kathleen Greco at: Kathleeng@stjosephrc.org.

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 through 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

CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY

Catholic in Recovery provides healing from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery and the sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join others in recovery as we overlap scripture from Sunday's Mass readings, liturgical themes, and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer. Confidentiality is protected.

For more information, visit www.catholicinrecovery.com, or email mtal1962@yahoo.com or cir.familyfriends.stjosephdtown@gmail.com

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FAMILY & FRIENDS RECOVERY GROUP

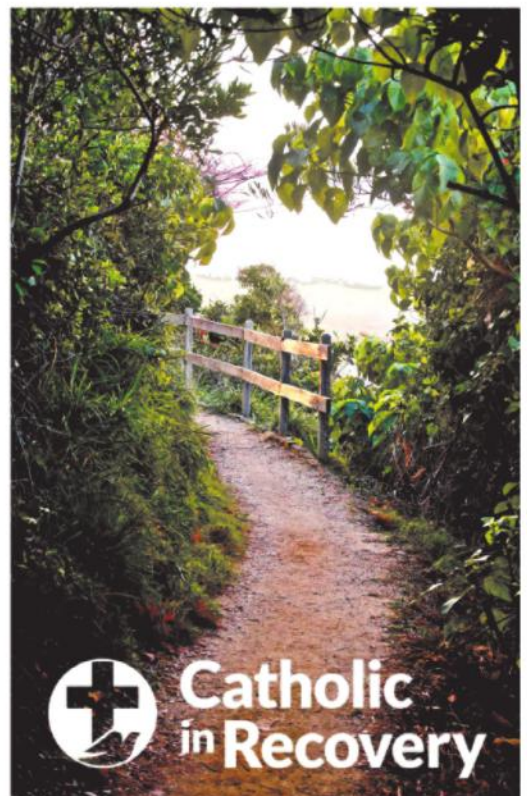
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Saturdays
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MEN'S RETREAT

Sept. 8-10, 2023 | \$260 | Malvern Retreat House

Join us for a traditional men's retreat. This year's themes is Finding Peace, Healing and Hope in Today's World. The retreat director for our weekend is Fr. Charles Zlock, Pastor of St. Raymond of Penafort Parish in Mt. Airy and will feature conversations with Kevin Reilly, former Eagles and Wildcats standout, and three-time Grammy award nominee, Marty Rotella. Share this special experience by joining us on Sept 8th-10th. Go to <https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/nativity-bvm-2023/> or call me for more info at 610.564.8456 (leave VM please). It also is a great time to invite family members, friends, co-workers, and fellow Phillies and Eagles fans to come to our retreat with you. See you at Malvern!

Magni Fest

St. Mary of Providence Center in Elverson, PA is hosting our annual music festival, MagniFest, on Saturday, August 19th from 2pm - 10pm featuring headliner and national recording artist Marie Miller! Enjoy a day filled with music and praise! This festival features performances from many local Catholic musicians. Food and beverages will be available, and you'll be able to browse merchandise from different vendors. Mass will be celebrated at 5pm. Visit stmaryprov.org/magnifest/ to purchase tickets and learn about volunteer opportunities for the festival.



CHANGE FOR LIFE

The parish Knights of Columbus council thanks those who participated in the 2023 Change for Life program which collected spare change in distributed baby bottles between Mothers and Fathers Day. Through your efforts we have raised over \$6,500 which will help fund Birthright of Coatesville, A Baby's Breath, The Culture Project, Generation Life and other local pro-life causes. Please return any unfilled baby bottles to the parish office as each empty means one less replacement bottle we have to re-purchase next year. Your returned bottle counts as \$1.00 donation back to pro-life. You may still put some change in it for the cause and return it to the same place, though it may count towards next year's fundraiser. Next year we will also be offering online donations for those who want to participate but don't deal with spare change anymore. With sincere gratitude for all you do to help protect the unborn.



PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES: MISSIONARY GIVING WEEKEND

On August 26 & 27, our second collection will support Pito Parish in the Diocese of Sumbawanga, Tanzania.

Pito parish is small parish in a remote part of Tanzania. This area of Tanzania is very poor, and the villagers rely totally on farming in harsh conditions for their livelihood. Funds provided to the Parish of Pito will be prudently and effectively used in promoting the church apostolate within the community and for corporal works of mercy for the village. The people of Pito parish require support in five ways; 1) Clean water 2) Health clinic support 3) Nursery school support 4) Transportation support 5) Seminarian support.



Learn more about the needs of St. Pito Parish at TinyURL.com/PitoParish



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

REGULAR COLLECTIONS (CASH, CHECK & ONLINE)

July 30	\$28,067
Aug. 6	\$82,245

ANNUAL TO DATE (FISCAL YEAR START JULY 1)

2023-24	\$285,393
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MONTHLY POOR BOX ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Monthly Total \$443

thank you

WOMEN OF HOPE CASSEROLE SCHEDULE

Group 3- Mock Stroganoff
Group 4- Chinese Chicken & Noodles

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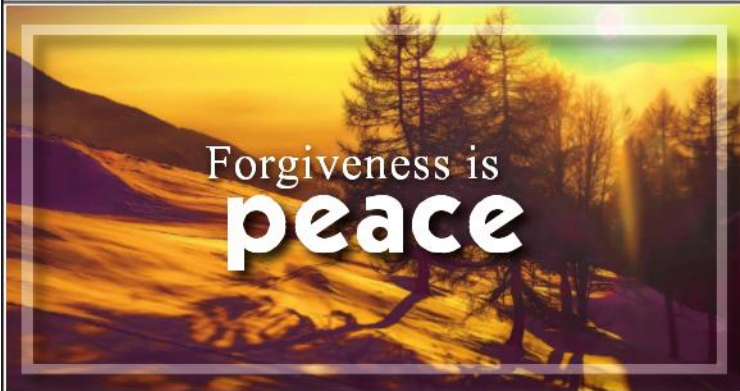
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