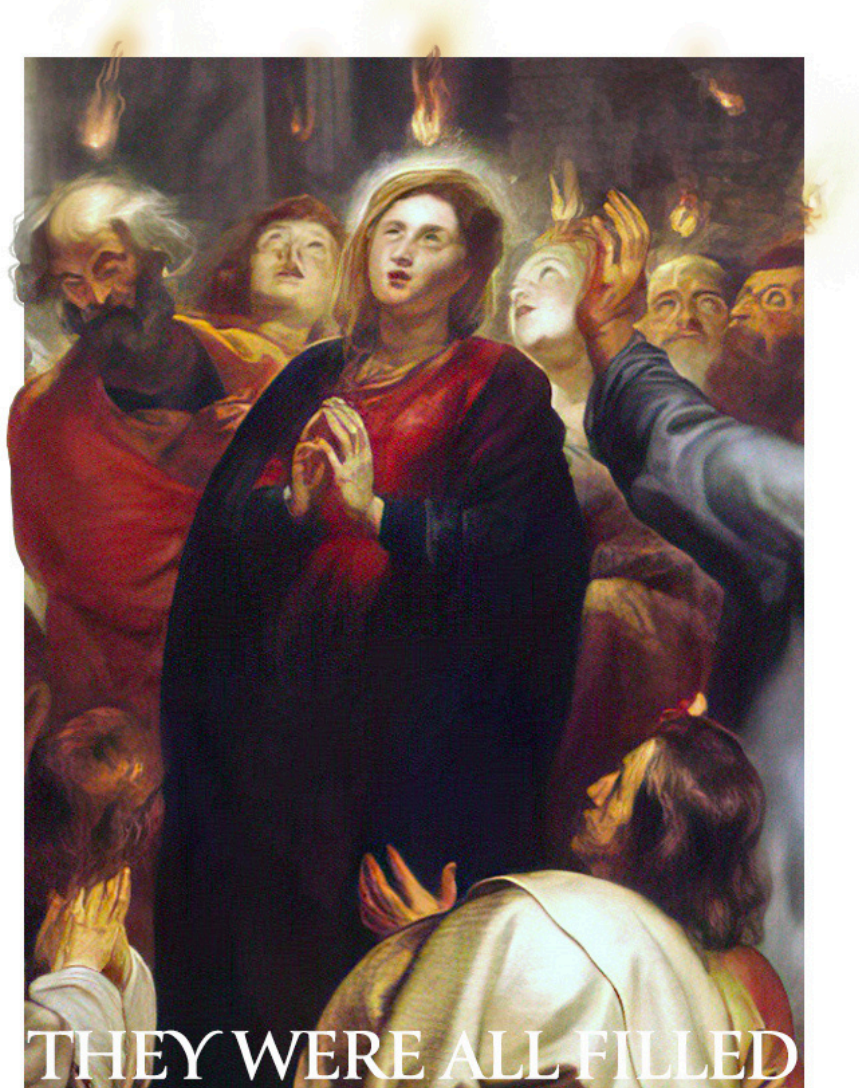




Rev. Stephen F. Leva.....Pastor
 Rev. Andrew J. Auletta.....Parochial Vicar
 Rev. John E. Donia.....President, Bishop Shanahan High School
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Sunday, May 19, 2024 Pentecost



THEY WERE ALL FILLED
 with the Holy Spirit

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Mass Intentions

Monday, May 20

7am: Julia DiMartin
9am: Jim Quick

Tuesday, May 21

7am: Rockine Francella
9am: Paul Alheim

Wednesday, May 22

7am: Mary Ann Cardelli
9am: Francis Crane Curran

Thursday, May 23

7am: Nicholas Santo Chilla
9am: Lily Waldman

Friday, May 24

7am: Pepper Winkler
9am: Kathleen Vogelgesan

Saturday, May 25

8am: Maria Pia D'Anzi

Sunday, May 19

5pm Vigil: Nick & Angela Formica

6am: Parishioners

7:30am: Rose Ann Manetta

9am: Constance Augustine, 28th Anniv.

10:30am: Ziobro & Slesinski Families

12pm: Lawrence Sr. & Rosemary Branigan

4pm: Cris Pappas

anctuary Candle: Maria Pia D'Anzi

Sunday, May 26

5pm Vigil: Patricia Wishing

6am: Parishioners

7:30am: Rose Ann Manetta

9am: Marianne Bianco

10:30am: Helen Fiorillo

12pm: Frank Marcocci Jr.

4pm: Brenda Baldwin

Sacraments & Devotions

Baptism

First-time parents are asked to please attend Pre-Jordan. Baptism scheduling and Pre-Jordan class information can be found on the parish website.

Matrimony

Engaged couples are asked to meet with their parish priest as soon as possible to enroll in a marriage-prep program at least 6 months prior to the wedding.

Reconciliation

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

Anointing of the Sick

Please 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: Tuesdays after the 9AM Mass.
Novena to Saint Joseph: Wednesdays after the 9AM Mass.
Divine Mercy Chaplet: Thursdays after the 9AM Mass.
Litany to the Sacred Heart: First Fridays after the 9AM Mass.
First Saturday Devotions: First Saturdays at 830AM

Prayer List

Every three months we will remove names from the military and sick list to ensure the list remains up-to-date. Please call the parish office to add intentions.

For those that are serving our country:

Brandon W. A'Hara, GySgt Steve & GySgt Shaina Anderson, Petty Officer Katesiree Cannon Bosen, Lt. Mitch Byers, Caytie Castells, Francesca Chindemi, Specialist, Ensign Morgan S. Dankanich, Major Joseph S. DiBerardinis, CPL Daniel A. DiLuigi, Airman First Class, James G. DiSantis, Sergeant Ian Fay, James Heisler, LTJG Nathan J. Horton, USN, USN Victoria Jones, Peter Kurtz, Lt. Col. Paul Lang, Krzysztof Malarz, Capt. Andrew C. Oddo, Pvt. Vincent Romano, 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, and Sgt. Stephen Yori

For those who are sick:

Margaret Allan, Lidia Arasin, Sean Arnold, Diane Blakely Attien, Vincent Bellistri, Deb Blazejewski, Baby Botero, Ashlyn Brown, Donn Cabott, Terry Campbell, Mary Conners, Bernadette Constant, Nancy Coccetti, Lanai Costanzo, Mary Crawford, Patricia Cudahy, Gerry Daney, Tony D'Angelo, Baby Kai D'Amore, Kari D'Amore, Dante Danilshenko, Tanvi Darak, Joan Dawson, Lisa Dawson, Richard Deblasio, Patricia Derelanko, Lori D'Ginto, Conner Farnum, Joe Fasano, Joan Garber, John G. Haney, Dana Hathaway, Liam Hawk, Michele Hill, Danielle Horack, David Horack, Barbara Hartmann, Jimmy Kane, Matthew Keenan, John Keenan, Elizabeth Leisse, Jim Lisney, Jack and Maryann Logan, Michael Lyons, Carol Marcocci, Kathleen Manuel, Donna Martin, Kellie Martin, Taylor Martin, Patricia Melcher, Jim Mento, Rich Miller, Winnie Mullen, Michelle Murdaugh, Jennifer Murphy, Katie Nejman, Angie Pisano, Gina Ofner, George Pastino, Nancy Paquet, Brenda Pezone, Larry Polinsky, Lucy Poole, Jeanette Randall, Dave Robey, John Rogelstad, Leila Ruedy, Stephen, Don Skomsky, Helen Rechner Short, Justin Smith, Robin Smith, Donald Sundstrom, Noah Thomas, Christian Toner, Barbara Wayne and Leo Yingling.

We remember in our prayers those who have died.

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



Weekly Letter

May 19, 2024

Dear Friends,

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "On the day of Pentecost when the seven weeks of Easter had come to an end, Christ's Passover is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given, and communicated as a divine person: of his fullness, Christ, the Lord, pours out the Spirit in abundance." On this Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Church we are given, "in abundance" the gift of the Holy Spirit. The gift of the Spirit, given to us is God's promise that we are never alone and that in and through God, all things are possible. This beautiful message of hope is one that brings such joy to our hearts and the promised Spirit is God's presence with us and He will never leave us. That is truly the good news for all of us.

As we celebrate this glorious Solemnity of Pentecost, I give thanks for all of you who helped to make our Easter celebration so wonderful. To all of those who provided such great help in their various ministries whether our musicians, Church environment team who made our Church look so beautiful, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, sacristans, all our cantors and wonderful choirs, and anyone that I am forgetting, know that I am grateful for all of your goodness and help. We truly could not do all of this without you. Of course to all of our parishioners and those who visited us over the Easter season, thank you for your faith and your continued goodness. This parish family continues to be a source of inspiration and great hope to me and to the Church, especially here in Chester County. Thank you for all you do and for the many ways you live your faith each and every day. May the Spirit of God fill our hearts with love for all of God's people.

I want to be sure that all of us mark our calendars for the following occasions in our parish. On Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th we will have our Memorial Day Service at Saint Joseph Cemetery at 9:00 am. This is a prayer service with the VFW and American Legion present to honor the Service Members buried in our cemetery. Please feel free to bring a chair if you like. On Sunday, June 2nd on the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body, and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) after the Noon Mass we will have a procession with the Blessed Sacrament out in the parking lot and ending with our arrival in front of Saint Joseph School for Benediction. Plan to join us for this beautiful expression of love and devotion to the Most Holy Eucharist. Have a great week.

Peace,
Fr. Steve Leva



Memorial Day
PRAYER SERVICE

Monday, May 27 at 9am

St. Joseph Cemetery

Please bring a lawn chair for seating



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 May 20

Debbie Hastings at 610-304-0631

MaryAnn Lanchoney at 610-312-9108

For the week of May 27

Janet Schramm at 484-631-8875

Meredith DiPietro at 267-481-3873

Young Adult Group (Ages 21-35) End of Year Picnic

Tuesday, May 21st at 6:30pm

We're having a potluck at Marsh Creek to close out the year! We'll be at the picnic tables just past the boat rentals (put "Marsh Creek Boat Rental" in your GPS to be sure to go to the right spot!).

Please bring a dish to share! Drinks will be provided. Feel free to bring any lawn games you have, too!

Make sure to sign up for our email list to stay in touch for a few planned summer activities, plus a new schedule in the Fall: <https://stjosephrc.org/young-adult-group>

Walking in Grief

Theresa Ferrari, MSN, RN, Certified Spiritual Director

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, no matter how much time has passed, please know that you are not alone. These offerings are for anyone grieving. Come share or just listen to others who also walk in grief. May you know that the Lord is with you.

Summer 2024 Bereavement Offerings

June 13: Grief Brain

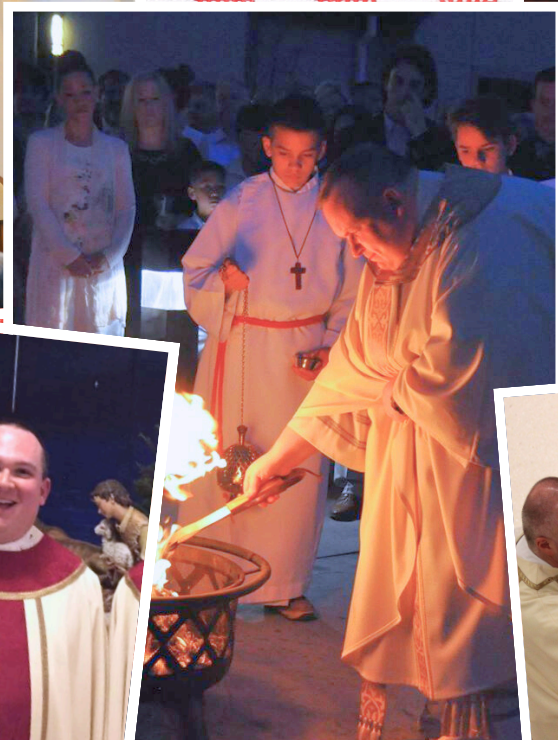
July 10: Anxiety & Grief

Aug 7: Things We Keep

All courses run 6-7:30pm via Zoom.

If interested, please contact Theresa at DTPCMT@aol.com or 484-459-1564

Farewell Fr. Donia!



**Join us as we bid farewell to Fr. Donia
as he moves on to his new assignment!**
Saturday, June 15 following the 5pm Mass
We are grateful for his years of ministry to St. Joseph Parish!

So that we will have enough food and beverage, please let us know you will be joining us by submitting the number of people who will be there:
<https://stjosephrc.org/farewell-father-donia>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Don't wait until it's too late! Our community festival is a great success every year because of volunteers just like you. Any level of commitment is greatly appreciated – a few hours, a few nights, or even the whole week!

WAYS TO HELP

- ✓ Bake for Rose's Bake Sale (email marsha1208@comcast.net or 610-322-6088)
- ✓ Lend a hand (and your favorite power tools!) on build day
- ✓ Help at Bingo (inside the caf - with air conditioning!)
- ✓ Feed the masses at the food booth - the highest grossing booth at the festival!
- ✓ Spin around at the Cheer Wheel or Big Six Wheel!
- ✓ *And so much more!*



LEARN MORE HERE: www.stjoesfestival.com/volunteers

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(scroll to bottom of page for Student Volunteer Opportunities)

WHAT TO EXPECT

Youth volunteers work under the guidance of adult supervisors. Adult volunteers are happy to sign for any service hour requirements.

Youth volunteers will assist with multiple tasks to help prepare with the festival. This includes organizing materials, setting up booths, and carrying supplies to dedicated areas. Permission form with adult signature required.

GREAT FOR...

- ✓ Fulfilling service hours requirements
- ✓ College applications & resume building
- ✓ Signing up with friends!



STUDENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

St. Joseph Community Festival has many volunteer opportunities for students ages 13 and up. We are proud to support students in need of community service hours.



Hi Mom! You're Invited!

Are you a mom looking for connection? Come enjoy friendship with other moms and introduce your children to some of their first friends! **Join the St. Joe's Moms Group Monday, May 20th at 10am in the Nest.** Moms and little ones of all ages welcome.

The Nest is located in the Holy Family Center parish office. Please park in the Parish Office lot and look for signs for the Nest on the lower level.

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.





Looking for Peaceful Senior Living?

St Mary of Providence Center offers 60+ affordable independent living apartments in a serene environment. Also available for rent: 2 bedroom/2 bathroom spacious house with deck & garage \$1800 monthly. To inquire please email providence@stmaryprov.org or call 610-942-4166.



Championship Football Skills Camp for Kids

Monday, June 10 - Thursday, June 13, 2024 from 9am-2pm

Cost: \$150.00 each, brothers are \$225 for two

Where: Kottmeyer Stadium on the West Campus

Open to children ranging from 1st to those entering 9th grade. No equipment needed! This is a non-contact football skills camp. Staffed by current and former staff and players.

For more information or to register, please visit: www.dwhsfootball.com



Stewardship Report

May 12, 2024

Weekly/Monthly/Online:
\$35,691

Fiscal Year-to-Date

\$2,087,047

Poor Box

(Caring for Friends)

\$213



Women of Hope Casserole Schedule

Group 1:

Chicken Supreme

Group 2:

Deep Dish Turkey Pot Pie

Requested Items:

water & small snack bags.

Please leave items in the Loaves and Fishes closet in the designated basket.