

The Church of Saint Joseph in Jim Thorpe

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Parish Membership: Active parish membership is both necessary and helpful to all involved when seeking sponsorship certificates, Marriage or Baptism preparations. Please call the parish office to register or to report address or phone number changes, email addresses or family membership changes. (Those who have reached the age of 18 must re-register as adults). We need to get our member records current.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

(In the event of a funeral, the Mass Intention for that day will be rescheduled for another date.)

Monday, May 15 - Saint Isidore

8:00 AM: Kathryn Rodgers

Requested by: Don & Connie Herman

Tuesday, May 16 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM: Terrence Devitt

Requested by: Susan Schatz & Family

Wednesday, May 17 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM: Rosemary & Frederick Stehle

Requested by: Family

Thursday, May 18 - Saint John I, Pope & Martyr

9:00 AM: School Mass

Friday, May 19 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM: Anna Lienhard (deceased birthday)

Requested by: Family

Saturday, May 20 - Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM: Rosary for Life

3:30 PM: Confession

4:00 PM: Living and Deceased Parishioners of Saint Joseph Church

Sunday, May 21 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:15 AM: Pray the Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

8:00 AM: Margaret Moss

Requested by: Sarah

10:30 AM: Deceased Mothers & Fathers of F.Y.I.

Candles will be lit May 14-20:

Sanctuary In Honor of Kay Bimler - Requested by Maryanne & Ronnie

Guardian Angel Special Intention

Blessed Mother In Loving Memory of Mildred Snisky - Love, All Your Children

Saint Anne In Loving Memory of John Solski - Requested by Wife, Jackie

Blessed Mother Special Intention

Saint Joseph In Loving Memory of Jack Marks - Requested by Shirley

Blessed Mother In Loving Memory of Lawrence & Dorothy Albeck - Requested by Children

Saint Anthony In Loving Memory of Regina Benick - Requested by Daughter

Blessed Mother Health of Louise Thear - Requested by A Friend



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE: **May: Sat., 4 PM:** L: John Malarkey. **EM:** Gloria Kehrli except 5/13, Pam Heydt, Todd Woodward except 5/20. **A.S.:** Ryan Malarkey, John Malarkey, Rhiannon Malarkey **Sun. 8 AM:** L: Alexa Igoe **EM:** Bernie Schweibinz, Kathleen Kenderish, Theresa Kattner except 5/14. **A.S.:** Kathleen Kenderish **Sun. 10:30 AM:** L: Greg Strubinger **EM:** Karen Yanity, Joe Blisko except 5/14, Gloria Kehrli. **A.S.:** Noah Snisky, Leah Snisky, Brianna Snisky.

MAHONING VALLEY NURSING HOME: SUNDAY, May 21 - Deacon Jack & Rita Mroz

PARISH STEWARDSHIP/OFFERTORY

May 6 & 7

Weekly: \$4,107 Other Envelopes: \$872

Thank you for your support of our parish.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, May 16 - Catholicism series - 7 PM

Thursday, May 18 - Choir - 6:30 PM

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: John 14:1-12

Jesus is "the way, the truth, the life" and he asks us to do as he does. How do you try to following Jesus' way?

Family Activity: Play the game, "Follow the Leader" as a family. Have a family discussion about what it means to follow the way of the Lord.

MEN'S MISSION: Our next collection date will be **May 20 & 21** to help the ongoing process to aid the children with their Kindergarten Building, food and uniforms in Tanzania.

CATHOLICISM SERIES: Join us on Tuesdays beginning May 16 at 7 PM in the Brogan Room for a stimulating and compelling exploration of the spiritual, moral and intellectual riches of the Catholic world. Journey with Bishop Robert Barres to more than 50 locations throughout 15 countries. Discover the full meaning of the faith where the mystery of Catholicism is revealed.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: The Knights of Columbus will be conducting another baby bottle campaign this year. Proceeds from the campaign will be donated to MARY'S SHELTER in Bethlehem, PA. MARY'S SHELTER is a Catholic non-profit organization which helps disadvantaged women who need help with their pregnancies and life situations. Last year, parishioners of Immaculate Conception, St. Joseph and Sts. Peter and Paul contributed \$5,500 to help MARY'S SHELTER in its mission. **Baby bottles will be available in the vestibule after each weekend Mass starting on Mother's day.** The bottles may be returned any weekend up to Father's day on June 18. Contact Mike Gonzalez at 570-401-2301 if you have any questions.

FREE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM: The third annual summer lunch program is underway once again being held at the Masonic Lodge Fellowship Hall on 5th Street in Jim Thorpe. Volunteers from our parish for this years program are needed for the week of June 26-30 to help greet, serve and assist in clean-up from 10:00 AM - 2 PM. Last year over 2,000 meals were served to individuals ages 2-96. If you can volunteer some time to this worthy cause, please contact Theresa Kattner who is handling the volunteers for our parish at 570-325-2658 or the parish office at 570-325-3731 so that schedules can be completed.

MASS TIME CHILD CARE: We are looking for volunteers to provide a child care program during the 10:30 Sunday Mass. We need at least 3 volunteers to begin the program which we hope to run initially 2x a month. It would be helpful for volunteers to have some experience in caring for pre-school and early grade children. Background checks as well as participation in safe environment program as mandated by the Diocese must be completed. If you are able to help out with this program, please call the church office at 570-325-3731 to volunteer. Thank you.

PRAYER AND CARE DAY FOR CAREGIVERS: On June 24, a Prayer and Care Day for Caregivers will be held at St. Joseph Center for Special Learning, Pottsville. The morning will be devoted to talks given by Sr. Christen Shukwit, OSF on the Spirituality of Caregiving. After lunch a variety of activities for pampering the caregiver will be available. There is no charge to the caregiver for this day. If you are or know someone who is a caregiver for a loved one who is ill or has a disability and is English speaking this day is for you. To receive an invitation, please contact Sr. Janice Marie Johnson, RSM at jjohnson@allentowndiocese.org at 610-657-9624 or Theresa Kattner at 570-325-2658.

MEMORIALS: St. Joseph Church would like to acknowledge a donation made **in memory of Randy Smith** from Louise Serfas.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA: This Spring marks 100 years since the Fatima apparitions, and an opportunity to reflect deeply again upon their message. The Angel of Peace appeared three times to the shepherd children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, beginning in the Spring of 1916 in Fatima, Portugal. These visitations prepared the way for the six apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima the following year. The message of Fatima may be lost sometimes in the mysterious and the spectacular: the apparitions; the “three secrets;” the dancing of the sun.” Yet, the main entreaties from Heaven concerned our day-to-day earthly activities and how these will forge our eternal destiny. The everlasting consequence of unrepented mortal sin is Hell; knowing this, we should live our lives according to the laws of God, in obedience, purity and virtue. The central message of Fatima was an urgent plea to stay on the narrow path to Heaven. Fatima calls us to conversion, and a daily turning away from sin. In order to convert the unrepentant, the Angel first taught the children the great value of intercessory prayer. Underscoring the importance of our intercession the only thing the Virgin Mary requested at all six appearances was for us to pray the Rosary, every day. She told them that our prayers can help save souls, “*Pray, pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners; for many souls go to hell, because there are none to sacrifice themselves and to pray for them.*” Please pickup a pamphlet in the vestibule, “The 5 Prayers of Fatima”.

JOHN PAUL THE GREAT READING ROOM: The quick reading book being offered this week is a #1 New York Times best seller fiction story by author *William Young* entitled: “**The Shack**” We often ask ourselves, “If God is all powerful and full of love, why doesn’t He do something about the pain and evil in our world?” The answers that Young’s story opens your mind to may astound you and perhaps even transform you. This week we highlight a contemporary musical CD of Maranatha music entitled: “**Top 25 Praise Songs of 2009**” which contains many well known praise pieces such as “Open The Eyes of My Heart Lord”, “Lord, I Lift Your Name On High”, and “I Give You My Heart” and many other beautiful worship pieces to lift your spirits.

These presentations being highlighted can be found in the vestibule of the church. But, you are welcome to stop by the Library in Mother Pauline’s Thrift Shop building Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 AM - 1 PM to select many other interesting books and CD’s that are available for you to enjoy.

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL: On this Mother’s Day weekend please remember those Mothers who give tirelessly of themselves but have fallen upon hard times and have come to our Diocese and the Bishop’s Annual Appeal for assistance. Next weekend is Commitment Sunday. If you have not done so already, please bring your pledge card to Mass. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our parish goal. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Goal: \$27,538 - Pledged: \$8,267 - Donors: 37



A Mother's Love

is patient and forgiving
when all others are forsaking,
it never fails or falters,
even though the heart is breaking.



GARAGE SALE
SATURDAY, MAY 27 - 9 AM - 1 PM
(Behind the church on School Street)

Pine Coffee Table - \$10

Small Pine Chair with Cushion - \$10

Household Items:

Knick Knacks, Dishes, Lamps, Vases, Decorations, Wreaths, Pictures,

Toys, Books, Seasonal Items

New Items Arriving Monthly!