

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 29 - Easter Weekday/Memorial Day

8:00 AM: Memorial Day Remembrances

9:10 AM: St. Joseph Cemetery Service

Tuesday, May 30 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM: Joe Curtis

Req. by: Marge Bretzik, Peggy & Michael

Wednesday, May 31 - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM: Ken Snerr

Requested by: Bernie Heller

Thursday, June 1 - Saint Justin, Martyr

9:30 AM: School Mass

Friday, June 2 - Easter Weekday/Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

8:00 AM: Louise Marra

Req. by: Nicole, Ernie, Nicholas & Isabella

Saturday, June 3 - Vigil: Pentecost

9:00 AM: Rosary for Life

3:30 PM: Confession

4:00 PM: Stephen Maliniak

Requested by: Stephanie

Sunday, June 4 - Pentecost

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

8:00 AM: Living and Deceased Parishioners of Saint Joseph Church

10:30 AM: Curtis David Bailey

Requested by: Friend

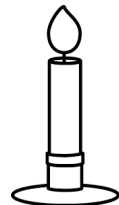


Candles will be lit May 28-June 3:

Sanctuary In Loving Memory of George Bimler, Sr. (39th anniversary)
Requested by Maryanne & Ronnie

Guardian Angel Special Intention

Blessed Mother Health of Mary Louise Huber - Requested by Son, Thomas



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE: **May: Sat., 4 PM:** L: John Malarkey. EM: Gloria Kehrli, Pam Heydt, Todd Woodward except 5/27, Diana Bochantin on May 27. **A.S.:** Ryan Malarkey, John Malarkey, Rhiannon Malarkey **Sun. 8 AM:** L: Alexa Igoe EM: Bernie Schweibinz, Kathleen Kenderish, Theresa Kattner. **A.S.:** Kathleen Kenderish **Sun. 10:30 AM:** L: Greg Strubinger EM: Karen Yanity, Joe Blisko, Gloria Kehrli. **A.S.:** Noah Snisky, Leah Snisky, Brianna Snisky.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP/OFFERTORY

May 20 & 21

Weekly: \$4,576 Other Envelopes: \$1,285
Thank you for your support of our parish.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: John 17:1-11a

How would you have felt if you were one of the Apostles and watched Jesus ascend to heaven? Would you have been scared, awestruck, amazed, happy, or perhaps sad that a friend is not with you anymore? Family Activity: After dark go outside and watch the stars, or the sunset and talk about some of the most awesome experiences you have had.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, May 29 - Parish Office Closed
Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day - Cemetery - 9:10 AM
Tuesday, May 30 - Catholic Daughters - 6 PM
Tuesday, May 30 - Catholicism series - 7 PM
Thursday, June 1 - Choir - 6:30 PM

INVITATION: The Serra Clubs of the Allentown Diocese invite all the faithful to join in celebrating our newly ordained Priest, Father John Rother, with a reception and dinner on Monday evening June 19th at Saint Mary's parish hall in Hamburg, PA from 5:30 to 8 PM. Please join us in honoring our new Priest as well as thanking all our Priests, Deacons and Sisters who will be joining us! Dinner will be provided by Boscov's catering and the speaker will be Father Robert Finlan. Tickets are \$40 each and can be purchased from any Serra member or contact Joe Zawaly at 610-944-7313 or email to probablyis@verizon.net by June 11th. Note that no late reservations can be accepted this year! We know the many ways our Clergy and Religious sustain us and our families in good times and bad so let's use this special evening to appreciate the gift of their Vocation and their selfless love in dedicating their lives in service to our faith community! Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us!

WCC SUMMER PROGRAM: Have a child entering First through Eighth grade in the public school, non-Catholic private school, or are you homeschooling? Check out our Religious Education Program.....Jim Thorpe Regional Catholic Whole Community Catechesis (formerly CCD or PREP). Registration begins this weekend!! You will find registration forms and Parents' handbooks in the vestibule of the Church. Classes run for 2 weeks July 17th through the 28th from 9 am until 1 pm. Classes take place in St. Joseph Regional Academy but we begin and end each day in St. Joseph Church. The cost is \$50/week /child. Homeschooling is also available. Please contact Mrs. Merkel at 570-325-2791 ext. 18 with any questions. Or email at wccjt@ptd.net. **Registration is due by June 19th** or a \$25 late fee is incurred per child. No registration will be accepted after July 3rd.

MEMORIAL: St. Joseph Church would like to acknowledge a donation made to Music Ministry **in memory of Joseph Kenderish** from Jeff & Penny Winklebleck; **in memory of Randy Smith** from Janie, Bernie and Alyssa Krebs.

MEN'S MISSION: The collection last weekend amounted to \$425.83 for our Kindergarten building in Tanzania. Thank you to all who give to this worthy cause each month. Our next collection date will be June 17 & 18.

SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS: Congratulations to the following winners of our May Sweepstakes:

May 8	4392	No Winner	May 11	1602 (2160)	Thomas Huber
May 9	2016 (2160)	Thomas Huber	May 12	7323	No Winner
May 10	5885	No Winner	May 13	2362	No Winner

ATTENTION ADORATION PARTICIPANTS!! Due to St. Joseph's Graduation on Tuesday, June 13, we need to change our date for our June Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Therefore, please note that our **June Adoration will be on the LAST Tuesday, June 27th**. We know that this may not work for some of you. Please try to find a replacement, if you cannot be there and please let Deacon Jack or Rita know who your replacement is along with a phone number so the person gets a reminder call. God bless all of you for your dedication to this beautiful time with Our Lord.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: As of today, our parishioners have raised \$10,944 from 51 parishioners representing 5.06% of our total number of registered families in our parish. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our financial goal to reach the 100% participation goal. If you have not made your pledge of support, you may return your pledge form to the parish office or make your gift online. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our goal. Remember every gift counts, no gift is too small. Every dollar helps those in need. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org. Goal: \$27,538 - Pledged: \$10,944 - Donors: 51

DECORATING CHURCH: Looking for a few extra hands to help decorate the church for Pentecost on Saturday, June 3 at 8 AM. Please call Greg Strubinger at 570-401-4999 or the parish office at 570-325-3731. Thanking you in advance for your help.

JOHN PAUL THE GREAT READING ROOM: The book being offered this week is entitled: "**Abundant Treasures – Meditations on the Many Gifts of the Spirit**" by Melannie Svoboda, SND. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are wonderful treasures given to us by our God whose goodness knows no bounds. This book offers deeper insights into our personal relationship with God and how each gift of the Spirit helps this relationship flourish.

This year we celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady to three children in Fatima Portugal in the early 20th Century. Therefore this week we are presenting a DVD entitled: "**The Secret Still Silenced**" which cuts to the heart of the Fatima mystery and pieces together the contents of the Third Secret of Fatima.

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.

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.

CYO NEWS: St. Joseph's CYO is looking for a girls varsity/junior varsity volleyball coach for the upcoming season 2017-2018. If anyone is interested please call 570-325-9392.

REST IN PEACE: Kindly pray for the repose of the soul of **Louise Thear**, who was called to her eternal reward. Please remember her and her loved ones in your prayers. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

DAY OF SPIRITUALITY: St. Elizabeth – Blessed is She!" The Commission for Women will be hosting a Day of Spirituality on Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Thomas More Family Center, 1040 Flexer Ave., Allentown, PA To register, email cfw@allentowndiocese.org or www.allentowndiocese.org/CFW-spirituality or call Nancy at 570-732-4001 for information and car pooling.

BULLETIN SPONSORS: Please check out the back page of our bulletin and whenever possible, patronize our sponsors. What a better way to thank them for helping support our parish.

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.

COMMUNION CALLS: If any parishioner is unable to come to Church, is in the hospital, or is sick at home and is interested in receiving Holy Communion, please call the parish office at 325-3731.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Besides being a way of effectively and regularly supporting our parish, the parish contribution envelope system is also a way of helping us to determine whether or not registered parishioners are active at Mass attendance. Regular attendance at church is required for those who seek to become godparents or act as sponsors either in our parish or in another church. The time to address this situation is significantly before a person finds themselves in a situation where they have been asked to be a godparent or sponsor and have ceased to be active in the life of the church. The Pastor cannot provide a letter of recommendation for those who were simply baptized in our church years ago or at one point briefly belonged to our church and are no longer active. Besides being a requirement of the church, of course, active membership is a good thing for all baptized Catholics and benefits both their families and the parish. We encourage your ongoing participation in the life of our parish community so that if the time comes we can happily share with you a letter of eligibility.

INTERCESSORY CANDLES: If interested in having Intercessory or the Sanctuary candle lit, please either call the parish office or if you are sending in a note, please list exactly how you want the wording in the bulletin. Also, a contact name and phone number is needed if there are questions with the request.

Saint Joseph	Saint Rita	Saint Anthony	John Paul the Great
Saint Anne	The Sacred Heart	Blessed Mother	Mother Pauline
Saint Theresa of Lisieux	Saint Barbara	Infant of Prague	Mother Teresa
Saint Jude	The Guardian Angel	The Holy Family	The Pieta
Our Lady of Fatima	Saint Mary Magdalene	Saint Kateri Tekakwitha	Saint Francis
Saint Lucy	Saint Agnes		

A donation of \$10 for intercessory candles and \$20 for the Sanctuary candle can be dropped in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Candle".

OUR LADY UNDOER OF KNOTS: An icon of Mary is in the candle shrine. Our Lady Undoer of Knots is a favorite devotion of Pope Francis. Who of us has not experienced "knotted-up" situations in our own lives or in the life of those we love? What "knot" causes you the most anxiety and worry? In a few words and anonymously write that intention on one of the knotted white ribbons, pray for that intention and then come back and untie the ribbon, light a candle and offer a prayer of thanksgiving to Mary after she interceded on your behalf.

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY: We would like to call your attention to some rules and regulations for our cemetery. We use a contracted service to maintain the cemetery grounds and some people have complained that the grass around their family headstones has not been trimmed. We remind you that items such as statuettes, figurines, toys and household articles are not permitted at gravesites. Our Diocesan liability insurance policy forbids the accumulation of articles around headstones which might be a safety hazard to those trimming and cutting grass. Please remember that the lawn service we hired must not only cut grass at the gravesites but also trim around hundreds of tombstones. A pot of flowers or a vigil candle which are easily removed during trimming are permitted at gravesites. Tombstones with accumulated articles will not be trimmed. So, please be sure to take home any items not permitted at your gravesites. Also, please remember that there is no dumpster service for our cemetery. Any dead flowers or trash should be removed by families responsible for their gravesites. Thanks for helping to keep our cemetery in order.

