

The Church of Saint Joseph in Jim Thorpe

Pastor: Reverend Francis J. Baransky / Deacon: Mr. Jack Mroz
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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, August 7 - Saint Sixtus II, Pope & Companions & Martyrs, Saint Cajetan, Priest

8:00 AM: Joseph Lesisko Requested by: Ken & Rose McArdle

Tuesday, August 8 - Saint Dominic, Priest

8:00 AM: Thomas Henry Requested by: Jim & Mary McHugh

Wednesday, August 9 - Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr

8:00 AM: Mildred Schweibinz Requested by: Son

Thursday, August 10 - Saint Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

8:00 AM: Edward Hillanbrand Requested by: Wife, Helen

Friday, August 11 - Saint Clare, Virgin

8:00 AM: Intentions of Daniel Gilberry Requested by: Brother, David

Saturday, August 12 - Vigil: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM: Rosary for Life

3:30 PM: Confession

4:00 PM: Bernard Utrata Requested by: John & Irene Dedinsky

Sunday, August 13 - Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

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

10:30 AM: Living & Deceased Members of Leonard Herman Family Requested by: Family

Candles will be lit August 6-12:

Sanctuary In Memory of Robert Lauer (12th anniversary)
Requested by Mary Louise & Jessica

Saint Anthony In Memory of my Uncle Kenny - Requested by Dillon

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

NEW SAINT JOSEPH CEMETERY SIGN: If you haven't visited the cemetery lately, please take the time to do so and check out the new sign that was donated by our parishioner, ***Francene Strubinger and Son - In Memory of All Deceased Members of the Strubinger Family.***

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE: August: Sat., 4 PM: L: John Malarkey. EM: Nancy Berchtold except 8/12, Diana Bochantin except 8/19, Gary Solt. A.S.: Bob Bochantin. Sun. 8 AM: L: Gail Smith. EM: Barbara Rodgers except 8/6, Lisa Pompa except 8/20, Theresa Kattner. A.S.: Kate Malay, Sydney Vincent. Sun. 10:30 AM: L: Grace Crouthamel. EM: Pam Reilly except 8/6, Ernie Sully except 8/20, Joe Blisko. A.S.: Caroline Snerr, Kenneth Snerr, Elizabeth Snerr.

MAHONING VALLEY NURSING HOME: Sunday, August 20 - Eucharistic Ministers - John Dedinsky, Diana Bochantin

PARISH STEWARDSHIP/OFFERTORY

July 29 & 30

Weekly: \$4,081 Other Envelopes: \$223

Summer Collection: \$1,354

Thank you for your support.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, August 8 - Adoration & Benediction

8:30 AM - 6:30 pm

Tuesday, August 8 - Flame of Love - 5 PM - Church

Saturday, August 12 - Garage Sale - 9 AM - 1 PM

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Gospel: Mt 17: 1-9

What do you think it means to be transfigured? Family Activity: Discuss events with your children that have transformed you or changed the way you look at life.

MISSION CO-OP: This weekend, Bridget Higginbotham, a representative from Franciscan Mission Service (FMS), will speak at all Masses and share about the work of FMS missionaries overseas. As a Catholic, 501c (3) non-profit organization, FMS relies on the prayers and financial support of U.S. Catholics to serve communities in Latin America and the Caribbean. In anticipation of Bridget's visit, FMS invites parishioners to reflect on Pope Francis' words from Evangelii Gaudium: "Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love." How might you be called to evangelization? Some give by going on mission, and some go by giving—both prayers and donations. To find out more, visit www.franciscanmissionservice.org. The mission co-op envelope can be found as the last envelope in your box of contribution envelopes. Please drop it in the collection basket next weekend.

F.Y.I. PICNIC: Reminder that our picnic is on **Monday, August 14** at the home of Mike & Sherry Freund. Call Diana Bochantin for directions and what to bring.

CHRISTKINDLMARKT: You may have celebrated "Christmas in July" this past week. Although it is a COOL way to spend a Hot, Humid Summer day it is not too early to look at your calendar and begin making preparations. Some individuals have even begun shopping for presents! We would like you to take note that our Christkindlmarkt will be held **Saturday, DECEMBER 9th!** We will be looking for ideas to make this event bigger and better this year. Of course as in the past St. Nick will be planning to visit AND we are planning our Live Nativity. Please plan to be a part of this parish activity. We are always in need of many participants including a Baby Jesus! If you have any ideas or are ready to sign up please call Mary Marzen at 325-4922 and leave a message.

JOHN PAUL THE GREAT READING ROOM: The book being offered this week is entitled: "**Dear Heart, Come Home – The Path of Midlife Spirituality**" by Joyce Rupp. Midlife challenges us to grow and to change. It is a journey which has many ups and downs and affects all of who we are. We try to let go of guilt and shame, thoughts and behaviors, dreams that will never be lived in this lifetime, wounds that have created barriers to self-esteem or inner peace. Perhaps the toughest of all, we must come face to face with our mortality and acknowledge that this life as we have come to know it is passing away. In this book Rupp shows how we can find insight and wisdom in our struggle. Gradually, we sort out what we want to keep and what we need to leave behind. It is no easy task and not everyone accepts the challenge.

The CD being offered this week is "**Tchaikovsky – Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, Op. 41**" which includes some lovely musical pieces – including: Glory be to the Father, Cherubical Hymn, and Our Father.

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.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saint John Damascene writes: *Your sacred and happy soul, as nature will have it, was separated in death from your most blessed and immaculate body; and although the body was duly interred, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay....Your most pure and sinless body was not left on earth but you were transferred to your heavenly throne, O Lady, Queen, and Mother of God in truth.*

When Pope Pius XII, on November 1, 1950, solemnly announced the Assumption of Mary (in the eastern churches, the Dormition) to be a dogma of the faith, he did not establish a new doctrine, but merely confirmed the universal belief of early Christianity, declaring it to be revealed by God through the medium of apostolic tradition.

Folklore: In pre-Christian times the season from the middle of August to the middle of September was observed as a period of rejoicing and thanksgiving for the successful harvest of grains. Many symbolic rites were aimed toward assuring many of prosperous weather for the reaping of the fall fruits and for winter planting. Some elements of these ancient customs were connected with the feast and season of the Assumption. All through the Middle Ages the days from August 15 to September 15 were called “Our Lady’s Thirty Days” (Frauendreissiger) in the German-speaking sections of Europe. Many Assumption shrines even today show Mary clothed in a robe covered with ears of grain. These images (Maria im Gerteidekleid, Our Lady of Grains) are favored goals of pilgrimages during August.

In art, this feast has been depicted in various ways, all of which are intended to connect Mary’s Assumption with the resurrection of Jesus and the future history of the church community whom Mary represents. Sometimes artists have portrayed her being carried to heaven by angels as the apostles look on—sometimes the apostles gaze in wonder at Mary’s empty tomb, filled with flowers. **FOOD FOR THE POOR: What a better way to celebrate Our Lady than to celebrate the harvest by bringing apples, oranges, grapes, corn on the cob, canned meats and soups in particular tuna, chicken, heat and serve Dinty Moore stews, etc. to fill Mary’s tomb and provide a feast of treats for those who benefit our Food Pantry. Items can be brought to church all next week through Tuesday, August 15! Thank you for your continued concern for the least of our brothers and sisters. (Church is open every day from dawn till dusk).**

MEMORIALS: St. Joseph Church would like to acknowledge donations made **in memory of Harry Kershaw** from Evelyn Schweibinz, **in memory of Teresa Marzen** from Family of Thomas J. Martino, Staff at Bayhealth Inpatient Pharmacy at Kent General Hospital, M/M Francis Schweibinz.

OKTOBERFEST PLANNING MEETING: Will be held Monday, August 14 at 7 PM in the Brogan Room. Hope to see everyone there. New faces welcome.

FLAME OF LOVE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PRAYER GROUP: Come to one of our meetings. Bring your prayer requests. We gather on Wednesdays in the Brogan Room from 5-6 PM on the 1st, 3rd & 4th of the month and on the 2nd Tuesday of the month during Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament from 5-6 PM in church. Visit the website: www.flameoflove.us; read a simplified version of the spiritual classics at www.devoutlifelibrary.org.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATION: Will be held on **Sunday, September 17** at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, 1875 West Turner Street, Allentown at 3 PM. We cordially invite couples celebrating five, twenty-five, forty, fifty, sixty or sixty plus years of marriage to this special event. Please register online at <http://www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass> or refer to the A.D. Times for a registration form or request a form through email at MFLF@allentowndiocese.org or by calling 610-289-8900 X 2028. The form must be returned to the Office of Marriage and Natural Family Planning, 2122 Madison Avenue, Bethlehem 18017. The deadline for registration is September 8.

SEEKING INTERNET SALES VALET: We are in need of a person experienced in selling items on eBay and Craigslist, preferably with basic skills in photography, who can photograph, post, monitor and ship a variety of items. Some knowledge of antiques helpful, but not required. Remuneration through profit sharing—the more you sell, the more you make. If interested, call the rectory office.

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL: Goal: \$27,538 - Pledged: \$16,759 - Donors: 99
Thank you to everyone who supported the Bishop’s Annual Appeal to date. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small.

GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

9 AM - 1 PM

St. Joseph Church

(Behind the church on School Street)

Small Pine Chair with Cushion - \$10
Sturdy Computer Tables – metal legs with a formica top
(from AT&T) like new - \$10 each
(2) End Tables - \$10 each
Coffee table with glass top - \$15
Modern style Dresser, Chest of Drawers & Nightstand - \$150
Modern Glass Table - \$20

Household Items:

Knick Knacks, Dishes,
Lamps, Vases,
Decorations, Wreaths, Pictures
Toys & Books
Seasonal Items



526 North St., Jim Thorpe - 570-325-3731

August 4, 2017

Dear Friends and Parishioners:

St. Joseph Parish would like to invite you, your friends and members of the community to participate in our 1st Golf Tournament to be held at Mahoning Valley Country Club Golf Course on Sunday, October 1, 2017.

Everyone will enjoy a day of golf, good food, prizes and camaraderie with friends and family while giving much needed support to the Parish. There are many projects that need to be addressed and your financial support will help the parish achieve some of these much needed goals.

We would appreciate your kind consideration by becoming a Picnic Sponsor, Lunch Sponsor, Diamond Sponsor, or a Tee and Green Sponsor. And, if you are not a golfer or are not available to attend on that day, any financial support will be greatly appreciated.

Please complete and return the enclosed Sponsor/Participation Form along with the names of golfers planning to participate in the tournament. The form can be either mailed to St. Joseph Parish at the address above or dropped at your convenience in the parish rectory door mail slot. All forms must be received no later than Sunday, September 24, 2017.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Reverend Francis J. Baransky
Pastor

Greg Strubinger
Golf Tournament
Committee Member

**SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH
1ST GOLF OUTING**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017

**MAHONING VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB
323 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD
LEHIGHTON, PA 18235**



8:00 AM: Registration
9:00 AM: Shot Gun Start/Scramble
1:00 PM: Picnic & Prizes

SPONSOR FEES:

Single Golfer: \$85 (\$50 MVCC Members) _____
\$80 if paid by September 24, 2017 _____

Picnic Sponsor: \$500 _____

Lunch Sponsor: \$300 _____

Diamond Sponsor: \$500 _____
(Includes Golfer, Picnic for 4, Tee & Green Sponsor)

Tee & Green Sponsor: \$150 _____

Tee Sponsor: \$100 _____

Green Sponsor: \$ 50 _____



I am unable to attend, but have enclosed a contribution: _____

Golfers: _____

Kindly RSVP by September 24, 2017

Please make checks payable to:
St. Joseph Church
526 North Street
Jim Thorpe, Pa 18229