

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, February 20 - Weekday; President's Day

8:00 AM: Virginia (Ginger) Beischer Requested by: James & Joy Connell

Tuesday, February 21 - Weekday; Saint Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM: Andrew Malatak (40th anniv.) Requested by: Bill & Kitty Malatak

Wednesday, February 22 - The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

8:00 AM: Intentions of Sister Donna Brady, SCC - Golden Jubilee Requested by: Cynthia Pearce

Thursday, February 23 - Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

9:00 AM: School Prayer Service

Friday, February 24 - Weekday

8:00 AM: Intentions of Susanna Gilberry Requested by: Son, David

Saturday, February 25 - Vigil: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM: Rosary for Life

3:30 PM: Confession

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

Sunday, February 26 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM: Pray the Rosary

8:00 AM: Bernard Gillespie Requested by: Agnes Busocker

10:30 AM: Edward Lienhard (deceased birthday) Requested by: Family

Candles will be lit February 19-25:

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

Guardian Angel For Joshua Melber for safety & protection on deployment
Requested by Mom & Dad

Blessed Mother In Loving Memory of Stephen Snisky (birthday remembrance)
Love, All Your Children



WARM HEARTS, HAPPY FEET: Catholic Daughters Court Ryan 911 is having their 3rd Annual Sock collection during the month of February. Please place any new socks in the box at the back of the church. They will be given to needy families at the local food pantries.

REMINDER: GARAGE SALE - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - 9 AM - 1 PM

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE: February: **Sat., 4 PM:** L: Vince Roos. EM: Maria Ewerth on 2/18 & 25. A.S.: Bob Bochantin, Jeff Thomas. **Sun. 8 AM:** L: Alexa Igoe. EM: Deacon Jack on 2/19; Lisa Pompa on 2/25. A.S.: Kristin Pompa, Zak Pompa. **Sun. 10:30 AM:** L: Grace Crouthamel. EM: Deacon Jack on 2/19; Greg Strubinger on 2/25. A.S.: Caroline Snerr, Kenneth Snerr, Elizabeth Snerr.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP/OFFERTORY

February 11 & 12

Weekly: \$2,800 Other Envelopes: \$1,136
Thank you for your support of our parish.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

When you hear the word enemy, what or who do you think fits that definition? How do you turn the other cheek?

Family Activity: Have family members relate how difficult it is to love everyone and why it is still important to do so. How does forgiveness fit into the equation?

MEN'S MISSION: Our Men's Group will meet on **Tuesday, February 21** at 7 PM in the Brogan Room. All are invited to be part of our mission to help the children of Tanzania with food, uniforms and the Kindergarten Building. The collection cans will be at the doorways to church this weekend.

HOMEBOUND/DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES: If any homebound parishioner would like to receive ashes on Wednesday, March 1 please call the parish office at 570-325-3731.

LENTEN FOOD & BAKE SALE: The Lenten Season is upon us once again.... a great time to sit down to some comforting and warm Lenten dishes. Therefore, in order to offer a variety of foods to others, we are seeking individuals who can prepare something delicious to be put in quart containers and offer for sale on Friday, March 10, Saturday, March 11 & Sunday, March 12. If you have a favorite dish that you would like to share with others, please contact the rectory at 570-325-3731 to receive a supply of plastic storage containers. Please also let the parish office know what your food specialty will be so we can list it in the bulletin. Let's all help to make this Lenten sale a huge success.

6 WEEK LENTEN PROGRAM: Come join Father Baransky every Thursday beginning March 2 from 11 AM - 1 PM in the Brogan Room where he will discuss *Signs of God's Grace - A Journey through the Sacraments* by Reverend Thomas J. Scirghi, S.J., Th.D. The sacraments lie at the heart of the Catholic faith. Now, you can discover them anew in this captivating journey. You will explore the origin of the sacraments through their scriptural roots and their development in the Church's history. You will also study ritual—how each sacrament is celebrated. The sacraments tell the Christian story of how we come to follow the way of the Lord. Father Thomas Scirghi is Associate Professor of Theology at Fordham University, where he specializes in the theology of sacraments and liturgy, as well as homiletics, the theory and practice of preaching. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, California; an S.T.L. from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts; and the Doctor of Theology from Boston University. A member of the New York Province of Jesuits, he has taught at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley and the Jesuit College of Theology in Melbourne, Australia. In 2013, he was appointed to the Thomas More Chair at Catholic Studies a joint appointment to the University of Western Australia and the University of Notre Dame, Australia.

JOHN PAUL THE GREAT READING ROOM: The book being offered this week is: "Ten Evenings with God" by *Ilia Delio, OSF* Most of us occasionally have longed for a billboard message from God telling us which direction to take in life. Can spending ten evenings with God take the frustration and panic out of life's decisions? We want to do God's will but more often than we want to admit, we find that we do just the opposite. Sometimes the gift of free will does not seem like God has done us a favor. Being able to choose freely whether to love God or to do our own thing is a precious gift.

The **musical CD** being highlighted this week is: "**Music for Quiet Listening**" - which is a compilation of beautiful musical pieces with Howard Hanson conducting the Eastman-Rochester Orchestra.

You are welcome to stop by Mother Pauline's Thrift Shop building Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 AM - 1 PM to select this and many other interesting books and CD's that are available for you to enjoy.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, February 21 - Men's Group - 7 PM

Thursday, February 23 - The Pivotal Players Series
1-2:30 PM

Thursday, February 23 - Choir - 6:30 PM

Saturday, February 25 - Garage Sale - 9 AM - 1 PM