

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 1 - Saint Joseph the Worker

6:00 PM: Joseph Lesisko Requested by: Norbert Lesisko Family

Tuesday, May 2 - Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM: Francis & Florence Bennick Requested by: Dorothy Hodor

Wednesday, May 3 - Saints Philip & James, Apostles

8:00 AM: Irene Stianche Requested by: Joe & Denise McGorry

Thursday, May 4 - Easter Weekday

9:00 AM: School Mass - Rosemary Stehle Requested by: Jim & Marie Kochie

Friday, May 5 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM: John Vanak Req. by: Carbon County PIAA Basketball Chapter

Saturday, May 6 - Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM: Rosary for Life

3:30 PM: Confession

4:00 PM: Joan Wildoner (deceased birthday) Requested by: Husband, Charlie

Sunday, May 7 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

8:00 AM: Tim Schaffner Requested by: Robert & Lisa Schaninger

10:30 AM: **200th Birthday of Blessed Mother Pauline**
Living and Deceased Sisters of Christian Charity

Candles will be lit April 30-May 6:

Guardian Angel Special Intention

Blessed Mother Prayers Answered

Saint Anthony Special Intention

Saint Joseph Special Intention

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

Blessed Mother For the health of Louise Thear - Requested Children & Families

Divine Mercy Special Intention

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE: April: Sat., 4 PM: L: Vince Roos. **EM:** Gary Solt, Nancy Berchtold, Diana Bochantin. **A.S.:** Jeff Thomas, Jessica Lauer. **Sun. 8 AM: L:** Joe Marzen. **EM:** James Igoe, Barbara Rodgers, Lisa Pompa. **A.S.:** Kate Malay, Sydney Vincent. **Sun. 10:30 AM: L:** Grace Crouthamel. **EM:** Greg Strubinger, Ernie Sully, Mike Sofranko. **A.S.:** _____, _____.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE: May: Sat., 4 PM: L: John Malarkey. **EM:** Gloria Kehrlı 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 except 5/7, Kathleen Kenderish, Theresa Kattner except 5/14. **A.S.:** Kathleen Kenderish **Sun. 10:30 AM: L:** Greg Strubinger **EM:** Karen Yanity except 5/7. Joe Blisko except 5/14, Gloria Kehrlı. **A.S.:** Noah Snisky, Leah Snisky, Brianna Snisky.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP/OFFERTORY

April 22 & 23

Weekly: \$3,855 Other Envelopes: \$1,241

Easter: \$340

Thank you for your support of our parish.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, May 2 - Divine Mercy Series - 7 PM

Thursday, May 4 - Choir - 6:30 PM

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Luke 24: 13-35 The disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread. How have you experienced Jesus at Mass, in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread? How have you experienced Jesus at meals and with friends and family? **Family Activity:** Talk to your family about the disciples' journey to Emmaus. Discuss reasons why the disciples did not recognize Jesus even though he was close to them. Apply this reading to your own lives. As a family, discuss ways that you can make an effort to be more aware of Jesus' presence in your lives.

CALLING ALL BAKERS!!! Next weekend, on Sunday, May 7th we will be celebrating the 200th Birthday of Blessed Mother Pauline at the 10:30 AM Mass! After Mass, we will have a special luncheon in the school for everyone to continue celebrating with some lunch. We will have turkey BBQ, meatballs, salads and more! If you are able to bake something, it would be greatly appreciated! Just bring it with you that morning and drop it off in the School Cafeteria. If you cannot bake something – COME ANYWAY - PLEASE!!! Everything being prepared is for OUR PARISH FAMILY!!

DUCK DERBY TICKETS: St. Joseph Regional Academy will be selling Duck Derby Tickets this weekend, after all Masses in the vestibule of church. Tickets cost \$5 each or 3 for \$10. The derby will be held on Saturday, May 6. Please support this worthwhile fundraiser for our school.

REMEMBERING MOM: Our moms have a special place in the lives of our families and with Mother's Day fast approaching on May 14, what a better way to remember her than with a Spiritual Bouquet. Give your mom a spiritual gift and present her with a beautiful card (available in the vestibule). Just complete the information on the envelope, enclose your offering and drop it in the collection basket. Then take the card and plain envelope to mom. You can also remember deceased mothers with a spiritual bouquet.

MAY PROCESSION: The annual May crowning at St. Joseph will take place on **Sunday, May 14** at the 10:30 AM Mass. All children are urged to participate in the procession especially the children who just received their First Holy Communion & Confirmation (dressed in the clothes they wore for their Sacraments). The children will process outside to the statue of Mary.

HEALING MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED TRAUMA: **Monday, May 8** - 6:30 PM in our church. Monsignor Al Schlert will be the celebrant and Monsignor Walter Scheaffer will be the homilist. Immediately after Mass will be a Holy Hour of Benediction and confession will be held.

MEMORIALS: St. Joseph Church would like to acknowledge donations made **in memory of Randy Smith** from Kitty & Bill Malatak, Jim & Diane Strubinger, Don & Connie Herman; **in memory of Joseph Kenderish** from Al & Bettie Fanelli.

APOLOGETICS FORUM: THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED - The Resurrection of the Body - Have you ever been asked or wondered...What happens to us after death? Do we have our bodies or does just our spirit live on? Did Jesus Rise Bodily? Join us as Reverend Daniel Kravatz discusses how to answer these and other questions about the Catholic teaching on the Resurrection of the Body! This free event will take place on Wednesday, May 3 from 7-9 PM at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 243 Lafayette Ave., Palmerton.

ADORATION: **Tuesday, May 9** we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning after the 8 AM Mass (except when there is a funeral and then it will start after the funeral). Rosary and Benediction at 6:30 PM. Time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is a tremendous blessing!

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. Our Men's Group will meet on **Tuesday, May 16** at 7 PM in the Brogan Room.

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.

WCC GATHERING: Please note the Gathering scheduled for this Sunday has been cancelled.

ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER: The Serra Clubs of the Allentown diocese will host an annual Day of Prayer for Vocations on **Saturday, May 6th** at Saint Mary's in Kutztown. The day begins with registration and continental breakfast from 8:15 to 9 AM followed by a Holy Hour with the Rosary for Vocations and chanted Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction with Monsignor Scheaffer. Come and experience the joy and peace of the Risen Lord that awaits in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament! There are two awesome conferences this year- Father Lucien Longtin, SJ, who celebrated his 50th jubilee as a priest in 2015 will share his vocation story with us, and Father Jose Kumbloickal MSFS, who has served as a Provincial Superior and is currently visiting professor of theology at DeSales University will reflect on his experiences. This is a wonderful opportunity for all to "put out into deeper water" and learn more about our faith from two heroic Priests! A catered lunch is provided and after a period for personal prayer and reflection, Monsignor Schlert will celebrate Mass at 1:15. Please come and join us in asking the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers into His harvest- our Church and our world are in great need of them! Offering for the day is just \$20; to reserve your spot please send your check payable to "Serra District 80-1" to Joe Zawaly at 803 Forest Street, Fleetwood, PA 19522-1021 by May 1st. If you have any questions on the day, contact Steve Hahn by email stephenhahn@yahoo.com or phone 610-779-8477.

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

MOTHER PAULINE'S THRIFT SHOP NEEDS YOUR HELP: We are looking for some able bodied persons to help with our poundage pickup on Saturday morning, **May 13** and we need help on Friday evening, **May 12** at 6:30 PM, getting the poundage bags from the basement of the Thrift Shop and then again Saturday morning at 9 AM to help load the truck that comes to take the poundage away. This is a big job and that is why it is split in two days. **Please, please help!** A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule of the church. Thank you in advance.

JOHN PAUL THE GREAT READING ROOM: The book being offered this week is: "**Parables - The Arrows of God**" by Megan McKenna. For many people, the most familiar parts of scripture are the parables that Jesus used in his teaching. The parables were easy for his hearers to relate to, because they dealt with practical, down-to-earth matters. We've heard them for years but do we really understand them. The parables are all about justice and mercy. When we understand the function of the parable as an arrow of God to break through our deafness, our hardness of heart... it makes us painfully aware of our need to change the way we relate to ourselves, others and God.

This week we highlight a musical CD: "**Leeland - Sound of Melodies**" which contains selections such as: "Beautiful Lord" and "How Wonderful".

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.

CYO NEWS: Our annual banquet is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 24 at 6 PM** - Jim Thorpe H.S. CYO participants and their families are welcome to attend. We are still looking for new coaches, chaperones, and board members for the 2017/2018 school year. Please consider a role in this worthwhile organization. Call John at 570-325-9392 for more information. Our next meeting is **Sunday, May 7** at 6:30 PM in St. Joseph Regional Academy.

CARBON COUNTY AREA ON AGING: Do you have Medicare? Do you want to know if you are eligible to save some money? The APPRISE Program wants to make sure you and your loved ones who have Medicare know about the extra help and Medicare savings programs. Extra help can lower your prescription co payments and premiums and cover the cost of the coverage gap (“donut hole”). Call Carbon County Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-441-1315. There is no cost for the APPRISE Program’s help or for enrollment.

UPCOMING GARAGE SALE: Stay tuned next month for our flyer for the next Garage Sale to be held Saturday, May 27 from 9 AM - 1 PM.

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.

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.