

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

Monday, July 3 - Saint Thomas, Apostle

8:00 AM: Sara Carrigan (50th anniversary)

Requested by: Kitty & Bill

Tuesday, July 4 - Weekday, USA, Independence Day

8:00 AM: James Sofranko

Requested by: Connie Melber

Wednesday, July 5 - Weekday, Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest, USA, Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

8:00 AM: Irene Milan

Requested by: Tom & Monica Martino

Thursday, July 6 - Weekday, Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin

8:00 AM: Mildred Snisky

Requested by: Randy & Gail Smith

Friday, July 7 - Weekday

8:00 AM: Thomas Dinan

Requested by: Stephanie

1:00 PM: **Wedding** - Cori Citro & Ceirsta Swartley

Saturday, July 8 - Vigil: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM: Rosary for Life

3:30 PM: Confession

4:00 PM: Joseph & Josephine Huber

Requested by: Jim & Loretta Horn

Sunday, July 9 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM: Pray the Rosary

8:00 AM: Monsignor Charles Moss

Requested by: Sarah

10:30 AM: Living and Deceased Parishioners of Saint Joseph Church

Monday, July 10 - Weekday

8:00 AM: No Mass

Tuesday, July 11 - Saint Benedict, Abbott

8:00 AM: No Mass

8:30 AM - 6:30 PM: Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday, July 12 - Weekday

8:00 AM: George Cibik (29th anniversary)

Requested by: Wife & Children

Thursday, July 13 - Weekday; Saint Henry

8:00 AM: Fred J. Hydro (4th anniversary)

Requested by: Wife, Pat

Friday, July 14 - USA: Saint Kateri Tekawitha, Virgin

8:00 AM: Jack Shepherd (1st anniversary)

Requested by: Bill & Kitty Malatak

Saturday, July 15 - Vigil: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM: Rosary for Life

3:30 PM: Confession

4:00 PM: Betzler Family

Requested by: George Betzler

Sunday, July 16 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM: Pray the Rosary

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

10:30 AM: Philip G. Rader

Requested by: Betty Ann

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE: July: Sat., 4 PM: L: Mary Marzen. **EM:** Pam Heydt except 7/8, Gloria Kehrlri except 7/22, Todd Woodward. **A.S.:** Jessica Lauer. **Sun. 8 AM: L:** Joe Marzen. **EM:** Kathleen Kenderish, Bernie Schweibinz, _____ except 7/2, 9 & 30. **A.S.:** Joe Otto. **Sun. 10:30 AM: L:** Greg Strubinger. **EM:** Karen Yanity, Gloria Kehrlri, _____ except 7/2,9 & 30. **A.S.:** Kayla Renode, Robert Renode, Olivia Renode.

MAHONING VALLEY NURSING HOME: Sunday, July 16 - Barbara Rodgers & Kathleen Kenderish

PARISH STEWARDSHIP/OFFERTORY

June 24 & 25

Weekly: \$3,911 Other Envelopes: \$959

Special Summer: \$831

Thank you for your support of our parish.

TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, July 5 - Flame of Love - 5 PM

Saturday, July 8 - Yard Sale - 9 AM - 1 PM

Monday, July 10 - F.Y.I. Picnic - 12 NOON

Tuesday, July 11 - Adoration & Benediction

Tuesday, July 11 - Flame of Love - 5 PM - Church

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: 13th Sunday - Gospel:

Mt 10:37-42 - When have you been able to put what someone else needs ahead of what you want for yourself?

Family Activity: This week as a family talk about some of your favorite meals, then shop for one of them and donate the ingredients for the meal to the food pantry instead of having it for yourself.

14th Sunday - Gospel: Mt 11:25-30 - What burden do you need Jesus to help you carry? *Family Activity:* Next weekend, after Mass, go light a candle for something your family would like to pray for.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE: Cori Citro of St. Joseph Church and **Ceairsta Faye Swartley** will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Friday, July 7 at 1 PM in our church. Please remember Cori and Ceairsta as they prepare to make this life-long commitment that their life together may become a witness to Christ's love for his Bride, the Church.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will be closed from July 3 through July 11 reopening for business Wednesday, July 12 at 8 AM. Thank you.

MEN'S MISSION: The collection cans will be in the doorways to the church the weekend of July 15 & 16 to help the ongoing process to aid the children with their Kindergarten Building, food and uniforms in Tanzania. Thank you to all who support this worthy cause each month.

OKTOBERFEST MEETING: Please mark your calendars for our first planning meeting on **Monday, July 17 at 6:30 PM** in the Brogan Room. All are welcome to attend.

CATHOLICISM SERIES: Please note we will **NOT** meet on Tuesday, July 4 due to the holiday or July 11 due to Adoration & Benediction. We will resume on Tuesday, July 18 at 7 PM.

YOUNG ADULT LISTENING SESSION: Rome Wants to Know What You Think! Pope Francis has dedicated the 15th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to be focused on the theme of "Youth [ages 16-29] Faith, and Vocational Discernment." The Synod will take place in October of 2018, but to prepare for it, the Church needs to hear from you! Join us on **Wednesday, July 12** from 7 to 9 p.m. at **Roma Pizza**, 116 W Market St. in Pottsville.

MEMORIALS: St. Joseph Church would like to acknowledge donations made **in memory of Louise Thear** from Michael & Bernice Fagan, Robert & Judith Pope.

Candles will be lit July 2-8:

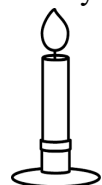
Blessed Mother

In Memory of my father, Michael Sarik and my friends with birthdays in July - Arthur, Ella, Bea, Harriet

Saint Anne

For Chase, Erin & Family

No candles July 9-15



WE HAVE A BISHOP!: Pope Francis has appointed Reverend Monsignor Alfred A. Schlert, as the Fifth Bishop of Allentown. Bishop-elect Schlert is the first priest of the Diocese to be appointed to serve as its Bishop. He has been serving as the Diocesan Administrator. He was educated at St. Jane's Elementary School and Notre Dame High School, both in Easton. He prepared for the Priesthood at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary near Philadelphia and the Pontifical Roman Seminary and St. John Lateran University in Rome. Most Reverend Thomas J. Welsh ordained him a priest at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena in Allentown on September 29, 1987. Bishop-elect Schlert's Ordination and Installation will be held on Thursday, August 31 at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena in Allentown. We congratulate Monsignor Schlert and join in praying that the Holy Spirit will make him a holy and wise shepherd of the church.

MARIAN COLTS FOOTBALL CAMP: July 10-12 - 8:30 AM - 1 PM - For players entering grades 3-9. Cost is \$55 and includes a Marian Football Camp T-shirt. The aim of camp is to develop the offensive and defensive abilities of each player. Focused positions are RB, QB, Center, Flanker and Ends (wide & tight), Kickers, D-Ends, D-Secondary, Line and Linebacker. For more information or to register, please contact Pat Morgans at 570-778-2608 or email pmorgans@ymail.com.

SJRA EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: 6,7,8th grade Religion Teacher: Part-Time position - Monday-Friday, 8 AM - 12 NOON. Teacher Certification and Master Catechist Certification preferred. All interested applicants, please email resume to principal@sjracademy.org.

JOHN PAUL THE GREAT READING ROOM: The book being offered this week is entitled: "**Living in Hope**" by Ladislaus Boros S.J.. This book attempts to define human life in terms of hope and to formulate the question of God in the light of man's expectations for the future. Hope is an indispensable condition for engaging in a Christian life. To be directed towards the future in hope is a feature of the whole Christian message, of the Church, of Christian life and therefore of all reflection on its mystery. Hope is the goal and tendency of all Christian life, thought and prayer.

The CD being offered this week is entitled: "**Hymns and Songs of the Church**" This recording of wonderful pieces are made up of musical pieces to be sung and played both at home and in church and are arranged in eight sequences following the Church's liturgical year. It includes songs of joy, love, sacrifice, faith and hope among others wonderful pieces.

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.

F.Y.I. ANNUAL PICNIC: Will be held Monday, July 10 at 12 NOON at Germantown Grove. Remember to bring a \$10 gift for our raffle. Reminder to sign up for our anniversary luncheon at Penn's Peak - Salute to Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers on October 5 - \$45 each.

SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA: Long before our European ancestors came to our area, the native American Lenapi tribe lived in what we called Mauch Chunk. The icon of Kateri Tekakwitha in our triptych serves to remind us of our native American heritage and the beauty of God's creation. Born in what is now Auriesville, NY and orphaned at an early age, the Lily of the Mohawks met French missionaries in her village and became a catechumen. At the age of 20, she was baptized on Easter Sunday. (As was the practice then, she received First Communion almost two years later). The catechumenate, while little known in the U.S. before Vatican II, had survived at least in mission territories. Her relatives abused and ostracized Kateri because of her faith, so she moved to the Montreal area after her baptism to live with the Catholic Christian Mohawk community. There an older woman, Anastasia Tegonhatsihonga, acted as a catechist, leading Kateri deeper into Christianity.

YOU'RE INVITED: The Men of Marian cordially invites everyone to the 47th Annual Summer Picnic of the school's booster organization. The event will be held at the Marian High School property in Hometown, but there's more. A huge flea market again will again be a part of the picnic, offering deals and bargains you won't want to miss. For plenty of traditional foods, games, prizes, refreshments and entertainment, visit the picnic on Friday, Saturday, Sunday July 28, 29, from 5 - 10 p.m. and Sunday, July 30 from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday, July 28th, music will be provided by "Jean and American Dream". Saturday, July 29, entertainment will be provided by the "Nite Flyte", and Sunday music will be provided by "The Tones". For more information, contact the Development Office at Marian High School, 570-467-0641 or 570-582-0021.



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY 4TH OF JULY



ANNUAL CLOTHING COLLECTION: Beginning **now through July 31**, items may be dropped off at The Lutheran Church of St. John in-the-Heights at the following times: Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 AM - 2 PM, Wednesdays 6 –8 PM (evening drop off), Thursdays and Fridays from 9 AM - 2 PM. Please do not leave clothing at the church doors if locked! Call Mary Strohl at 570-325-2294. We will also accept small household items, **clean** bedding, shoes, purses, **clean** baby items such as car seats, high chairs, **clean** toys, etc. No stained or dirty clothing please! No Electronics or No Televisions. Thank you for your donations.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:

Goal: \$27,538 - Pledged: \$15,169 - Donors: 91

Thank you to everyone who supported the Bishop's Annual Appeal to date. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small.

SUMMER IS HERE: After our long winter and rainy spring, we are all happy that the warm weather has finally arrived. This means that many folks will travel these days to vacation and travel to see friends and relatives. Summer is a great time to reconnect with people and to relax and be renewed. As you do this, please remember that our parish is here and needs to pay its expenses and regular bills every day even during the summer. That means that we depend very much upon your continuing to make regular weekly contributions to our parish through your envelopes so that we in turn may continue to pay our bills. Thank you to all who so generously give to church and enable us to provide service for our community and the beautiful place of worship for both parishioners and the many guests who visit. Happy Summer!

URGENT NEED: Once again we have a great need for volunteers in all aspects of serving our parish. It does not take much time out of your daily life to ensure that our parish can remain active and vibrant. Just an hour or two throughout the month can be the deciding factor of whether or not this parish can survive. If you come to Mass on a weekly basis it would be much more meaningful to you and your faith to participate in Mass. This should begin with encouraging children to step forward by volunteering as altar servers or readers. What better way to serve our Lord and God than by reading his Word or serving at the Eucharist? Another way of participating at Mass is to volunteer your time as an usher or greeter for the weekend liturgy. Please take the time to consider the many ways in which you can deepen your participation at holy Mass. Remember, the more volunteers we have the less frequently you would have to give your time. Scheduling right now is every other month. Many of our former volunteers are no longer able to offer their service because of physical infirmities that come with aging. It is the next generations responsibility to follow their example by volunteering their service in our parish. Please call the parish office at 570-325-3731 to share your gifts of service with the church.

MANY THANKS: To all who have been saving cancelled stamps for the Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, MSC of Reading. They truly appreciate it, however, please do NOT cut or trim them. Just tear off the corner of the envelope and the nuns will do the rest. They CANNOT use the stamps that are trimmed so closely.

ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING: In an effort to raise additional funds to support Mother Pauline's Thrift Shop, two barrels to collect aluminum cans have been placed outside the back porch to the Thrift Shop. Please do your best to help support these efforts to those dedicated to ensure the success of this endeavor and thank you to those who have been recycling cans for us.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE/WEDDINGS: Arrangements should be made with the parish priest one year (and not less than 6 months) prior to the wedding. To avoid any conflict with our weekend celebrations, no wedding will be celebrated after 1:30 PM on a Saturday and no weddings are scheduled on Sundays.

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 (570) 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.

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. (Please note Adoration for the month of June is on June 27). Visit the website: www.flameoflove.us; read a simplified version of the spiritual classics at www.devoutlifelibrary.org.

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.

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| 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: Now that the warm weather is here, visits to the cemetery have increased and lawn maintenance work is in full progress. Therefore, visitors to the cemetery are reminded to adhere to diocesan cemetery rules and regulations. **The church will not be responsible for items placed on the graves.** All non-permitted items will be removed from the graves by the cemetery maintenance staff. There is no garbage pickup at the cemetery. Please take your discarded items with you. Please take note of these specific rules regarding cemetery decorations:

- Artificial flowers are permitted only from November 1 through March 31 & Memorial Day Weekend
- Flags are permitted only from Memorial Day through Veterans Day
- Planting of shrubs or flowers are permitted only in movable pots
- Statuettes, figurines, toys and household items are not permitted at gravesites as per Diocesan insurance policy and for the safety of the cemetery workers while trimming and cutting grass along with fencing, edging or other enclosures.

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.

MEN'S MISSION: 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 April 8 & 9.

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.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS: We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new parishioners that have recently joined our parish family here at St. Joseph. We look forward to getting to know you and also invite your participation in our parish ministries: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Choir. Like every parish we have a regular schedule of fundraisers throughout the year and we are always looking for volunteers. Please call the parish office at 570-325-3731 with any questions you may have.

ADORATION: **Tuesday, June 27** 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 collection will take place this weekend for the Kindergarten Building and children programs in Tanzania. Thank you to all who support this worthy mission each month.

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.