

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, April 24 - Saint Fidelis of Sigmarigen, Priest & Martyr

8:00 AM: Charles & Jean Herman Requested by: Jim & Mary McHugh

Tuesday, April 25 - Saint Mark, Evangelist

8:00 AM: Helene Bechtel Requested by: F.Y.I.

Wednesday, April 26 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM: Ken Snerr Requested by: Joann Donati

Thursday, April 27 - Easter Weekday

4:30 PM: Holy Mass and Confirmation - Anna Baransky Requested by: Family

Friday, April 28 - Saint Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr, Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

8:00 AM: Andrew Benyo Requested by: Wife, Dorothy

Saturday, April 29 - Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM: Rosary for Life

3:30 PM: Confession

4:00 PM: Geana, Ells & Douglas Weiss Requested by: Jim & Loretta Horn

Sunday, April 30 - Third Sunday of Easter

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

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

10:30 AM: Rosemary Stehle Requested by: Daughter & Son-in Law

Candles will be lit April 23-29:

Sanctuary Eternal Peace for my brother, Paul - Requested by Pinky

Guardian Angel Special Intention

Blessed Mother Special Intention

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

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

EASTER CELEBRATION: Alleluia! Christ is Risen! And a beautiful time of celebration was had by all due to the many days, hours and talent offered by our faithful volunteers to ensure that the praise and honor to Christ was fulfilled this Easter Season. A special thanks to all who volunteered many hours from the beginning of Lent to Easter to meet the many needs of the parish to ensure that the proper praise and honor was given to Christ at this very holy celebration of our faith.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE: **April: Sat., 4 PM:** L: Vince Roos. EM: Gary Solt on 4/22, 29. Deacon Jack on 4/22; Nancy Berchtold on 4/29. Diana Bochantin on 4/22 & 29. **A.S.:** Jeff Thomas, Jessica Lauer. **Sun. 8 AM:** L: Joe Marzen. EM: James Igoe on 4/23 & 30; Barbara Rodgers on 4/23 & 30; Lisa Pompa on 4/23 & 30 **A.S.:** Kate Malay, Sydney Vincent. **Sun. 10:30 AM:** L: Grace Crouthamel. EM: Greg Strubinger on 4/23 & 30; Ernie Sully on 4/23 & 30, Mike Sofranko on 4/23 & 30. **A.S.:** Christian Salerno, Sophia Salerno.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP/OFFERTORY

April 15 & 16

Weekly: \$3,660 Other Envelopes: \$479
Rice Bowl: \$181 Holy Thursday: \$520
Good Friday: \$396 Easter: \$11,250
Thank you for your support of our parish.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, April 25 - Catholic Daughters - 6 PM
Tuesday, April 25 - Parish Choir - 6:30 PM
Wednesday, April 26 - Baptism Class - 6:30-8 PM

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Gospel: John 20:19-31 - Do you ever feel like Thomas?

Family Activity: Play a game with your family, with the adults telling stories from their childhood and the others having to guess whether the story is true or not, whether they doubt the story that is being told. Discuss what it must have been like for Thomas, and how important faith is in your life.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: On **Sunday, May 7** at the 10:30 AM Mass, our church will celebrate the 200th birthday of Blessed Mother Pauline von Mallinckrodt, the Foundress of the Sisters of Christian Charity. We have invited and expect some of the Sisters to join us that day. There will be a lunch after Mass in St. Joseph Regional Academy Cafeteria. Please join us for both.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will resume in our parish on **Saturday, April 29** at 3:30 PM following the Octave of Easter. The sacrament is always available by calling the church office and setting up an appointment with the confessor.

REST IN PEACE: Kindly pray for the repose of the soul of **Randy Smith, husband of Gail Smith**, 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.

DUCK DERBY TICKETS: St. Joseph Regional Academy will be selling Duck Derby Tickets next weekend, April 29 & 30 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 Holy Communion (dressed in their communion clothes). The children will process outside to the statue of Mary.

HEALING MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED TRAUMA: **Saturday, 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.

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.

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.

CHECK US OUT!: We have a new website that includes a condensed history, our mission, information on our ministries, ministry schedules and areas of outreach. It also has a calendar of events, our bulletins, a photo gallery and much more! This website is another way to help us communicate with you, our parishioners! This website was created and will be maintained by SMBCreativegroup.com and is hosted by GoDaddy. Give us a look at: <http://saintjosephchurch-jimthorpe.org>.

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 stephenchahn@yahoo.com or phone 610-779-8477.

MEMORIALS: St. Joseph Church would like to acknowledge donations made *in memory of Irene Petrucci* from Joe Thear, Jr.; *in memory of Monica Martino* from Agnes & William Puskas, Mary Louise & Jessica Lauer, Janie & Bernie Krebs & Family, M/M Ernest Schickedanz, M/M Edward Martino ; *in memory of Irene Milan* from Janie & Bernie Krebs & Family; *in memory of Randy Smith* from Ann Vandembord.

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: "**Seek Treasures in Small Fields**" by Joan Puls, OSF. Puls believes that most of us spend our lives in "small fields" raising a family, working in a job, being friends and neighbors, searching for meaning in our lives and trying to make the best use of our time and talent. However, we fail to tap the "treasures" that lie beneath – Our relationship with Christ profoundly alters our identity. Our Identities with others are intertwined. We are carvers and creators of one another's spirits. Puls urges us to recognize that God is in our midst and that it is in the everyday circumstances of our lives that God chooses to meet us.

This week we highlight a musical CD with Robert Shaw as conductor of the Festival Singers entitled: "**Amazing Grace**" which contains selections of American Hymns and Spirituals such as: "To God Our Strength" and "Wondrous Love" and many others.

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.