



St. Joseph Parish

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Mission: Together in faith, we celebrate Christ through prayer and service.

PARISH

Only two more opportunities to join us this Lent for Adoration from 1:00 p.m. to 1:50 p.m. at St. Joseph, followed by Benediction and Stations of the Cross. Please join us for this quiet time with the Lord, March 11 and next Sunday, March 18.

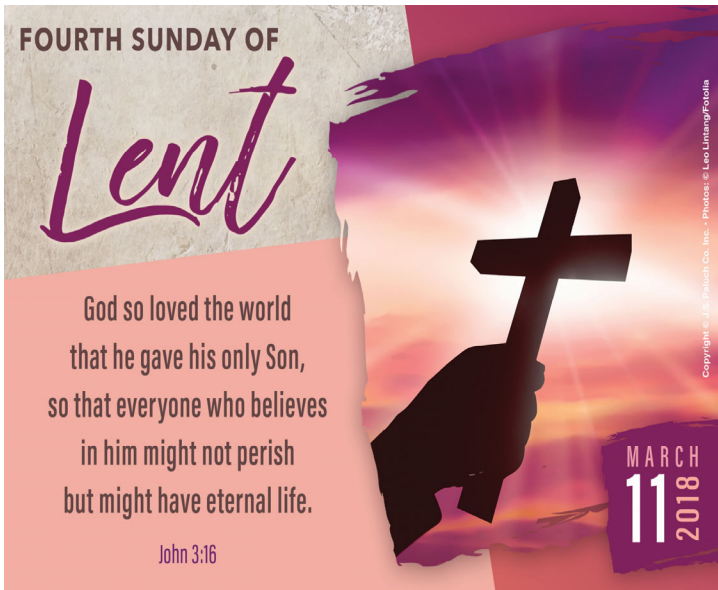
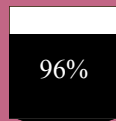
The Meaning of Virtue in Catholic Life—All are invited to join St. Joseph and St. Stephen Parishes for a Lenten Parish Mission on March 17-18. The mission is led by Rev. Dariusz Miskowicz, D.Th. and will take place during the weekend Masses. Rev. Dariusz Miskowicz was born and educated in Poland. He was ordained a Catholic priest in Poland in 1996 and also received a Theology/Philosophy degree from Pontifical Academy of Krakow in Krakow, Poland. Continuing his education in 2007, he received a Doctor's Degree in Spiritual Theology from Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski University in Warsaw. Rev. Miskowicz is currently serving his pastoral duties in the Diocese of Halifax, Canada.

Monday Morning 8:00 a.m. Mass will continue at St Joseph Parish through Monday, March 26, 2018.

Did You Know—"I don't know if you recall, but everything you have and are, is a gift from Me...The Diocesan Appeal is really all about doing My work." You should seriously think about getting involved.

Your Diocesan Annual Appeal Team

Special Collections 03/04/2018	
Milk Can Fund	\$15.00
Building Fund	\$445.00
Keeping Our Father's House	\$0.00
Envelopes/Basket Summary— 03/04/18	
Weekly Giving	\$7,444
Weekly Giving Budgeted	\$7,096
Giving to Date	\$259,188
Budgeted to Date	\$255,456
DAA 2017/2018 GOAL	
Weekly Pledges Received	\$50
Total Pledges Received	\$47,850
Total Payments Received	\$45,105
Food for Poor Housing Goal	\$3,600
Total Received	\$2,200
Chalice Refurbish Goal	\$2,000
Total Received	\$650



ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH 11-MARCH 18

Sunday, March 11

- 11:30 a.m.—Baptism Class
- 1:00 p.m.—Adoration
- 1:50 p.m.—Benediction and Stations

Monday, March 12

- 7:00 p.m.—Holy Hour for Families

Tuesday, March 13

- 4:30 p.m.—Communications Meeting
- 6:30 p.m.—RCIA

Wednesday, March 14

- 4:15 p.m.—CCD
- 6:30 p.m.—CCD
- 6:30 p.m.—TYME

Thursday, March 15

- 12:00 p.m.—**3/25/18 Bulletin Deadline**
- 6:00 p.m.—Pastoral Council Meeting
- 6:00 p.m.—Finance Council Meeting
- 7:00 p.m.—Joint Pastoral and Finance Council Meeting

Saturday, March 17, Social after Mass

- 9:00 a.m.—Grade 2 Sacrament Meeting
- Parent and Child at St. Stephen Parish

Sunday, March 18, Social after Mass

- Parish Family Life Meeting after Mass
- 1:00 p.m.—Adoration
- 1:50 p.m.—Benediction and Stations

Mass Schedule and Intentions

MONDAY, March 12	8:00 a.m. †Ted, Dora & Terry Nolan
TUESDAY, March 13	8:15 a.m. <i>Mass at St. Stephen Parish</i>
WEDNESDAY, March 14	8:00 a.m. The Living & Deceased Members of the St. Joseph Holy Name Society
THURSDAY, March 15	8:00 a.m. <i>Mass at St. Stephen Parish</i>
FRIDAY, March 16	8:00 a.m. †Bob & Emmy Gregorich
<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	
SATURDAY, March 17, St. Patrick	4:00 p.m. †Cyril Hogan †Joseph Misiewicz
SUNDAY, March 18	10:30 a.m. The Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph & St. Stephen Parishes

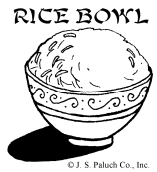
Liturgical Ministers for March 17-18**4:00 p.m. — Saturday**

Mass Preparation: Kris Hansen
Altar Servers: Jeannette Friess & Don Showalter
Hospitality Ministers:
 Mike Bablitch Val Omernick Virginia Zakoski (w)
 Steve Brazzale Maurice Stoltz
Reader: Mary Davidson
Eucharistic Ministers:
 Kim Boden Jan Boursier Dolly McKay
 Rich Boden Charisse Fogarty Rich Mrozinski
Gift Card Sellers: Mary Stroik

10:30 a.m. — Sunday

Mass Preparation: Kris Hansen
Altar Servers: Jacob Cornell, Cheyenne Cornell, and Luke Sekerka
Hospitality Ministers:
 Rosalie Chojnacki Kathy Hansel Luke Wachowiak
 Don Dehlinger Jeanette Koziczkowski(w) Chris Sekerka
Readers: Mike Daniels & Terry Miller
Eucharistic Ministers:
 Paul Banz Sally Dehlinger
 Mike or Michelle Cornell Kevin Shibilski
 Mary Pat Dean Brian Zimmerman
Gift Card Sellers: Terri Kroening

Call to Justice Rice Bowl Collection for Catholic Relief Services (CRS)—We encounter Andrise, a teacher in Haiti who knows the importance of forming young people who will give back to the community—and their country. Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you closer to God and your community. How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



St. Joseph and St. Stephen Combined Grief Support Ministry—Fr. Jerzy has identified a need for parish members to assist those who are grieving. This ministry requires male and female volunteers alike to get this ministry up and running. What can be accomplished depends on you and your ideas. Initially this support will be provided by contacting families, hosting monthly support gatherings at St. Stephen Rectory and generally just maintaining periodic contact as their parish family. Some of this can be done from the comforts of your home. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Deacon Art Schaller at 715-592-3692, Tammy Kenowski at 715-341-2583 or Terry Miller at 715-340-2471.

Senior Trips—Thank you Ron and Aggie Kobishop for your many years of service in coordinating the Senior Trips. You gave us many wonderful trips and great memories! Steve and Jean Brazzale are the new coordinators. Two trips have been planned already: Milwaukee Brewer Game on June 27 and Fireside Theater for the play *Church Basement Ladies* on July 12. If you are interested in reserving a spot for either of these trips, call the Brazzales at 715-341-3256.

St. Anne's Ladies—This is a reminder that it is time to pay your annual dues of \$10. Electronic payment does not deduct for your dues so you will need to pay by cash or check. Your payment envelope can be dropped in the weekend collection basket or taken to the parish office. We invite all ladies of the parish to join St. Anne's. If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please call Kathy Tetzloff at 715-344-7150 or Jean Brazzale at 715-341-3256.

PARISH

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, March 28.

Parish new E-Mail Address Change will begin this month. Watch the bulletin for more details

Thank you to Lucille Knutdson, who passed away on February 2, 2018, for her generous donation to the parish. St. Joseph Parish is truly grateful for this heartfelt gift. We continue to pray for Lucille and her family.

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Congratulations to our parishioners who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary the week of March 12 to March 18.



Bill & Judy Nantell, 38 years

Jeffrey & Diana Sager, 6 years

May God bless and grant you many years of happiness.

Operation Bootstrap so appreciates all the donations from St. Joseph Parish. A special thank you for the \$226.25 gift received from the Souper Bowl of Caring. This month we would like to collect hygiene items, but any non-perishable items donated will be gratefully accepted.

Celebration of Ministry—St. Joseph Parish members, staff and councils recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in calling forth our Finance Council, whose members coordinated Winterfest. Thanks to your hard work, we again had an event that offered good food, fellowship and was financially successful.

How is the Holy Spirit calling you to use your gifts for our community?

Weekly Reflections—It is easy to fall into the trap of thinking that everything depends upon us. If we follow God's laws and the Church's teachings then everything will be fine and our heavenly reward is assured. Nothing could be further from the truth. Our deeds do not earn us a ticket to heaven; nor do our misdeeds condemn us to hell. Salvation is God's gift to us. It is already ours if we choose to accept it. Realizing God's unending love for us should make us want to share this love. We should not need a list of rules to tell us to treat one another with kindness and compassion. A focus on "keeping the rules" makes us accountants and judges of others. All the Lord wants us to do is accept his love and share it with others.

This (Salvation) is not your own doing, it is God's gift; neither is it a reward for anything you have accomplished.
Ephesians 2:8

Matzoh Bread Making will Saturday, March 24, at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Family Center Kitchen. Bring a rolling pin and call Janet Jacoby at 715-341-2790 if you can help.

St. Joseph Parish Prayer Corner If you would like your name placed on the weekly prayer list, please call Renée at 715-341-1617 x101, or send an email to rschneeb@togetherinfaith.org.

Sponsor of the Month—Thank you Check's Muffler Center & Service for your generosity in sponsoring our bulletin. St. Joseph Parish would not be able to publish our bulletin without your support. Please see their ad on the back cover of this bulletin.



St. Anne's/PCCW—*Ladies Group 7* will be responsible for the month of March. These ladies are asked to help with any funeral dinners.

Kathy Genovese	Mary Schulfer
Nancy Kaczmarek	Bea Slaske
Lynn Meyer	Karen Sroda
Delores Miller	Linda Wenzl

Co-Chairs Karen Shirek and Geraldine Zelhofer

Adult Education Opportunity—RCIA was cancelled on February 27. Consequently the discussion of the *Sacraments* will be March 13 and 20. All are welcome to join. Sessions start at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Family Center. Please call Kris Hansen at 715-341-1617 x112 if you have any questions.

Ehr Hall Update—The painting and floors are complete in Ehr Hall and the cleaning of the ceiling tiles continues. The bathrooms remain closed at this time.

Attention Ushers and Greeters—There is a sign-up sheet on the ushers' table for the Holy Week services. Please sign up if you are able to help out.

Catholics Returning Home—St. Joseph and St. Stephen Parishes will offer a six-week series entitled "Catholics Returning Home" beginning Monday, April 9, 6:30 p.m. in the St. Stephen Religious Ed Office. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the church. If you know someone who has left the church, please invite them to join us. For more information, call Sally Mews at 715-254-0935.

Chicago Polish Trip—Join us on our annual spring bus trip to the Polish District in Chicago, Tuesday, April 3. This is a one day trip filled with Polish culture, food and fun. Father Jerzy Rebacz will be escorting the group. Transportation, 2 meals (one is an authentic Polish buffet), prizes and guaranteed fun are included in the cost of \$90 per person. Pick-up will be in Schofield and Plover. To reserve a spot or for more details, please call Helen Damask at 715-574-2654. Reservation deadline is March 27.

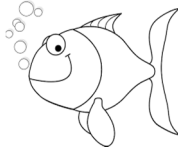
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Gift Card Seller is needed after Mass on the fifth Sunday. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jacob Stiemann at 715-341-1617 x102.

Bricks from the School Building are available in the Gathering Space after Masses for anyone who would like one. A Good Will offering would be appreciated.

AREA CHURCHES, SCHOOLS & DEANERY

Pacelli Lenten Fish Fry—Pacelli's last Lenten fish fry is March 16 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dine in or carry out a delicious meal. New this year is homemade Mac & Cheese and Caesar Salad, along with returning items baked and beer batter fish, shrimp, potato (baked or waffle fries) and dessert. Choose from a \$7.00, \$9.00 or \$11.00 fish dinner or a \$10.00 shrimp dinner. Call 715-341-2442 after 4:15 p.m. to place carry-out orders.

**There will be a Holy Hour for Families at**

St. Joseph Parish sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 1170 on Monday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m. Come join us for Adoration, Benediction, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Deanery Lenten Reconciliation Schedule—Please check the following dates and Parishes for Reconciliation opportunities this Lent:

- March 13, 7:00 p.m., St Mary of Mt. Carmel
- March 20, 6:30 p.m., Holy Spirit
- March 20, 6:00 p.m., St. Michael
- March 22, 7:00 p.m., St Bronislava
- March 22, 6:00 p.m., St Wenceslaus

Franciscans Downtown next movie on March 14 at 1:00 p.m. is *Warhorse*.

Fr. Placid Stroik, OFM is available to hear Confessions at Franciscans Downtown on Thursday, March 15 and 22 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

St. Bronislava Parish Lenten Fish Fry will be held March 23 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Menu includes: Baked or Fried Fish, Shrimp, Mac & Cheese, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches, Potato, Rolls, Applesauce, Coleslaw, Desserts and Beverage. Cost: Fish \$8.50, Shrimp \$10.00 and Combo \$9.00; Ages 5-10, Fish \$5.00 and Mac & Cheese or PB&J \$3.00. Four and under eat free. Call ahead for carry outs at 715-341-6706.

Pancake Breakfast at St. James Parish, Amherst will be held on Sunday, March 18 and April 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$7.00 for Adults, \$3.50 for Children ages 6 to 10 and Children under 5 eat free. Menu includes: Buttermilk Pancakes, Potato Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Waffles, Desserts and Beverages.

Pacelli Catholic Middle School to Host Meeting for New/Prospective Fifth Grade Parents—If your child will be entering fifth grade for the 2018-2019 school year, we invite you to attend a meeting for parents on Tuesday, March 13, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Pacelli Catholic Middle School in Mr. Weyenberg's room. You will get the opportunity to meet and interact with our teaching team, learn about our curriculum and teaching philosophy, ask any questions you might have, tour the school and learn about extracurricular options for your child. RSVP by Monday, March 12. Call 715-344-1890 or email Teri at tgreuel@pacellicatholicschools.com.

St. Adalbert Catholic School Bingo is scheduled for March 18. Doors open at Noon and bingo starts at 1:00 p.m. There are over \$600 in cash prizes. Bring a baby item to donate to First Choice Pregnancy Center and you will be entered in a raffle to win a \$20 Gas Card. Concessions will be available.

Pancake Breakfast—St. Peter Parish will hold its Spring Breakfast Event on March 18, in Kolbe Hall from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Cost is Adults \$7.00, Children 6-12 \$4.00 and under 6 free. Menu includes Potato and Buttermilk Pancakes, Hash Browns, Sausage and more. A Basket Raffle will be available.

Chrism Mass—Make plans to join the Stevens Point Deanery on Tuesday, March 27, to attend the Chrism Mass at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. Departure from Holy Spirit Parish parking lot at 6:00 a.m., travel to the Cathedral and make a stop at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe before returning home. The cost will be \$10 for the trip, with breakfast and lunch purchases made individually. To reserve your space, register on line at www.pointdeanery.org/chrism or call 715-303-7780.

DIOCESE/WIDER CHURCH**Pope's Prayer Intention for March**

Evangelization: Formation in Spiritual Discernment. That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.



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Friday, 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Closed Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

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Mission: Together in Faith,
we Celebrate Christ
through Prayer
and Service.



Welcome to St. Joseph Parish to those who are new to our church or just visiting. We are grateful to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you are not currently a member of a local church, we invite you to become part of our parish family. Visit our Parish Office to sign up, ask questions or receive more information about our parish. We're glad you're here and hope you become involved in our parish family. Our website is www.togetherinfaith.org.

Remember St. Joseph Parish in your Legacy. St. Joseph Parish has seen a decline in giving over the past year, while at the same time expenses have gone up. The Parish would like to continue with expansion of many worthwhile programs and projects successfully. Please, ask Fr. Jerzy how you can help by giving to St. Joseph Parish General Fund..

Sacraments

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office for detailed information on infant Baptism, as parents are asked to attend a baptismal preparation program. The Baptism will be scheduled after completion of the class.

Marriage: Marriage is celebrated for couples who are active and registered members in the Parish. Please contact the Parish Office at least eight (8) months prior to the requested wedding date.

Reconciliation: Confessions are heard on Saturday at 3:30 p.m., before the evening Mass, or you may call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Funeral: Please contact the funeral home director who will assist in making arrangements. The funeral director will then contact the Parish Office.

Services

Visitation of the Sick: If you become homebound because of illness and would like a visit, please call the Parish Office.

Bulletin Deadline: Articles are due Thursday by 12:00 p.m. Drop off the articles at the Parish Office, or send by email to bulletin@togetherinfaith.org, with a copy to rschneeb@togetherinfaith.org.