



St. Joseph Parish

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



Parish Town Hall Meeting—The Pastoral and Finance Councils are hosting the next Parish Town Hall meeting on Sunday, October 29, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Family Center. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. This is your opportunity to find out what is going on and share your concerns and suggestions about the parish. The meeting starts with a brief information session, then the floor will be open to discuss your concerns or general parish issues. This is an excellent way to give the councils and committees feedback and suggestions about various aspects of the parish. Please plan to join us on Sunday October 29.

Holy Name Society 7th Annual Pig Roast is Saturday, October 14, 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., in the Family Center. *Reservations are due October 8.* Cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children and \$30.00 for a family of 4. Tickets will be sold after each Mass this weekend, October 7 and 8. To make a reservation, call 751-340-4857 or email mandmdaniels@charter.net.

October Men's Prayer Group Meeting—There was a great turnout for September's meeting. It was special to see men from St. Stephen Parish there. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 10, 5:00 p.m. This is one of the 2 evening meetings for the 2017/2018 year. Hispanic food will be served at 6:00 p.m., followed by discussion and prayer. For any questions, call Pat Wenzl at 715-341-1104 or email p_wenzl@charter.net.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE IN THE PARISH MARRIAGE BANNS

II—Ryan McGinley and Justine Hansen

BAPTISM

Juddlyn Patricia Isherwood, daughter of Jimmy and Ashley (Prince) Isherwood at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, October 8, 2017

ACTIVITIES OCTOBER 8-9

Sunday, October 8, Pig Roast Ticket Sale after Mass
Liturgical Ministries Sign-up after Mass

10:30 a.m.—Baptism during Mass

Monday, October 9, Fall Clergy Days Conference
7:00 p.m.—Holy Hour for Families

Tuesday, October 10, Fall Clergy Days Conference
5:00 p.m.—Men's Prayer Group
6:30 p.m.—RCIA

Wednesday, October 11
4:15 p.m.—CCD at St. Joseph
6:30 p.m.—CCD at St. Stephen
6:30 p.m.—TYME

Thursday, October 12, **10/22/17 Bulletin Deadline**
8:15 a.m.—**Mass at St. Stephen Parish**
6:30 p.m.—Parish Education Committee Mtg.

Saturday, October 14, Liturgical Ministries Sign-up after Mass
4:30 p.m.—Holy Name Pig Roast

Sunday, October 15, Liturgical Ministries Sign-up after Mass
Parish Family Life Meeting after Mass

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Fall Clergy Days—Fr. Jerzy will be away October 9-10 to attend the conference.

2018 Mass Intention Book is open October 1 for scheduling a Mass for your loved ones. Call the office at 715-341-1617 to set a Mass date.

Special Collections 10/2/17

\$ 20.00—Milk Can Fund
\$420.00—Building Fund
\$.00—Keeping Our Father's House

Envelopes/Basket Summary—10/2/17

Weekly Giving	\$7,491
Weekly Giving Budgeted	\$7,096
Giving to Date	\$86,651
Budgeted to Date	\$99,344

Mass Schedule and Intentions

MONDAY, October 9, St. Denis & Companions & St. John Leonardi
 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Parish
 †Evelyn Moeschler

TUESDAY, October 10
 8:15 a.m. *St. Stephen Parish*

WEDNESDAY, October 11, St. John XXIII
 8:00 a.m. †Leo & Lorraine Ligman

THURSDAY, October 12
 8:15 a.m. *School Mass at St. Stephen Parish*

FRIDAY, October 13
 8:00 a.m. The Living & Deceased Members of the Piotrowski/Gorski Families

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, October 14, St. Callistus I
 4:00 p.m. †Ray Pozorski
 †Bob Lassa

SUNDAY, October 15
 10:30 a.m. †Bill Steward
 †Edward Levandowski

Liturgical Ministers for October 14-15

4:00 p.m. — Saturday

Mass Preparation: Kris Hansen
Altar Servers: Adult Servers
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 Andrew Pisarski

Hospitality Ministers:
 Rosalie Chojnacki Kathy Hansel Chris Sekerka
 Don Dehlinger, Luke Wachowiak, Jeanette Koziczkowski (w)

Readers: Jeanne Groos & Terry Miller

Eucharistic Ministers:
 Paul Banz Sally Dehlinger
 Mike or Michelle Cornell Michelle Poeschel
 Mary Pat Dean Brian Zimmerman

Gift Card Sellers: Leah & Kevin Shibilski

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Prayer Corner—Please pray for the health of Dale Tetzloff. If you would like your name placed on the prayer list, call Renée at 715-341-1617, or email rschneeb@togetherinfaith.org.

St. Stephen School Mass, on October 10, changes, *for this week only*, to Thursday, October 12 at 8:15 a.m. Regular Mass on October 10 remains at 8:15 a.m.

St. Joseph Parish is looking for a part-time custodian beginning November 1. If you are interested in the position, please contact Renée in the parish office at 715-341-1617 or email rschneeb@togetherinfaith.org.

Pick an Apple for CCD—The CCD program is still in need of aides. If you would like to volunteer, please call Lynn Meyer at 715-341-1617 or send an email to: lmeyer@togetherinfaith.org.

Liturgical Ministries Sign-up: Would you like to be an Altar Server, Church Cleaner, Communion Minister, Hospitality Minister, Reader or would you like to join a choir or the Decorating Committee for the upcoming Liturgical Year? Please stop in the Gathering Space to sign up the weekends of October 7-8; 14-15 and 21-22. Both new and returning ministers need to sign up.



To the family of Margaret Rose Grubba, who passed away on September 21. May the Lord hold you in his loving arms during this time of sorrow. Be assured the family of St. Joseph Parish will continue to pray for you.

Thank You—Lucy Ksionsk extends a thank you to all the wonderful people who kept her in their thoughts and prayers. The spinal surgery went well and the healing process is going according to schedule.

Parish School Demolition—Parishioners are invited to see if there are items in the school you would want to purchase before demolition begins. If interested, please call Ron Kobishop at 715-344-2276.

World Mission Sunday Collection is October 22. It represents a global sign of the universal Church and Mission. The Diocese invites the parish to reach out and help build the Church in the most remote areas across the world. Prayers and donations support churches, hospitals, schools, vocations and young dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Parish.

Operation Bootstrap is in need of paper products for the month of October. All non-perishable donations, especially paper bags, are sincerely appreciated. Please place your donations in the shopping carts found in the parish entrances. Thank you for your continued support!



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Congratulations to our parishioners who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary the week of October 9-15:



- Dean & Jessica Johnson, 13 years
 - Bill & Patti Drifka, 47 years
 - Casey & Carlee Jakubek, 2 years
 - Nubbs and De Miller, 60 years
 - Maury & Rosie Stoltz, 49 years
 - Terry & Marilyn Lewis, 45 years
 - Rob & Julie Jaworski, 23 years
 - Dave & Michelle Osier, 6 years
- May God bless and grant you many years of happiness.

A Celebration of the Gift of Service—St. Joseph Parish members, staff and councils recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in calling forth Fr. Todd to share his priestly calling, faith, time and energy in service to our parish. St. Joseph Parish is thankful to have you Fr. Todd. God’s blessings and health in the upcoming year.

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

Capitol Campaign—Asbestos removal for the floor and ceiling in Ehr Hall began on Monday, October 2. The abatement will take approximately three to four weeks. During this time, Ehr Hall and the restrooms will be closed.

School Building Update—Asbestos abatement in the school will begin on October 9. Once the abatement is complete, the water main for our parish will need to be relocated from the school building to the parish center. The parish office will be closed during the relocation of the water main as they will need to turn off the water for that day. Thank you for your patience during this time.

Chicago Polish Fall Trip—The trip to the Polish district in Chicago is Saturday, November 11. Fr. Jerzy will escort the group. The day is filled with fun, Polish culture, great food and prizes. Cost is \$85.00 a person which includes transportation and 2 meals. To book a seat or for details, call Helen Damask at 715-574-2654. Deadline is November 6.

Time to Update Contact Information—If you have discontinued your land-line and switched to a different service such as a cell phone, please contact Renée by email at rschneeb@togetherinfaith.org, or call the parish office at 715-341-1617, to let her know your new contact information. Thank you.

Holy Hour for Families is this week Monday, October 9, 7:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Parish. Deacon Ray will preside at the service as Fr. Todd is attending Fall Clergy Days.

Weekly Reflections—Consider the things that worry and concern you. How do you attempt to deal with them? The reading from Philippians reminds us to present our needs to God in every form of prayer. Worry can distract us from paying attention to the present moment and it does nothing to resolve the problem. The next time you find your thoughts troubled by worry, try asking the Holy Spirit to help you. Ask for God’s peace and insight to see the opportunities and graces hidden in worry. Pray for the wisdom to see what you can do and the fortitude to do it.

Live according to what you have learned and accepted...Then will the God of peace be with you.
—Philippians 4:9

AREA CHURCHES, SCHOOLS & DEANERY

Franciscans Downtown Events & Needs

Movies—The next movie, *The Social Network*, is Wednesday, October 11, at 1:00 p.m.

Volunteers—Franciscans Downtown is calling for more volunteers to assist in the meaningful ministry of hospitality directed by Fr. Placed Stroik. Training for new volunteers starts soon. Share your interest and questions with Bob Crane at 715-204-9671 or Leo Jacoby at 715-341-2790.

Spiritual Life—Visit Franciscans Downtown for faith conversation and sharing our daily bread with others. You may also access an extensive collection of local spiritual resources at goo.gl/uU9Er7 or email wisdom@wctc.net for more information.

A Holiday Craft Show will be held on Saturday, October 14, at Pacelli (St. Peter Parish) Middle School, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will be handmade gifts, homemade fudge, Fall and Christmas décor, along with refreshments and various vendors. There is something for everyone!

Public Square Rosary Crusade will be held on Saturday, October 14. In this historic year of the Fatima Centennial, all are invited to participate in the 100th Anniversary of the Rosary Rally, 12:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Clubhouse.

Fall Clean-up at Stevens Point Area Catholic Cemeteries is Monday, October 16. All decorations will be removed. If you wish to save your decorations, they must be removed before October 16.

AREA CHURCHES, SCHOOLS & DEANERY**Night with Mary, Fatima Fun Days and Rosary Rally, Sacred Heart Parish, Polonia, October 13/14—**

The celebrations are in honor of Our Lady of Fatima 100th Anniversary of her apparitions.

Friday, October 13—Night with Mary is a candlelight Eucharistic procession to the Outdoor “Walk with Mary” Rosary Path at 6:30 p.m. (weather permitting).

Saturday, October 14—(There will be 2 events.)

Fatima Fun Day, is for children of all ages. The day begins at 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the church hall. There will be soccer, kickball, making rosaries and more. *2017 Public Square Rosary Rally* is at 12:00 p.m., in front of the crucifix in Polonia. All are welcome.

Casa Hogar, Peru, Juan Pablo II Benefit Dinner is Friday, October 27, Pacelli Catholic High School, at 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Chicken Cordon Blue will be served. Msgr. Joseph Hirsch and Jordan Zoroufy, directors of Casa Hogar, talk about the great work at Casa Hogar and students will give their mission testimonies. Proceeds will go to support the mission. Email Julie Studinski, St. Bronislava Parish, at julie@stbrons.com, or Larry Theiss at ltheiss@pacellicatholicschools.com.

Youth Service Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, June 15-25, 2018—Area youth and young adults, ages 16-21, are invited to join St. Bronislava, with Fr. Ed Shuttleworth, on this Special Needs trip to Lourdes. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Julie Studinski at 715-341-6706 or julie@stbrons.com. See details on St. Bronislava’s website at stbrons.com and click on the Youth Ministry tab. Approximate cost is \$3,000.00 per person.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Shrine Trip—Join St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish on Friday and Saturday, October 20 and 21, to visit the shrine. The cost for transportation is \$46.00 per person. Rooms at Flat Creek Inn & Suites, Hayward, have been set aside. Participants will meet at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, October 20. With adults present, students are encouraged to attend. To sign up or for questions, call Mary at 715-340-7217.

DIocese/WIDER CHURCH

White Mass for Medical Personnel—Bishop Callahan invites everyone to celebrate the White Mass at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral on Tuesday, October 17, 6:00 p.m. A dinner will follow at 7:30 p.m. Registration deadline is October 10. Go to diolc.org/cma-registration to reserve a seat.

St. Ladislaus Parish Wine, Women and Worship is Wednesday, October 11, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a wonderful evening where you will learn what wines to pair with what foods by sampling the wines and the food! Please call 715-446-3060 or Pat at 920-570-2449 to let them know you will attend.

“What If We’ve Been Wrong?” The untold story of America’s “abortion king,” Dr. Bernard Nathanson, and one woman’s mission to share his pro-life conversion presentation, is Thursday, October 12, at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Marathon, with Mass celebrated by Bishop Callahan at 6:00 p.m. Terry Beatley, founder and president of the Hosea Initiative and author of “What If We’ve Been Wrong?” will speak at 7:00 p.m. This event is free.

Fatima Centennial Observance—A week of prayer for peace is Saturday, October 7, through Friday, October 13, the last appearance of Our Lady of Fatima, the day of the Miracle of the Sun, seen by 70,000 people. This is a wonderful opportunity to thank God for allowing our Blessed Mother Mary to appear to the three shepherd children with the “Peace Plan from Heaven.” Please see the Fatima brochure at each entrance of the church.

October, Respect Life Month—As we celebrate Respect Life Month this October, all are encouraged to contact their elected officials in Congress to advance legislation ending taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood, whose primary business is abortion. To see guidelines for contacting Senators Ron Johnson, Tammy Baldwin and the U.S. representative of your district, visit www.diolc.org/respect-life

Pope Francis’ Migration Campaign, “Share the Journey”—The U.S. Catholic Bishops have called for a Week of Prayer and Action, October 7-13, to promote the strengthening of relationships between migrants, refugees and communities. Prayer intentions and personal resources are at www.sharejourney.org.

The Vienna Boys Choir will perform at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, La Crosse, on November 20, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30.00 each and can be purchased through the Viterbo Fine Arts Center at www.viterbo.edu/fac. For details call 608-782-0322.

Holy Father’s Intentions for October—Workers and the Unemployed. That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

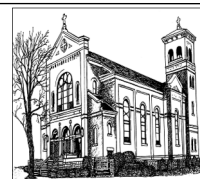


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Friday, 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
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Welcome to St. Joseph Parish—to those who are new to our church or just visiting. We are grateful to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you are not 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.

From O Dia (another Lisbon daily, edition of 17 October 1917)

At one o'clock in the afternoon, the rain stopped... A cry went up from every mouth and people fell on their knees on the muddy ground.... The light turned a beautiful blue, as if it had come through the stained-glass windows of a cathedral, and spread itself over the people who knelt with outstretched hands. The blue faded slowly, and then the light seemed to pass through yellow glass. Yellow stains fell against white handkerchiefs, against the dark skirts of the women. They were repeated on the trees, on the stones and on the serra. People wept and prayed with uncovered heads, in the presence of a miracle they had awaited. The seconds seemed like hours, so vivid were they."

From an eyewitness: Alfredo da Silva Santos (Lisbon)

We made our arrangements, and went in three motor cars on the early morning of the 13th. There was a thick mist, and the car which went in front mistook the way so that we were all lost for a time and only arrived at the Cova da Iria at midday by the sun. It was absolutely full of people, but for my part I felt devoid of any religious feeling. When Lucia called out: "Look at the sun!" the whole multitude repeated: "Attention to the sun!" It was a day of incessant drizzle but a few moments before the miracle it stopped raining. I can hardly find words to describe what followed. The sun began to move, and at a certain moment appeared to be detached from the sky and about to hurtle upon us like a wheel of fame. My wife---we had been married only a short time---fainted, and I was too upset to attend to her, and my brother-in-law, Joao Vassalo, supported her on his arm. I fell on my knees in the mud, oblivious of everything, and when I got up, I don't know what I said. I think I began to cry out like the others. An old man with a white beard challenged the atheists to say whether or not something supernatural had occurred.

It is an incredible gift that God sent Mary to us. At the heart of the messages of Fátima is the fact that "God wishes to establish in the world devotion to [Mary's] Immaculate Heart." It is God's desire that we honor Our Lady and have a relationship with her because she is our Spiritual Mother. Jesus gave her this role when He was dying on the cross. "When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, 'Woman, behold, your son!' Then He said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.'" (John 19:26-27) The disciple represents each one of us. (Catechism paragraphs 501, 2677, 2679)

Since Mary is our Spiritual Mother, this devotion to her Immaculate Heart means that we talk with her like a friend; that we ask for her help in times of need and that we strive to imitate her. This also includes reading about Our Lady so that we can find out more about her. We want to allow her, as our Spiritual Mother, to lead us to Jesus.

To understand how she leads us, it is helpful to think of any good

mother leading her child to what is good: to insist on putting on a coat when it is cold; to go to bed at a decent time; to take a prescription when sick, even when the medicine does not taste good.

Mary came as a good Mother would, with warning of dangers, yes, but even more importantly with messages of special grace from God to enlighten and strengthen us to turn away from sin, which offends God and harms us. Mary is fully aware, that at this time in history, we are in need of placing God at the center of our lives through a commitment to daily prayer, especially the Rosary.

I came to know Mary by reading her messages from a different type of Church-approved apparitions. In learning how to pray the Rosary and ponder the mysteries, I came to love Mary and accepted her as my Spiritual Mother. Through the messages, she also taught the importance of receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a monthly basis. As I frequented confession, I had this sense of being a child that needed to be cleaned up from a long period in my life in which life got busy and I forgot about the importance of this Sacrament of Healing.

In developing this love for Mary, it is interesting what happened to me one day as I entered a church. There was a large statue of Jesus, and in an instant, it seemed that Mary was "gone." I remember being mad at her and thinking in my mind that she was enough for me, as she was such a loving Mother. However, she was leading me to her Son, Jesus. That is her role. It is now many years later, and I am so thankful to Mary for her love, guidance, and prayer for me.

In this special month of the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fátima, let us commit to what God asks of us: to develop a devotion to the Mary's Immaculate Heart. In His incredible love for us, He knows what we truly need!

Ann Lankford
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