

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020

# Saint Joseph Church

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## Rev. Thomas J. Whitman, Pastor

Director of Religious Ed:  
Sr. Sandy Pedone, H.M.  
Parish Secretary: Lori Vasconi  
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Maintenance: Brad Goodall  
Music Director: Mary Messina

### Office Hours

Monday - Friday,  
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM  
(closed 12:30-1:30 PM)

### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil - 5:15 PM  
Sunday - 8:30 & 11:00 AM  
Weekday: M, T, Th, Fri - 8:00 AM  
Wed. - 12:10 PM  
(Check weekly bulletin for changes.)

### Confessions

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM or by request.

### Religious Education Program

Option of Google Classroom or  
Family Centered (Home School)  
To Register or for More Information  
Contact Sr. Sandy

### Parish Council Meetings

Council typically meets on the third  
Monday of each month.

### Shenango Valley Catholic School System

Catholic Middle and High Schools:  
724-346-5531  
St. John Paul II:  
724-342-2205

## *All Souls Service*

*Monday, November 2, 2020 ~ 7:00pm*



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for more details.



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ENHANCEMENTS  
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### PARISHIONER PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY & ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Place completed form in today's collection basket or drop it off in the church office.

New Member     Address Change     Update Info

**Baptism:** Please contact the parish office to schedule a time and date. A pre-baptism class is required. No baptisms during Advent and Lent.

**Matrimony:** By appointment six months in advance.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA):** Please call the church office at 724-981-3232.

**Prayer Line:** For intentions, please call 724-981-3232.

## PASTOR'S COLUMN

**BOOK OF THE DEAD:** We typically put out a book in October for people to enter the names of their loved ones who have died. That book is placed on the altar for the month of November as we remember our deceased loved ones in prayer each day. **As with everything else this year, things are different.** You can write the names of your deceased loved ones on a piece of paper and bring it to church and place the paper in the basket on the steps leading up to the Altar. If you are not coming to church, you can mail your list to the office and we will place it in the basket for you. This basket will be left near the Altar during the month of November to remind us to pray for our loved ones who have died. The basket will be on the Altar the first weekend in October.

**BISHOP'S ELECTION GUIDE:** Bishop Persico has put together an election guide for Catholics that can be found on the Diocese of Erie website. Here is the link: <https://www.eriecd.org/election.html>

**ST. ROSE AND ST. MARY CEMETERY COLLECTION:** During the month of November it is traditional for us to remember those who have died from our families and our parishes. As we remember and honor the goodness of their lives, it is important for us to honor their place of rest in our parish cemeteries. In order to help us maintain the proper care for these cemeteries we are having a Cemetery Collection on the weekend of November 1, 2020. An envelope for this Cemetery Collection will be in the bulletin the weekend before and at all the entrances. All donations to this collection will help to pay for grass cutting and care at our parish cemetery throughout the year. The care and maintenance of our parish cemetery requires the generosity of our entire parish family. Thank you for your faithful stewardship to our parish cemetery.

**POLITICAL REMINDER: No one has permission to place leaflets on cars in our parking lot or in our Church building.**

Church parking lots are not public forums as a public street or shopping mall would be and remain dedicated to accommodating the religious activities of the church. If a church grants permission for the distribution of political campaign literature anywhere on its property, it must do likewise for all of the candidates or advocacy groups that wish to do so, without regard to whether the content of the literature is in concert with Church teaching. Churches must avoid complicity in the dissemination of material endorsing or opposing political candidates. Therefore, churches may neither favor nor disfavor any particular group that seeks to distribute materials of that type on portions of its property that are generally accessible to the public. Churches may, as a policy, refuse to allow parking lot leafleting altogether. At the same time, the law does not impose any obligation on a church to actively monitor and prevent the leafleting of cars parked in its lots.

**THANK YOU:** Thanks to all those who have responded so far to my letter making an appeal for funds to help with the cost of the Air Conditioning system. There is still plenty of time to make your gift to this appeal. We are using the CSA envelopes for this appeal as this is a parish maintenance project.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:** Since we do not have physical collections during mass, please use the envelopes in your packets for any second collections. You can place all your envelopes in the baskets at the front of the sanctuary.

**SELF-QUARANTINE:** Summer is usually a time for people to travel for vacation. If you are traveling to one of the COVID-19 "hot spots" you should self-quarantine for at least 14 days. This should also include a quarantine from attending Mass. We need to be careful in order to protect one another and especially those who are most vulnerable.

**RECEIVING COMMUNION:** I have said this from the pulpit and written it in the bulletin and even said it to people as they come up to communion: PLEASE KEEP YOUR HAND FLAT TO RECEIVE COMMUNION. Your other hand should be UNDERNEATH YOUR FLAT HAND. If you are right-handed, your left hand should be on top and FLAT and your right hand should be UNDERNEATH your left hand. Most people are doing this correctly, but some people are still not keeping their hand flat and are reaching for the host before I can pull my hand away and thus touching me. You should not be reaching for the host until you have stepped to the side and are ready to consume the host. Please be attentive to this.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN TO MASS IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS, YOU NEED TO READ THROUGH THESE GUIDELINES AND FOLLOW THEM CAREFULLY TO PROTECT OTHER PEOPLE.**

**NOT A RETURN TO NORMAL:** We have been open for a few weeks for daily and weekend Masses, **but this is not a return to normal.**

*Pastor's notes continued...*

Bishop Persico has given us permission to begin public Masses, **if people follow the protocols that have been put in place.** Those protocols can be viewed on the diocesan website [www.erieccd.org](http://www.erieccd.org) and our parish website <http://www.stjosephs-sharon.org/> The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holyday Mass is still in effect. Those who are ill or who are at risk should remain at home and continue to use the television or internet Masses that continue to be made available.

- Confessions are being heard on Saturday from 4:00 to 4:30. Because of the restrictions of COVID-19 we are not able to use the confessionals. Confessions are in the main body of the church in front of the confessional, masks are required, and six feet of distance needs to be maintained between the priest and the person confessing. People are asked to sit in the section near the organ to wait for confession. **Because of this the church is not available for others to come and pray at this time to give privacy to those wishing to go to confession. Please do not enter the church for Mass until 4:45pm or until the doors are propped open.**
- The doors for Masses on the weekend are propped open so you do not have to touch the doors. **The doors are opened one half hour before Masses.** We have mice, squirrels, skunks, birds, and a host of other creatures that lurk around the church and thus cannot leave the doors open 24/7. We have not returned to normal. Please plan to arrive in that half hour before Mass starts.
- **GENERAL RULES FOR MASS: Masks are to be worn by everyone.** Social distancing – six feet apart – must always be maintained – even when in line for communion and when entering and leaving the church. Families in the same household may sit together. Pews will be taped off to indicate where you can and cannot sit. Hand sanitizer is available at each entrance and you are encouraged to bring your own in preparation for communion. We are only permitted to use 1/3 of the church capacity. There will be no collection basket passed, but there will be baskets at the front of church to put your envelopes in either before or after mass. Communion is strongly encouraged to be received in the hand. People should come to Church and find a place to sit and not gather to talk. After Mass people should leave in an orderly fashion keeping the appropriate distance from each other. People should go immediately to their cars and leave and not gather in groups that will block exits and cause people to come into close contact. Please avoid contact with surfaces. Doors and pews will be sanitized after each mass.
- People have been particularly good about leaving after Mass is over so we can clean and sanitize the church.
- I realize these are an inconvenience to everyone, but we need to be very diligent about protecting others. Think of others first.

**LATEST INFORMATION:** The best place to find the latest information is our parish APP or the parish website. You can connect this App to your phone by texting APP to 88202. This App is FREE. This was something the diocese paid to let all parishes and parishioners stay connected about two years ago. Some people, including me, have experienced the Sunday readings not being up to date. The best fix seems to be to uninstall the App and reinstall it.

Our parish website will also be a place for the parish bulletin and other information <http://www.stjosephs-sharon.org/>

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH MASS ONLINE:** <https://youtu.be/cPoqDdN6TIQ>

**PARISH OFFICE:** To do business with the parish office, please call the office between 8:30am and 4:30pm. The office is not open for walk-in business.

**REFLECTION ON THE READINGS:** In the first reading this week the prophets proclaim that Cyrus, a Persian King, is to the instrument of God to free the Israelites from their exile in Babylon. Cyrus eventually defeats the Babylonians and allows the Israelites to return to their homeland. Cyrus, a pagan King, becomes an instrument of God's deliverance for the Israelites. It is one more example in the Old Testament of how God worked in mysterious and unpredictable ways.

Paul speaks to the Thessalonians about the faith, hope, and love they exhibit as Christians. Paul is impressed with them and reminds them that this spirit within them is not simply some word that was spoken but the very power of God's Spirit at work in them. Paul tries to encourage them to live in the power of this Spirit by taking hold of their faith and living it in powerful and courageous ways because this is the Spirit God has given them.

The Gospel is the familiar story of Jesus being questioned about whether it is legal to pay taxes to Caesar. This is one more attempt by the Pharisees and Herodians to trap Jesus. Jesus, as always, finds some clever way to get out of their trap. He asks to see the coin used to pay the tax and asks whose image is on it. They produce the coin and say the image is Caesar's. Jesus says give to Caesar what is Caesar's and give to God what is God's. I always like to remind people that we are made in the image and likeness of God, God's image is on us. And so, what is to be given to God is our lives because they really belong to the one who made us – God.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Dorothy Ogg, Ford Bartle, Evelyn Tew, Fr. Manning, Selena Urey, Joe & John Mochanski, Don & Rose Becker, Dana Pektas, Diane Young, Joseph Byers, Jackie Hoffman, Linda Yuhasz, Nadine Vellente, Liam Rueberger, Anna Rueberger, AJ Voisey, John Kutchenriter, Bev Chalupka, Peggy Heldorfer, and William Clarke.



*Altar flowers are donated in thanksgiving to  
God and in memory of*

***Nick Mariotti***

*by Marge and Family*

**RENTAL:** The Caretaker's House at St. Rose Cemetery is available for rent. If interested, please call 724-346-3711. Monthly rent is \$850. The two story house has 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, kitchen, L.R. and D.R. Utilities paid by tenant. Sorry, no pets permitted.

**CORONA VIRUS PRAYER**

Dear God, I pray for healing to all affected by this deadly virus. Only You can move in a mighty way to bring peace and healing to all. We pray for all negative outcomes to be resolved by your healing hands. Bless and cover each and every single person with your compassionate care and bring healing to their bodies and spirits. Amen.

**FUNERAL** Our sympathy and prayers to the family of Shirley Pacifico. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

Date	Mass Time	Lector
Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020	5:15pm	M. Norman
Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020	8:30am	D. Rubano
Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020	11:00am	G. Beshero

**Mass Intentions**

+Indicates Mass

**Monday, October 19**—Eph 2: 1-10 / Lk 12: 13-21

+8:00 Michael Kuzel (Devena Cole)

**Tuesday, October 20**—Eph 2: 12-22 / Lk 12: 35-38

+8:00 Mark Mohan (Sue Delp)

**Wednesday, October 21**—Eph 3: 2-12 / Lk 12: 39-48

+12:10 Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Dunn (Cindy Dunn)

**Thursday, October 22**—Eph 3: 14-21 / Lk 12: 49-53

+8:00 Thomas Hosa (Charlene Ostheimer)

**Friday, October 23**—Eph 4: 1-6 / Lk 12: 54-59

+8:00 James Whitman (Veronica)

**Saturday, October 24**—Ex 22: 20-26 / 1 Thes 1: 5c-10 / Mt 22: 34-40

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

+5:15 Deceased Members of the Parish

**Sunday, October 25**—Ex 22: 20-26 / 1 Thes 1: 5c-10 / Mt 22: 34-40

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

+8:30 Deceased Members of the Zbiegien Family  
(Fran Billen)

+11:00 Bill Lasche (Dr. and Mrs. Robert Weiner)

## *All Souls Day Prayer Service*



November 2, 2020 ~ 7:00PM

*At 7:00 pm on Monday, November 2, 2020, Saint Joseph Church will observe All Souls Day with a prayer service to remember and pray for all our parishioners who have died since last All Souls Day. All parishioners are invited to attend.*

*Letters of invitation were mailed to families of those whose funerals were held here since last November 2, 2019. If you did not receive a letter, please call the church office and let us know.*

*Any parishioner who has lost a loved one since November 2, 2019 through the end of October 2020, and who would like to include that person in our All Souls Day observance should call the church office 714-981-3232 ext. 10 as soon as possible so that they may be included. We ask that you please send a digital photo of your loved one to: [office@stjosephs-sharon.org](mailto:office@stjosephs-sharon.org) by **October 27**, along with the birth date and death date of your loved one.*

*Please know that a mask is require and social distancing guidelines are to be followed during the service.*

### Altar Flowers Donor Program



We are preparing the available dates for the 2021 Altar Flowers Donor Program. Saint Joseph's Flower Donor Program provides an opportunity to honor a loved one with altar flowers along with a memorial announcement in the bulletin. Palo Floral delivers a bouquet to the church altar and bills you, the donor, directly. Flowers are scheduled based on a first come, first served sign-up list. The available dates for 2021 altar flowers will be posted in next week's bulletin. Signup reservations will begin after 8:30am on *Monday, October 26* by calling 724-981-3232. **Due to the high demand of this program, reservations are limited to one weekend per caller's request but the request can have up to two donor names listed in the bulletin memorial announcement.**

### SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.