

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020

Saint Joseph Church

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Sr. Sandy Pedone, H.M.
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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



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HEARING
ENHANCEMENTS
AVAILABLE

All Souls Service

Monday, November 2, 2020 ~ 7:00pm



Look inside today's bulletin
for more details.

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.eriercd.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. 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 is in the bulletin this weekend 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.**

SUICIDE PREVENTION ZOOM PRESENTATION: On Tuesday, October 27, at 7:00pm Mercer County Suicide Prevention Network will hold a Zoom presentation on Suicide Prevention. To register for this event, go to <http://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYrceuhrTsoH9NRFSYT9PflhBAF2hHUqpVz>
After registering you will receive an email with information to join the meeting.

COVID 19 GUIDELINES: **Please do not become lax with the guidelines for being in church during this pandemic. We are all tired of doing things differently and being inconvenienced but we need to be vigilant to protect one another, particularly those who are most vulnerable. And that includes most of us, and even me, your priest.** All the guidelines are listed below but here a few that have been neglected lately:

1. **MASKS/FACE COVERINGS:** Masks must be worn at all times when you are in the Church and should cover **both your mouth and your nose.** Please keep your mask on when coming to communion. Once you have received the host in your hand, then you can pull the mask down momentarily to receive communion. The mask should then cover your mouth and nose again.
2. **FRONT ROWS:** If you have difficult walking please sit in the front rows where you can be seated during the whole Mass and I will bring you communion right at your place.
3. **COMMUNION STATIONS:** No matter which section you sit in, you must follow the directions for receiving communion. If you go in the wrong direction, you put other people at risk.
4. **NO OBLIGATION:** remember the obligation to attend Mass has been removed during the pandemic. If you have difficulty attending Mass or are not feeling well, please stay home and watch Mass on TV or on the internet.
5. **LEAVE WHEN MASS IS OVER:** Please leave the church immediately after Mass. People should not be staying in church to light candles or to talk to other people – this puts people at risk. You can talk outside if you wish. **We need this time after Mass to clean and sanitize the church.**
6. **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 (This includes your thumb!). 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. Some 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.

Pastor's notes continued...

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.**

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 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 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.
- 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/ZYAIDMyG9FI>

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: Our readings today encourage us to love God and our neighbor.

In the first reading from the book of Exodus Moses reminds the people that there are laws and rules that every culture has and often those written laws are the same: do not steal and do not kill. But Moses reminds the people that God expects something more from them. God holds them to a divine standard that is based on how we treat others. Moses reminds the people that they were once aliens or foreigners in Egypt and how difficult it was. They are not to treat foreigners unkindly but to be compassionate to them. Moses reminds them about widows and orphans who have no one to defend them in a male dominant society. We need to be careful to protect those who have no one to protect them.

In the second reading the Thessalonians are inspired to live their faith because of the example of how Paul lived his faith when he lived with them. We should strive to live our lives to inspire others to live their faith.

In the Gospel Jesus is once again confronted by someone trying to trip him up or have him say something that will conflict with the religious leaders of his time. Jesus again answers in a way that goes beyond their thinking and proves them to be the ones who need to change their ways. Today, Jesus is asked which is the greatest of all the 613 commandments of the Jewish law. Jesus sums up the whole law in two ways: loving God and loving our neighbor.



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

Rose & Joseph Radasevich

by Pauline & Joann



Altar Flowers Donor Program

Below is a listing of the available dates for the 2021 Altar Flowers Donor Program. Saint Joseph's Altar Flowers 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. Due to the high demand of this program, reservations are limited to one weekend listing per donor but may honor up to two family names in the bulletin announcement. Signup reservations will begin after 8:30am on **Monday, October 26** by calling 724-981-3232. Reservations can only be taken by speaking with office personnel directly. Please do not leave a phone message.

2021 AVAILABLE DATES

January: 17, 24, 31 **February: 7, 14**
May: 16, 23, 30 **June: 6, 13, 27**
July: 4, 11, 18, 25 **August: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**
September: 5, 12, 19, 26 **October: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**
November: 7, 14, 21

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Date	Mass Time	Lector
Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020	5:15pm	P. Lozano
Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020	8:30am	J. Necastro
Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020	11:00am	J. Bonomo

Mass Intentions

+Indicates Mass

Monday, October 26—Eph 4:32—5:8 / Lk 13: 10-17

+8:00 Barb Young (Family)

Tuesday, October 27—Eph 5: 21-33 / Lk 13: 18-21

+8:00 Mark Mohan (Mohan Family)

Wednesday, October 28—Eph 2:19-22 / Lk 6:12-16

+12:10 William Heubel (Margaret Scully)

Thursday, October 29—Eph 6: 10-20 / Lk 13: 31-35

+8:00 Kathleen Donnelly (Carole Donnelly)

Friday, October 30—Phil 1: 1-11 / Lk 14: 1-6

+8:00 Michael Kuzel (Richard and Sandra Graham)

Saturday, October 31—Rev 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1 Jn 3:1-3 / Mt 5: 1-12a

All Saints

+5:15 Mary Louise Wassil (Family)

Sunday, November 1—Rev 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1 Jn 3:1-3 / Mt 5: 1-12a

All Saints

+8:30 Deceased Members of the Parish

+11:00 Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bell, Sr. (Bell Family)

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 by **October 27**, along with the birth date and death date of your loved one.*

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

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.

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.

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