

St. Joseph Parish



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Sunday, October 29, 2023 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Office Hours

Office opened from 9:00am-12:00pm
By appointment only 1:30-4:00pm

Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:15 PM | Sunday - 8:30 & 11:00 AM
Weekday: M, T, Th, Fri - 8:00 AM and Wed. - 12:10 PM

Confessions

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM or by appointment

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Baptism: Please contact the parish office to schedule a time and date. A pre-baptism class is required preferably before the child is born.

Matrimony: Please contact the pastor for marriage preparation at least one year in advance of the wedding.

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



Welcome New Parishioners & Visitors!
We welcome and invite you to become part of our parish community!

To pre-register, fill out the form below and place in the offertory basket. For full registration, please feel free to pick up a Welcome Packet located at each entrance and return at your convenience.

PARISHIONER PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY & ZIP _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

Place your completed form in today's offertory collection basket.

Memorial Book



You are invited to add the name(s) of your loved one(s) who have gone on to eternal rest, in the Memorial Book in the Gathering Space, so that our Parish can remember and pray for them during the month of November.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

It takes a lot of generous donors and volunteers to keep our vibrant parish running so smoothly. I would like to announce a new fundraising opportunity that we will be participating in this year: the iGiveCatholic Giving Tuesday. iGiveCatholic is an organization which facilitates a “giving day” for Catholic parishes and dioceses around the country. A “giving day” is a day on which organizations compete with one another to see who can raise the most money. This year, the giving day for the Diocese of Erie, called “Giving Tuesday,” will be held on Tuesday, November 28. On that day, parishes will compete with one another to see who can receive the most support. Additional monetary prizes are awarded to parishes with high rates of participation. 100% of the money given to our parish through the iGiveCatholic initiative stays at our parish. Best of all, thanks to a generous donor, all of the gifts given to St. Joseph Church in this campaign will be matched up to \$10,000! (If there are any other donors who would like to be a part of a match, please contact me). Gifts can be made by using the iGiveCatholic envelopes, or by going online to <https://erie.igivecatholic.org/organizations/st-joseph-parish-sharon> (the window for online gifts doesn't open until November 14). All of the money raised during this campaign will go to pay for the new roofs over the Mothers Chapel, the parish office, and the rectory, which cost us \$80,000. Thank you for your generosity!

I would also like to point out that All Saints' Day is this Wednesday, November 1. All Saints' Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a Mass at 12:10 PM and another at 7:00 PM. Following All Saints' Day is All Souls' Day, November 2, on which we pray for the souls of all the faithful departed. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation, but it is a good day to come to Mass to pray for your loved ones. There will be an 8:00 AM Mass at St. Rose Cemetery Chapel and a 12:00 PM Mass at St. Mary Cemetery Chapel. These Masses will be held in addition to our annual Evening Prayer Service which will be at 7:00 PM at St. Joseph Church. The Evening Prayer Service is particularly for those who died in this past year.

In Christ,
Fr. Power

Operation Christmas Child

Fr. Power and the Parish Council of St. Joseph Church would like to express their immense gratitude to all who donated and volunteered to make Operation Christmas Child a success. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to assemble 100 boxes of gifts and school supplies which will be sent to children in need overseas. We were also able to raise the \$1,000 necessary to pay for the postage. We would like to express a special thank you to the 54 parishioners who dedicated their time on Sunday afternoon to assemble these boxes and to write personal notes to the children who will be receiving them. The initiative was a great success and we look forward to doing it again next year. Please remember to say a prayer for the those children who will be benefiting from your generosity.



HOSPITAL STAY For both Sharon and Farrell Hospitals: if you or a loved one become hospitalized, please call the church office at 724-981-3232 to notify us of your family name and room number, so you or your loved one can receive the sacraments, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion.

BAPTISM CLASS If you are planning to have your child baptized, a baptism class is required for the parents. To register, please call the church office at 724-981-3232.

RCIA Are you or do you know someone who's interested in becoming Catholic? Were you or do you know someone that was baptized in the Catholic faith but never received their sacraments?



What is RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults? (RCIA) is a process developed by the Catholic Church for prospective converts to Catholicism who are above the age of infant baptism. RCIA is also for a candidate who was baptized Catholic but never received their sacraments (First Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation). Candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices.

If you would like more information on our RCIA program or would like to join this year's group, please contact Sr. Sandy at 724-981-3232.





Featured Item of the Week

"Jelly"

Please place your donation in the shopping cart located in the Gathering Space or at the Clepper's entrance.

In addition to the featured item of the week. Our pantry is becoming low on cereal. Any additional donations of cereal would gladly be accepted and appreciated.

Upcoming Featured Items

Paper Towels * Toilet Tissue * Boxed Potatoes

For qualified individuals, upcoming November Food Pantry distribution dates are Friday, November 3rd & 17th from 9:30-11:00 A.M.



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

Nick Mariotti

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NEW PROCEDURE FOR THE 2024 ALTAR FLOWER WEEKEND RESERVATIONS



The supplier we use for our Altar Flowers which are displayed each week on the altar, will no longer bill to direct individuals. It is now the responsibility of the Parish to collect altar flower funds at the time of reservation. Petals and Stems will bill the church monthly and the church will send one monthly check from the funds collected.

With this new change moving forward; when reserving an Altar Flower weekend date: the cost is \$50 and is to be collected at that time of reservation. To reserve your date, you may stop in the parish office between 9:00am-12:00pm M-For you may call the office to schedule an afternoon appointment.

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 per donor. After January 2024 if any dates remain, a second weekend can be reserved by the same donor. Signup reservations will begin tomorrow, Monday, October 30.

2024 Available Altar Flower Weekend Dates

January: 21 & 28 February: 4 & 5
May: 19 & 26 June: 2, 9, 23 & 30
July: 7, 14, 21 & 28 August: 4, 11, 18 & 25
September: 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 October: 6, 13, 20 & 27
November: 3, 10, 17 & 25

WEEKEND COLLECTION 10-23-2023

Number of Adult envelopes sent..... 607
Number of Adult envelopes used..... 178
Number of unused envelopes..... 429
Sunday Offertory.....\$ 7,403
Budgeted Offertory.....\$10,650
Deficit.....\$ 3,247

Other: World Mission \$983

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Ford Bartle, Evelyn Tew, Nadine Vellente, Liam Rueberger, Peggy Heldorfer, Gene Pacci, William Haroldson, Helen Donnelly, Msgr. Andrew Karg, Lois Trimble, Adele Ontko, Beth Bottenfield, Alex Schroth, Ed Doughty, Jean Hetrick, Christopher McCrea, Kathy Schussler, Rick Olson, Andy Arendas, Barbara Burdick, Frances Rice, Dominic Thielman, Marie Peterson, Ed Gursky, Joe Biro, Delbert Ontko, Jeanette McCauley, Chuck H., Jeff O'Hara, Jackie Negrea & Mary Ellen Luensman.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Some men fulfill God's call to holiness by serving as priests or permanent deacons. Men, high school age or older, who feel God may be calling them to pursue the Sacrament of Holy Orders should contact Fr. Jamie at 724-981-3232.

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS If you or a loved one are unable to attend church for health reasons or a disability, please call the church office at 724-981-3232 to be placed on our First Friday list. By signing up, the first Friday of each month a Eucharistic Minister or our priest will come to your home and distribute Holy Communion. When the priest visits he will also administer the Anointing of the Sick.

Mass Schedule for Weekend of Sept. Nov. 4/5

Table with 4 columns: Nov. 4/5, SATURDAY 5:15 pm, SUNDAY 8:30 am, SUNDAY 11:00 am. Rows include Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Servers, and Greeter.



MASS INTENTIONS

for the week + Indicates Mass

Monday, Oct. 30-Rom 8: 12-17 / Lk 13: 10-17
+ 8:00 Raymond A. Derda (Pamela Derda)

Tuesday, Oct. 31-Rom 8: 18-25 / Lk 13: 18-21
+ 8:00 Mark Mohan (Judy)

Wednesday, Nov. 1-Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14 / 1 Jn 3: 1-3 / Mt 5: 1-12a
+ 12:10 All Parishioners of the Parish
+ 7:00 Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bell (Dan & Elly Bell)

Thursday, Nov. 2
+ 8:00 Mass at St. Rose Cemetery
+ 12:00 Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery
*7:00 All Souls Service

Friday, Nov. 3-Rom 9: 1-5 / Lk 14: 1-6
+ 8:00 Michael Kuzel (Richard & Sandy Graham)

Saturday, Nov. 4-Mal 1: 14b-2L 2b, 8-10 / 1 Thes 2: 7b-9, 13 / Mt 23: 1-12
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
+ 5:15 Mr. & Mrs. Clemens Horstman, Jr. (Family)

Sunday, Nov. 5-Mal 1: 14b-2L 2b, 8-10 / 1 Thes 2: 7b-9, 13 / Mt 23: 1-12
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
+ 8:30 All Members of the Parish
+ 11:00 Kitty Winters (Bell Family)

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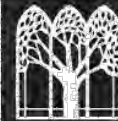
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