

# *Saint Joseph Church*

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## MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 4:30PM Vigil

Sunday: 8AM & 11AM

6PM (September to May)

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 21, 2024**

### **CONFESSIONS:**

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:00 PM

### **MARRIAGES:**

Couples contemplating marriage should contact the rectory a minimum of six months before the date of the wedding.

### **BAPTISMS:**

Baptisms celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month after the 11AM Mass. First time parents are required to attend a Pre - Jordan (Baptism Preparation) Session. The sessions are held the fourth Monday of the month at 6:00pm in church. Registration is required.

**Only when Certificates of Eligibility from godparents are presented, then a date for the Baptism can be set.** Please call the rectory to set up an appointment for Pre - Jordan and the Baptism.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

The pastor is most willing to be of service to our parishioners. If you wish to meet with him, please call the rectory in advance to arrange an appointment.

### **R.C.I.A.:**

The RCIA prepares adults for Baptism and full communion in the Church. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your initiation into the Catholic Church, please contact the Rectory.

### **VISITS TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY:**

The clergy and extraordinary ministers of the Holy Eucharist visit the homebound sick and elderly on a regular scheduled basis. Please call the Rectory to report a needed visit.

### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

If you are scheduled for surgery or a hospital stay, receive the Sacrament of the Sick before you go to the hospital. Call the rectory or ask the priest on Sunday to administer the Anointing of the Sick after Mass.

### **HOSPITAL VISITS:**

Due to the Pennsylvania Privacy Act, you must tell the hospital that you would like to be visited by a priest who serves the hospital as Catholic Chaplain.

### **PARISH REGISTRATION:**

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH PARISH!

We invite all Catholics living within parish boundaries to become registered members of St. Joseph Parish as soon as possible. If you have recently changed your status, married, moved out of your parents' home, or graduated from college, you need to re-register. If you move, we would also appreciate a phone call to the rectory so that our records will be in order.

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**BULLETIN DEADLINE - TUESDAY, 12:00 NOON**

**Sunday, April 21, 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*Mass*  *for the*  
*Intentions* *Week*

- Sun. 21 8AM** Fitzpatrick/O'Meara Families  
11AM Angelina Juliana  
6PM Celebrant Choice
- Mon. 22 8AM** – Charles & Josephine Makas
- Tues. 23 St. George, Martyr, St. Adalbert,  
Bishop & Martyr**  
8AM – Thomas Gerling
- Wed. 24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest &  
Martyr**  
8AM – Fred & Elizabeth Harbutts
- Thur. 25 St. Mark, Evangelist**  
8AM – Walter R. Weidrick
- Fri. 26 8AM** – Melissa von Siegel (living)
- Sat. 27 8AM** Christopher D. Jorgensen (living)  
4:30PM – Vincent Trasatti



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

*Please call to be put on these lists. Names are listed for one month.*

**Margaret Mc Kee, Michele Konecny,  
Theresa Crowley & Baby Crowley,  
Jancis Dobbs, Jack Collins,  
Jackson Roche, Patti Ferry**

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**4/13 & 4/14 \$4293.00**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH**

**Monday, 7PM** Narcotics Anonymous @ Rectory Basement

**Tuesday, 6:00PM** PREP, **6:30 to 7:30PM** Scrip Sales, **6:30PM to 8PM** Legion of Mary all are in the Rectory Basement

**Wednesday**

**Thursday,**

**Friday, 8PM** Alcoholics Anonymous in Rectory Basement

**Saturday, 9:30AM** Divine Mercy Cenacle meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month in the Rectory Basement.

Confession Saturdays 3PM to 4PM

The Northeast Oratory Choir & Orchestra will be performing **today** at 2PM. All are welcome.

Christopher Bringhurst & C J Jorgensen two of our Confirmation children will be selling baked goods outside church Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> after the 4:30 mass and Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> after the 8:00 & 11:00. All proceeds from the bake sale will go towards the new altar server's robes. Thank you.

# REFLECTIONS FROM A CARPENTER'S ANGLE

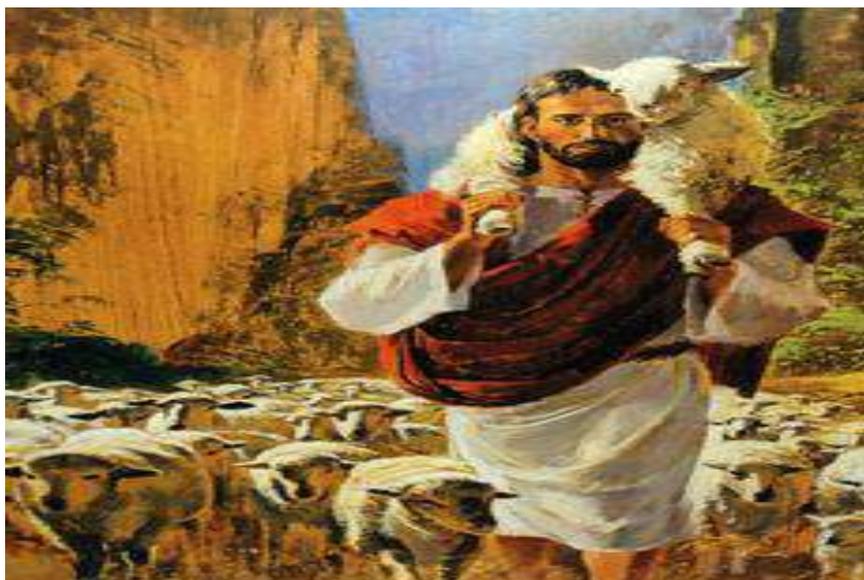
## FULL TIME OR PART TIME

A reporter once asked Pope John XXIII how many people worked at the Vatican. Pope John answered the reporter, "Oh, about half." The gospel this week is where Jesus tells us that he is not only a full-time employee but far more. Jesus lays down his life for his sheep. So how does this play out in our faith and in our church? The answer is simple. The Church will not allow part time shepherds. Did you ever notice that a young man must commit his entire life to service of the Church before the Church will ordain him? Bishops have talked about the possibility of becoming a priest for just a short time of service but the idea is rejected because of the very reason that Jesus gives us in the gospel this week. The man who works for hire runs when the wolf appears he worries about himself and not the sheep. This is the best explanation why we don't ordain a man to be a priest only for a short period of time. To imitate Jesus Christ demands total commitment.

I had a classmate who was "moonlighting." What do I mean? My classmate was working as a UPS truck driver during the week. He would only work as a priest on the weekends and after his work. This was found out when he had to deliver a package to a Catholic Church. It was the second time that the archbishop caught my classmate working a second job. He was removed as a priest and has even left our faith. How sad is that? The Church and Jesus does not want part time help. The Church and the Lord view the role of priests the same way we look at the role of our fathers and mothers. Does anyone become a mother or father for only a short time? No. A mother and father are our parents for life. That is what it means to imitate the "Good Shepherd" who lays down His life for His sheep. Jesus does not sacrifice just part of His life Jesus sacrificed His entire life for love of us.

To Life,

Father Sodano  
Pastor





### ST. JOSEPH ELDERCARE PROGRAM

#### Food Pantry

The Lansdowne YMCA has reopened their Togetherhood Pantry on select Wednesday afternoons (shelf-stable meats and dairy) and Saturday mornings (fresh fruits and vegetables). Photo ID necessary; first-come, first-served basis. Let me know if you would like more information.

#### Vaccine Clinic

Bethel AME Church in Ardmore will host a clinic offering the following vaccines: updated COVID-19; Flu; TDAP; Shingles; Pneumonia, and; RSV on the evening of Tuesday, April 30. Advanced registration is strongly encouraged; email [bethelardmore@verizon.net](mailto:bethelardmore@verizon.net) or call (610) 642-8966.

#### Property Tax and Rent Rebates

Let me know if you would like assistance in completing your property tax or rent rebate application. The income guidelines for renters and property owners have gone up significantly, as has the rebate amount. Reach out to me to learn if you qualify for a rebate.

**Jennifer Rose, Elder Care Program Manager,**  
at 484-494-5011 or [jrose@chs-adphila.org](mailto:jrose@chs-adphila.org)  
500 Woodlawn Ave, Collingdale, PA.

To be a sponsor or godparent you will need a **letter of eligibility** that certifies that the person is someone who attends Sunday Mass, lives the Catholic faith, and is a parishioner of our parish for the last 6 months, and is at least 16 years of age.



### St. Joseph's Students Excel at Msgr. Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast Catholic High School

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students for the third quarter of the 2023-24 school year. We are particularly proud of those students who have demonstrated academic excellence. Gavin Dawson, Class of 2024 and Gavin Kirkpatrick, Class of 2025, received First Honors and Mary Diallo, Class of 2026 received Second Honors.

### St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus Monthly 50/50 Raffle

**All proceeds go directly to St. Joseph Church**

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# Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

This slip can be placed in the weekly collection basket or dropped off at the rectory in an envelope marked KOC Raffle.

Tickets will be filled out for each entrant by the KOC.

Drawing will be held the last day of each month.

**June 1, 2024: NUN RUN - A 5K Run / 3K Walk.** Early bird registration April 1-15<sup>th</sup>. Register by May 10<sup>th</sup> to be assured a t-shirt. Sponsored by the [Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary](#) at Camilla Hall, 100 Maxis Drive, Malvern, PA 19355. Proceeds benefit [Camilla Hall](#), the convent home and health care center for the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For information or to register go to: [www. www.ihmnunrun.org](http://www.ihmnunrun.org). A fun family day and great opportunity for youth, young adults and all those who like to run or walk.

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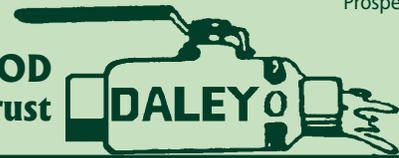
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