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July 15, 2018 ~ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Statement

“To build a dynamic Roman Catholic family of faith that seeks to encounter Jesus through the spiritual, Sacramental, catechetical, and social life of the Church. We strive to be the beacon of the light of Christ to all through joyful service and mission.”

New Members

Welcome to St. Joseph Parish of the Panther Valley. Please call the Parish Office in order to register in our parish, or stop in during office hours. Please notify the office if you change your address or move away.

Letters of Recommendation and Certificates

Issued only to Parishioners who are officially registered in the Parish for one month prior to requesting the certificate and practicing their faith. Please come to the office during office hours to fill out the required form.

Baptisms

Baptisms are held for our registered and practicing parishioners normally on the first and third Sunday of the month immediately after the 11:00 Mass. Parents are to register for a Baptismal Preparation Class which will be held the second Sunday of the even months. At least one Godparent must be a practicing Catholic for the valid reception of baptism. That person must also receive a certificate of eligibility from their Catholic Parish. A non-Catholic Christian is permitted to act as a witness. Parents should begin to make arrangements for baptism during pregnancy.

Marriage

We look forward to celebrating God’s gift of love in the sacrament of Marriage for any registered and practicing parishioner. Diocesan policy states that contact should be made one year, but no later than six months, prior to the proposed date of marriage in order to begin pre-nuptial instructions. Call the Parish Office for further information.

Ministry to the Sick

Visits to the hospital are made on a regular basis. Please notify the Parish Office when a parishioner is in the hospital or home and would like to receive communion or anointing of the sick. Visits can also be made to those parishioners who are homebound and would like to receive communion by Eucharistic Ministers or Fr. Hoffa.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

We welcome and support all whose faith journey brings them to seek full communion with the Catholic Church. Please call the Parish Office for further information.

House Blessings

House blessings are a tradition in the Church. If you would like to have your house blessed please contact Fr. Hoffa at the office.

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:15 pm– 3:45pm
 Sunday morning: 8:15am—8:45pm
 or by appointment

Bulletin Submissions

Deadline for submissions for Bulletin - Friday by 5pm for the following weeks bulletin.

St. Jerome’s Regional School

We encourage all our parents to consider sending their children to St. Jerome’s Regional School, which is supported by our Parish. The school is located at 50 Meadows Ave. Tamaqua. Please contact Principal Amy M. Hannis-Miskar, M.S. at 570-668-2757 for more information or to register.
www.sjrschool.com

Marian High School

We encourage our high school students to consider attending our local catholic high school – Marian Catholic. Please contact the Director of Admissions, Mrs. Theresa Sheer at 570-668-225 ext. 2217 more information or to register.
www.mariancatholicchs.org

Religious Education (PREP)

All children should be receiving religious instruction through one of our Regional Catholic Schools or through our Parish Religious Education Program offered on Sunday mornings 9:15– 10:30AM for all grades at the former St. Mary’s Convent at 231 2nd St. Coaldale. Please contact Deacon Joseph Cannon, our Director of Religious Education for more information regarding our PREP 570-645-8529 or 570-225-9275.

Wills and Memorials

As a lasting remembrance or final gift to your parish, all parishioners are encouraged to include St. Joseph Parish in their wills or as a beneficiary on an insurance policy. At the time of passing of a relative or friend, consider enrolling them in the Sanctuary Memorial Fund. Memorials are available in the Parish Office and are often used in lieu of flowers.

Stewardship	July 1, 2018	July 8, 2018
ADULT	\$6,833.00	\$7,899.00
LOOSE	153.00	222.00
CANDLES	161.00	158.00
FATHER’S DAY MEMORIALS	----	46.00
PETER’S PENCE - HOLY FATHER	53.00	26.00
SHRINE COLLECTION	131.00	356.00
SHRINE CANDLES	28.00	48.00
ONLINE GIVING	1,050.00	1,121.00
TOTAL	\$8,409.00	\$9,876.00



Mass Intentions

Monday, July 16 - 8am - Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 Stella Marczyk by Stanley & Valeria

Tuesday, July 17 - 5pm
 Michael Wasdovitch - by Mary Ellen Kleckner

Wed., July 18 - 8am - St. Camillus de Lellis
 George Reiger by Tina & Son, Brian

Thursday, July 19 - 5pm
 Roinick & Matukonis Families by M/M Thomas Matukonis

Friday, July 20 - 8am - St. Apollinaris
 Joann Strauss - Paul Strauss

Saturday, July 21 - Shrine Daily Mass - 9am
St. Lawrence of Brindisi
 Mary Tanzola by Audrey Damiano
 Frances Rutch by Andy & Karen Krupa

St. Joseph Sunday Vigil Mass - 4pm
 Bobby Pribila by Maggie

Festival Workers Mass - *11pm - Special Time*
 Living And Deceased Festival Workers

Sunday, July 22 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30am - Alexander Sommers by Thad & Marie Midas
 9am - Walter Ligenza Jr. by Bill & Bernie
 11am - Living and Deceased Parishioners

Prayer Intentions



James Kozuch, Rose Marie Vankó, Lois Ciavaglia, Kathy Sheeran, James McHugh, Bernadette Lukac, Donna Blazosky, Donald DeMatto, Louise Snoha, Bob Ames, Michael Foley, Dolores Scaran, Nicholas Hiles, Wayne Vasiliou, Kenny Boyd, Pat Lipar, Margaret Arner, Fr. James Torpey, William Mansberry, Mary Matika O’Gorman, Paul Duke, John “Chet” Michalik, Sarah Yuskanish, Anita Porambo, Nicole Giancesano, Helen Krutsick, Frank Staneck, David Marcin, Claude Turton. Barbara Swierczek
(Names on the Prayer List will remain for 4 wks. unless we are notified of a continuing illness)

Prayer Requests for Priest for July:

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| 15- Deceased Priests | 19 - Fr. John Rother |
| 16- Msgr. James Reichert | 20 - Seminarrians |
| 17 - Fr. Eugene Ritz | 21 - Fr. Paul Rothermel |
| 18 - Fr. Philip Rodgers | |



Our Prayer Calendar is in the vestibule of the Church. It’s a parish calendar of each day of the month. Look over the calendar, choose a day for you, then offer the sufferings, problems, disappointments, blessings & graces you receive during the day for the good of the parish, the borough, the greater community and the needs of the Church & the world.

Weekly Candles

Sanctuary Candle –John & Beatrice Colangecco– Son, Randy
B.V.M. Altar - Anna M. Velitsky—Sons, Paul & Joe
B.V.M. Altar - JoAnn Stemetzki - 4th Anniversary - Patti & Kevin
St. Joseph - Paul J. Velitsky Sr. - Sons, Paul & Joe
St. Joseph - Good Health For Kevin - Patti
St. Patrick - Risavy Family - Mary & Ken
St. Theresa - Frederick & Marrie O’Gorman - Mary O’Gorman

Padre's Piece

The Gloria

Immediately after the Penitential Rite in the Mass, we switch gears and join the angels in song! This is when we sing the Gloria.

The Gloria begins with a scene from the Christmas story in Luke chapter 2. “And suddenly there was a multitude of heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests.” Not only are we singing along with the angels, we’re once again quoting Scripture in the Mass!

From there the Gloria closely mirrors the Kyrie, when we ask Jesus to “have mercy on us...receive our prayer...have mercy on us.” And we finish with yet another affirmation of the Blessed Trinity. “You alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

You’ll notice that the Gloria is left out of the Sunday Masses of Advent and Lent, as these are more penitential seasons.

The Gloria is sometimes called the “Great Doxology.” The word “doxology” is taken from the Greek, meaning “a word of praise.” It is called the “Great Doxology” for its use in the Mass, and because we got it right from the mouth of angels!



Congratulations to **Kole Tobias Krajcirik**
 Son of Nathan Krajcirik & Shana O’Gurek
 who was Baptized on Sunday, July 8, 2018.

We welcome this newest member into our Catholic Family of Faith.



We extend our deepest condolences to the Family of Theresa Pavlick Who entered into eternal life. Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday - July 15 – Roast Beef Dinner, 11am - 3pm, Madonna Hall, Nesquehoning; Bingo 6:30pm

Monday - July 16th - Festival Setup - 5:45 pm, Church Grounds; Dedication Mass - 6pm - Shrine of St. Therese, Nesquehoning; Pinochle - 7pm

Tuesday - July 17th - Festival Setup - 5:45pm, Church Grounds

Wednesday - July 18th - Festival Setup - 5:45pm, Church Grounds

Thursday - July 19th - Festival Setup - 5:45pm, Church Grounds; Adoration – 5:30 - 7:30pm; Benediction 7:30pm

Friday - July 20th - Parish Festival - 6–10pm

Saturday - July 21st - Confession 3:15 - 3:45pm; Parish Festival - 5– 10pm

Sunday - July 22nd – St. Gabriel Procession with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 3:30 - 4:15pm; Benediction– 4:15pm; Parish Festival - 5 – 10pm .

THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

This week, our second collection will be for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in over 25 countries still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. For more information please visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

Thank you for your generosity



Knights of Columbus, Fr. Henry W. Baker, Council #2711 in (Seek) Coaldale will be having a **ROAST BEEF DINNER**, Sunday, July 15th from 11am-2pm.
Cost - \$10, Children under 12 - \$5.
Eat In or Take Out!

July 21 - 22 - Ministry Schedule

4pm - Lector - Mary Comensky

E.M. - Anne Marie Whitenight, Harmony Smith, April MacDonald

Cupbearers - Julianne O’Gorman, Barbara Hadnagy
A.S. - Ava Kosciolk, Emilia Tenisci, Rachelle Filer

7:30am - Lector - Beth Halenar

9am Lector - Cindy Sabol

E.M.– Lottie Hager, Joseph Pelcheck, Cindy Sabol

Cupbearers - Mary Ann Szczecina, Diane Michalik
A.S. - Megan Reaman, Lauren Reaman, Emily Reaman

11am– Lector - Sheree Strauss

E.M. - Mary Beth Risteter, Robert Strauss, Sheree Strauss

Cupbearers - Aurelia DeMatto, Susan Colancecco
A.S. - Harry Swinehart, Jonas Swinehart, Dylan Newton

Our 84th Annual Parish Festival will be held July 20th through July 22nd. The John “Toot” O’Gurek Memorial Horseshoe Tournament will be held on Saturday, July 21st beginning at 10am. Registration begins at 8:30am.

- We have about 50 baskets pledged so far. This important part of our parish festival depends on your creativity and your generosity. Baskets can be dropped off at the parish office or Church Social Hall.
- Thank you to the many parishioners who have sent monetary donations to purchase items needed for the festival. There are a few items available on our Sponsorship Opportunities as listed: 7 cases of Wings; Hamburger & Hot Dog Rolls; Steak Rolls for Meatball & Pork Sandwiches and Pizza Supplies.
- Set up takes place beginning Monday at 5:45pm. We ask that you bring tools to assist with this project. This is a great opportunity for high school students who need to complete service hours.
- The sign-up posters for working the festival are at the entrance to church or you can use the Sign Up Genius link located on the parish website.
- We ask for home-made baked good donations. We ask families with last name beginning from A to H to bake for Friday; I to R to bring baked goods on Saturday; and S to Z to donate for Sunday.
- We are also looking for NEW items for our Household Stand, such as small appliances, towels, sheets, etc. Items can be dropped off at the Church Social Hall.
- We are looking for volunteers to help make Bleenie mix on Friday, Saturday & Sunday mornings. This is done at St. Francis Social Hall in Nesquehoning. Please call the parish office if you can or will help.
- Our tradition honoring St. Gabriel begins next Sunday. The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be during the procession from 3:30 pm to 4:15pm, with Benediction at 4:15pm. Anyone is welcome to join the procession.
- Help is most especially needed next Monday morning for cleanup. Again, high school students in need of service hours are encouraged to use this time to complete their project.
- Your help is needed to make the festival a great success again this year.





CAT I – The Creed. An overview of fundamental Catholic teachings based on the founding Symbol of our Faith. This course provides catechists with a foundation in the basic tenets of the Catholic Faith, and is a good starting point leading to further study. The course is highly recommended for Catechists; but everyone is invited to learn more about what it means to say, *I believe...*

This course will be presented by Cassie

Boccardi and is scheduled from 8:30AM-12:30PM, on Saturdays, July 21 & 28, 2018 at **St. Thomas More, Allentown.** To register visit www.allentowndioecese.org/icf Cost \$30

ICF Courses are meant for any adult Catholic looking to grow deeper and learn more about the Faith. There are no prerequisites for these courses.

Generations of Love! National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week – July 21-27. Every year, the Church celebrates God's design for married love, the gift of life and raises awareness of Natural Family Planning. Over and over, couples practicing NFP reveal dramatic improvements to their marriage including communication, spiritual growth, and deeper intimacy. Furthermore, NFP maintains and supports the natural dignity of women's reproductive health and fertility without dangerous drugs or devices. Celebrate God's gift of married love! For more information visit www.allentowndioecese.org/NFP

YOU'RE INVITED - The Marian Catholic/Men of Marian Summer Picnic will be held Friday, July 27 and Saturday, July 28 - 5 to 10 p.m., Sunday, July 29 - 4 to 9 p.m. with entertainment provided by "Jean and the American Dream" - Sakes Alive - and "Another Day Dawns" The flea market will be held earlier this year on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, July 20, 21, 22 from 4 to 9 pm in the gymnasium. New this year! Running along with our Annual Summer Picnic will be the Inaugural Summer Games, including 3 on 3 Basketball Tournaments, Volleyball Tournaments, a Punt, Pass, Kick Tournament and a 5K Run/3K Walk! For more information, please contact John Patton 570-233-5653.



Culture of Encounter: Family Holy Hour

The next Family Holy Hour will be held July 18th – 5:00 pm at Holy Cross, 99 Valley St., New Philadelphia. For more information please contact Office of Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministry, shennis@allentowndioecese.org or 610-289-8900, x2021



The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schler-Bishop of Allentown invites all Police, Firefighters, First Responders, Legal Professionals, Health Care Workers & their families as we celebrate
A Mass of Thanksgiving

Red, White, & Blue Mass
Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 6:30 PM
Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena
18th and Turner Streets, Allentown PA

Please wear your uniform
Reception to follow in the Parish Activities Center
RSVP: rwbmass@gmail.com

Retrouvaille

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage! Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? **Retrouvaille** can help and offers hope for a better relationship. **Retrouvaille** is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages.. **Our next program will be at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA: August 17-19.** For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.



This Week's Reflections

God chose us in him, before the foundation of the world.

God chooses us, despite our failures and shortcomings, to be his disciples. He sends us out into the world, not on our own, but in the companionship of our brothers and sisters in community. He does not leave us to our own devices, but gives power and authority through his name.

You Are Not Alone—Overdose Support Group

Open to anyone impacted by an overdose. Held the third Wednesday of the month, 6 -7:30pm, Carbon Monroe Pike Drug & Alcohol Commission, 428 South 7th St., Lehighton. Any questions, contact Carolee B. 610-377-5177, ext. 2106.

Around the Community

- **Summit Hill Food Pantry** - "Do unto others as you would do unto you" - Food donations or monetary donations can be dropped off at the parish office. Every donation is greatly appreciated
- **AA Meetings** are held Monday and Tuesday each week from 7—8m at the former convent on Second Street in Coaldale.

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