

# St. Joseph Parish of the Panther Valley



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*November 19, 2017 ~ Thirty - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**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.

**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.

**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 250 W. Broad St. Tamaqua. Please contact Principal Amy M. Hannis-Miskar, M.S. at 570-668-6101 for more information or to register.  
[www.sjrschool.com](http://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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Prayer requests for priests** - Please pray for our Holy Father, our bishops and these priests serving in the Diocese of Allentown during each designated date of October  
**November**

- 19 - Msgr. Francis Schoenauer    23- Fr. Mark Searles
- 20 - Sick & Infirm Priests        24- Fr. Adam Sedar
- 21 - Fr. Edwin Schwartz         25 - Fr. William Seifert
- 22 - Fr. John Schweikert

Stewardship	Nov. 12, 2017
ADULT	\$7,907.00
CHILDREN	49.50
LOOSE	182.50
CANDLES	120.00
SHRINE COLLECTION	158.00
SHRINE CANDLES	58.00
ALL SAINTS	105.00
ALL SOULS	272.00
ONLINE GIVING	330.00
TOTAL	\$9,182.00

The New St. Joseph Sunday Missal 2018 edition is available to purchase after all Masses. They are also available at the Parish Office. The price is \$3.00

*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.*




**SCHEDULE  
& INTENTIONS**
**Monday—November 20- 8am****St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**Jennie Susko *by Son, John*Family of Frances J. Cannariato *by George C. Repinec*Cathy Frassinelli *by Mother, Frances Mongi***Tuesday - November 21 - \*8am—Time Change\*****The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**Dec. Mem. of the Pantoni Family *by Betty*Estelle & Joseph M. Svercheck *by Joseph P. Svercheck*Stella Leonzi *by Family***Wednesday - November 22- 8am****St. Cecilia**Sharon Reeser, Gloria & Thomas Morgan - *Clarice Morgan*Albert C. Williams - *Albert J. Williams*Dec. mem. of the Perger, Zickler & Wasas Families -*Isabel Wasas Zickler***Thanksgiving Vigil Mass - 6:30pm**M/M Vernon O. Ames - *Bob Ames*Paul Swierczek - *Irene Swierczek*Bertha Collevchio - *John & Karen Basiago***Thursday - November 23—Thanksgiving Day - \*No Mass\*****St. Clement****Happy Thanksgiving****Friday—November 24 - \*9am—Communion Service\*****St. Andrew Dung-Lac**Anna Marie Williams *by Albert J. Williams*Louise Lill *by Family*Faye Matyascik *by Joe & Dolores Zuber***Saturday - November 25 – St. Catherine of Alexandria****Shrine Daily Mass 9am**Sam Citrano—4th Anniversary - *by Daughters & Son -In -Laws*Salvatore Digiglio *by Michael, Claudia & Melanie Jupin*Philomena Vaiana *by DeSantis Family***St. Joseph Vigil Mass 4pm**Bobby Pribila *by Maggie*O'Donnell & Pribila Family *by Maggie*Helen Nika *by Family***Sunday—November 26****Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**9am –Helen Nika *by Irene Swierczek*Dr. Billy Krajcirik *by Family*Florence Gurka *by Pat Lipar*11am—Ernest Rossi *by Dave & Karen Maruschak*M/M Donald DeMatto—56th Wedding Anniversary *by Sons*Joseph Kovatch Sr.—*Deana Blisard*

We extend our deepest condolences to the families of Frances R. Lazzaro & Bernadine A. Janis who entered into eternal life. Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord.

**Weekly Candles**
**Sanctuary Candle**—Charles & Eleanor Nihen – 62nd Wedding Anniversary—Family

**BVM Altar**—Ed Gieniec Jr. - Mom, Dad & Nikki

**BVM Altar**—Victor Leonzi - Pat

**St. Joseph** - Ed Gieniec Jr. —Aunt Patsi, Uncle Bud & Family

**St. Joseph** - Petrich Family - Mary & Ken

**St. Patrick** - Mitchalk Family - Mary & Ken

**Infant of Prague**—TASTY - Dorothy

**Altar Flowers for Thanksgiving and weekend of Nov. 25th-26th**
**Main Altar - In Memory of Bobby Pribila** requested by Maggie

**BVM Altar**—O'Donnell & Evans

**Families** requested by Maggie

**St. Joseph Altar - Pribila & Kruczek**
**Families** requested by Maggie
**Reflections**

The first reading from Proverbs reminds us that having a loving and faithful spouse is a gift from God. The second reading exhorts us to be vigilant for the return of Christ. The Gospel tells us we must each give an account of how we have used the gifts God has given us for the greater good of the kingdom.



Please note that the Thanksgiving Mass will be held on Wednesday, November 23rd at 6:30pm. There will be No Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

The Parish Office will be closed Nov. 24th., Thanksgiving Day and Friday, Nov. 25th. Regular Office hours will resume on Monday, Nov. 28th.



Fr. Jim Burdess, James Kozuch, Sister Mary Florence, Rose Marie Vanko, Lois Ciavaglia, Kathy Sheeran, James McHugh, Bernadette Lukac, Donna Blazosky, Donald DeMatto, Connor Stefanick, Levio Grosso, Teresa Grosso, John Jones Sr., Michael Foley, Louise Snoha, Dolores Scaran, Nicholas Hiles, Sarah Yuskunish, Wayne Vasiliou, David Gilbert, Kenny Boyd, Pat Lipar, Margaret Arner, Fr. James Torpey, Robert O'Gurrek, Sr. (Names on the Prayer List will remain for 4 wks. unless we are notified of a continuing illness)

Confirmation at St. Joseph of the Panther Valley will be on Thursday, April 12, 2018 with Bishop Schlert as the Celebrant

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Sunday—Nov. 19th—PREP** - 9:15—10:30 am;  
*All You Can Eat Breakfast* - 8 am—12:30pm  
 SUMMIT Worship - 5:30 7:30  
 Bingo—6:30pm;  
 Children’s Choir St. Luke’s Miner Hospital 6:30-7:30pm

**Monday—Nov. 20th** - Pinochle, 7pm

**Tuesday - Nov. 21st** - RCIA—6-7:30pm—Rectory

**Wednesday—Nov. 22nd**; Thanksgiving Vigil Mass—6:30pm

**Thursday—Nov. 23rd**— Happy Thanksgiving - Office Closed

**Friday—Nov. 24th** — Office Closed

**Saturday— Nov. 25th** - Confession 3:15-3:45pm

**Sunday—Nov. 26th** — NO PREP; Children’s Choir 11am Mass



**St. Jerome Regional School**

St. Jerome Regional School will be hosting a trip to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem on Sunday, November 19th. The cost of the trip is \$30, and you will receive \$20 Slot Play and \$5 food voucher. The bus will pick up at the parking lot near the Tamaqua Public Library at 9:00 am and depart the casino at 3:00pm. For reservations call the School Office at [570-668-2757](tel:570-668-2757).



**Remember Our Veterans this Christmas!**

This holiday season, sponsor a wreath in honor or memory of a veteran. For the fifth year, the Information Technology team from Air Products has joined with Wreaths Across America to honor the veterans buried at Resurrection Cemetery, Wescosville. **Wreaths are \$15** each and can be sponsored online at <https://wreaths.fastport.com/donateLocation.html?page=24326>. With your help, we can remember and honor all 1,500 veterans and teach our children about the many sacrifices our veterans made to protect our freedom. Then join us at Resurrection on Saturday, December 16 at noon for a short ceremony, our National Anthem, Taps and wreath placement. Wreath sponsorship **deadline is Monday, 27 November**. Contact Margaret Albert with any questions, [albertmm@airproducts.com](mailto:albertmm@airproducts.com).



**RCIA/Basics in the Faith** meeting on **Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2017 at 6PM** in the rectory. The topic for our class is **The Paschal Mystery**. RCIA is for anyone who is interested in becoming a catholic but current Catholics who want to know more about are faith are welcome.

**ST. ANN SOCIETY BRANCH S-140 CHRISTMAS DINNER**

The First Catholic Slovak ladies Association local branch St. Ann Society S-140, will host the annual Christmas Dinner on December 3, 2017 at Macaluso’s The Lantern, Nesquehoning. Dinner will be served at 1:30 pm. Reservations are required. Please cal Louise Dunstan at 570-645-4354 before November 20, 2017. Please come early and enjoy the company and good fellowship. Merry Christmas and a blessed and healthy New Year!

**If you have received an adverse Prenatal Diagnosis ...You are not alone. There is help.**

The Diocese of Allentown has a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding adverse prenatal diagnosis. **For support, contact: Sr. Janice Marie Johnson,**

[jjohnson@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:jjohnson@allentowndiocese.org) or **610-289-8900 x 2280**

**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.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE— November 25 –26, 2017**

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	CUP BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>4PM</b>	Zach Gilbert	Tom Midas Judy Midas Zach Gilbert	Barbara Hadnagy April MacDonald	Jacob Shelton Joshua Shleton Caitlin Kovatch
<b>9AM</b>	Beth Halenar	Joseph Ward Sandy Schlemmer Beth Halenar	Stephanie Alexander Diane Michalik	Megan, Emily & Lauren Reaman
<b>11AM</b>	Susan Colancecco	Dave McAndrew Robert Lakata Susan Colancecco	Barbara Sommers Louis Sommers	Isabella Miller Taylor Crampsie Kylie Skodacek

**Roast Pork Dinner**—Sponsored by the Fr. Henry W. Baker, Council #2711—Sunday, Nov. 19th—11am-2pm Council Social Hall, 200 Miner St. , Coaldale. Adults \$10, Children 10 yrs and under \$5. Eat in or take out!



Gabriel Perilli —Nov. 20th  
 Dylan Newton—Nov. 21st  
 Rosslynn Gasker - Nov.22nd  
 Jacob McLaughlin —Nov. 25th  
 Monica Apanco - Nov. 26th

Belated Birthday Wishes to Mary George, who celebrated her 90th Birthday—November 16th



**Living Grace - A Celebration of Advent— Saturday, Dec. 2nd**  
**Giving Grace & Receiving Grace - 7:45 am Registration, Fellowship & Continental Breakfast 8:30 am—12:30**  
**To register, visit [www.MicheleGiletto.com](http://www.MicheleGiletto.com) or call 610 -509-3167. St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall, 11th & Washington Sts. Allentown.**

**SAVE THE DATE! -Diocese of Allentown Women's Conference—Saturday, May 5th, 2018—DeSales University, 2755 Station Avenue, Center Valley, PA 18034**

**Come & See Weekend! December 1, 2 & 3 2017**

Young men, ages 14-18 of the Diocese of Allentown are invited to visit: St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia. This weekend includes Mass and time with our Seminarians; a time for prayer, adoration and reflection; sightseeing in Philadelphia with visits to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, and St. John Neumann Shrine

**Theology of the Body – *The Beauty of Love.*** *The Office of Adult Formation invites you to join us for our final seminar which will delve into Pope Saint John Paul II's groundbreaking teaching known as the Theology of the Body! This seminar will discuss the different vocations of love that we are all called to and will show how each points to our ultimate end in God's loving embrace. Taking place on Saturday, December 2, 2017, from 9:30 to 11:30am at St. Mary Parish in Kutztown, this seminar is for anyone recognizing the need for a restored relationship with God, others, and the created world. Attendance at the previous sessions is not required. The presenter will be William Hamant, Ph.D. of DeSales University. Register today for \$20 at [www.allentowndiocese.org/icf](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/icf). For questions contact the Office of Adult Formation at 610-289-8900, Ext. 2021 or email [adultformation@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:adultformation@allentowndiocese.org)*

His Holiness, Pope Francis, has designated November 19, 2017 as the inaugural **World Day of the Poor** throughout the Roman Catholic Church. The Holy Father has chosen "Let us love, not with word but with deeds." Pope Francis' desire is "that this Day is meant, above all, to encourage believers to react against a culture of discard and waste, and to embrace the culture of encounter."

The World Day of the Poor coincides with our Diocesan collection for the Poverty Relief Fund November 18-19) Proceeds from this annual collection are used to fund projects and services that alleviate or address poverty as approved by the Diocesan Bishop.

**Congratulations to Louise Stanko,  
the winner of our Halloween Lottery Drawing.**

**Our next drawing will be Christmas Day,  
December 25th  
Match the Daily 4 Drawing @ 7pm  
\$2 gives you 10 chances to win!**

**The tickets make great stocking stuffers!**



PREP Classes are held Sun.– 9:15-10:30 am at the Parish Multi Purpose building, (St. Mary's Convent) 231 2nd St., Coaldale. Contact Deacon Cannon if you have any questions.

**Discover the Riches of THE MASS—a Five –Part Bible study featuring Edward Sri—Starting Wednesday, November 29th at 9am at the Rectory. To register please call the rectory or email Fr. Hoffa @ [frhoffasjpv@gmail.com](mailto:frhoffasjpv@gmail.com)**



**Advent Retreat—Preparing for the Savior—** Saturday, November 25th at the Shrine of St. Therese . There is no cost for this event. However we ask that everyone attending register before the retreat. You can register by calling St. Joseph Parish of the Panther Valley Rectory Office at 570-645-2664 or emailing [lisassjpv@gmail.com](mailto:lisassjpv@gmail.com)



**Jr. High (6-8) & Sr. High (9-12)** Ministries will meet on December 10th after the 11am Mass, from 12pm –2pm at the Church.

**A general reminder about youth ministry:** Unless we stipulate preregistration for an event you can freely come to any youth ministry event for your respective age group. YM is not a closed group, which is why we don't call it youth group. YM is open to all children of our parish and beyond.

**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.
- **ALANON** meetings are held every Tuesday from 7-8pm at the former convent, 231 Second St. Coaldale
- **Summit Hill Heritage Center**— Saturday, November 25th—10am to 3pm—Small Business Saturday. Vendors/crafters at the Center. Call Jennifer McArdle Sloboda at 570-810-9822. Great opportunity to get gifts for the upcoming holidays

Thanksgiving! When you give thanks for your blessings this week – REMEMBER TO THANK GOD FOR THE GIFT OF YOUR SPOUSE. A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend will bless your marriage! For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org).

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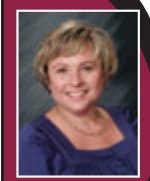
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