

# St. Joseph Parish of the Panther Valley



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*March 18, 2018 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent*

**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 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.

**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	March 11, 2018
ADULT	\$8,258.25
LOOSE	252.00
CANDLES	242.00
SHRINE COLLECTION	156.00
SHRINE CANDLES	72.00
ONLINE GIVING	600.00
TOTAL	\$9,580.25

*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.*

**Don’t forget to get your Easter Lottery Tickets. They are available after all Masses and at the office during the week.**

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# Mass Intentions

**Monday– March 19 - 8am**

**St. Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Joseph A. Hlavaty** by Daughter, Mary Ellen Ogozalek  
**Cathy Frassinelli** by Ian & Michelle Miller

**Tuesday - March 20 – 8am \*Time Change\***

**Joseph Hlavaty** by Bob & Faye Hlavaty  
**Cathy Frassinelli** by M/M Gabe Fritz

**Wednesday - March 21- 8am**

**Victor Leonzi** - by Diane Lill & Debbie Furey  
**Louise Frassinelli** - by Mary Ann McCall

**Thursday - March 22 - 5pm**

**Verna & Ronald Bench** - By Marge Shigo  
**Cathy Frassinelli** - by Stephanie Stawiariski

**Friday - March 23- 8am**

**Sister Mary Florence** by Peter Maholick  
**Cathy Frassinelli** by Phillip & Marlene Frassinelli

**Saturday - March 24 - Blessed Oscar Romero**

**Shrine Daily Mass 9am**

**John Barros** by Felicia Pilla & Family  
**Jerome M. Coniglio** by Wayne & JoAnne Whitehead

**St. Joseph Vigil Mass 4pm**

**Living & Deceased Parishioners**  
**Cathy Frassinelli** by Elaine & Rick Smeltz

**Sunday - March 25**

**Palm Sunday**

**7:30am - Eric Zuber** by Mom, Theresa Zuber  
**Cathy Frassinelli** by Steve & Denise Wargo

**9am – David Midas** by Aunt Donna

**Cathy Frassinelli** by M/M Richard Badowski

**11am - Josephine & Anthony Citrano Sr.** by Peter & Carol Womack; Joe & Robyn Citrano

**Cathy Frassinelli** - by Jennifer Badowski Strohl

## Weekly Candles

**Sanctuary Candle** - Catherine McHugh – Chip & Stephanie

**B.V.M. Altar** - Mary G. Sheeran - Chip & Stephanie

**B.V.M. Altar** - Florence, Bernice, Debbie - Steve

**St. Joseph Altar** - M/M Vernon O. Ames - Bob Ames

**Blessed Sacrament** - TASTY- In Gratitude - Dorothy

## Padre's Piece

### The Priest

Only a priest can offer Mass. Why is that? Why can't just anyone get up and say the words and make the gestures.

The origins of the Mass are at the Last Supper. Here Jesus told the Apostles, our first priests, "to do this in remembrance of me." In that gesture, Christ gave the priests the power and authority to do what He had just done—change the bread and wine into His Body and Blood. Through Apostolic succession and ordination, or "the laying on of hands," this has been passed on to every priest down through the ages.

As Catholics, we understand that Christ is present in the person of the priest. The priest is acting "in persona Christi." This is a Latin phrase that means "in the person of Christ." Through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, the priest is conformed to Christ in a special way. So, while the priest celebrates the Mass, it is truly Christ offering the Mass.

Occasionally, you may see numerous priests and/or bishops at the altar. This is called concelebrating the Mass.

All this gives us good reason to continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For without the priest, there can be no Mass.

### Prayer Requests for Priest for March:

18 - Msgr. Robert Forst	22 - Fr. Daniel Gambet
19 - Fr. John Frink	23 - Fr. Joseph Ganser
20 - Permanent Deacons	24 - Fr. Angel Garcia-Almodovar
21 - Fr. Kevin Gallagher	



### Prayer Intentions

James Kozuch, Rose Marie Vankó, Lois Ciavaglia, Kathy Sheeran, James McHugh, Bernadette Lukac, Donna Blazosky, Donald DeMatto, Louise Snohia, Connor Stefanick, Michael Foley, Dolores Scaran, Nicholas Hiles, Sarah Yuskánish, Wayne Vasiliou, David Gilbert, Kenny Boyd, Pat Lipar, Margaret Arner, Fr. James Torpey, Bob Ames, Bill Terry, Patsy Black, William Mansberry, Harry Lill, Elizabeth Marcinko, Judy Terry, Mary Matika O'Gorman

Names on the Prayer List will remain for 4 wks. unless we are notified of a continuing illness)



We extend our deepest condolences to the Families of Joseph "Bobby" Roman, Sr. & Joseph Mancuso, Sr. who entered into eternal life. Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord.

**Memorial Fund— We would like to thank everyone who has donated to the St. Joseph of the Panther Valley memorial fund. The Memorial Fund is used to purchase Liturgical items for the Parish. From time to time we will report the memorials that have been given in memory of our deceased loved ones.**

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Sunday—March 18th** - PREP—9:15-10:30 am; All you can Eat Breakfast 8am - 12:30pm; St. Joseph Spaghetti Supper—Madonna Hall, Nesquehoning 11am –3pm. 40 Hrs Adoration 12 -7pm ; Evening Service 7 –8 pm SUMMIT—5:30pm

**Monday—March 19th** –40 Hrs. Adoration—8:30am - 7pm; Evening Service 7 –8pm

**Tuesday - March 20th** - 40 Hrs. Adoration - 8:30 am - 7 pm; Closing Service 7 - 8pm

**Wednesday—March 21st** - RCIA- 6 –7:30 rectory; COAL Grades 6-12 - 6-8pm - Coaldale Convent; Choir Practice 6:30

**Thursday—March 22nd**– Adoration - 5:30 - 7:30pm; Benediction—7:30 pm; COAL Grades 6 –12 - 6-8pm - Coaldale Convent; Oremus Prayer Program, Madonna Hall - 6:30; Bingo - 6:30pm

**Friday—March 23rd**- Oremus Prayer Program, Rectory - 9:00am; Stations of the Cross—7pm

**Saturday— March 24th**– Diocesan Women's Retreat - Shrine of St. Therese - 9 am - Noon; Confession 3:15-3:45pm; COAL Grades 6-12 - 4pm Mass

**Sunday—March 25th** - PREP - 9:15—10:00am; COAL Grades 6 - 12 - 9am Mass; COAL Grades 6-12 - 11am Mass; COAL Grades 6-8 - Meeting 12—1:30pm Social Hall; RCIA—Day of Recollection - 12:30 - 4:30 pm - Shrine of St. Therese, Nesquehoning; Bingo 6:30pm.



**Attention all Women** - The Diocese of Allentown Commission for Women invites all women to the **Preparing Our Souls for Our Savior Lenten Retreat** being held at the **Diocesan Shrine of St. Therese of Lisieux, 1 Garibaldi Ave., Nesquehoning** on **Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 9AM until NOON**. The cost is \$10.00. The morning will include Mass, continental breakfast, spiritual reflection with Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross. Retreat presenter is Rev. Allen J. Hoffa, Rector of the Shrine. Register online at [www.allentowndiocese.org/cfw-spirituality](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/cfw-spirituality) or call 610-289-8900 ext. 2021. Questions may be directed to Joanie Norelli at 917-406-4879 or email [cfw@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:cfw@allentowndiocese.org) Hope to see you there!

**March 24-25 2018 Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday 4:00: Lector** - Joseph O'Gurek  
E.M.– Joseph O'Gurek, Anne Marie Whitenight, Julianne O'Gorman

A.S. - Shawn Hoben, Abigail Hoben, Rachele Filer

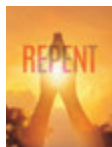
**Sunday 7:30am - Lector** - Mary Beth Risteter

**9:00am– Lector** - Steve Teeno

E.M. - Joseph Ward, Robert Crampsie, Steve Teeno  
A.S. - Megan Reaman, Emily Reaman, Lauren Reaman

**11am - Lector** - Billy O'Gurek

E.M. - Robert Strauss, Sheree Strauss, Billy O'Gurek  
A.S. - Colin Rehnert, Corey Rehnert, Connor Rehnert

**This Week's Reflections**

*Everyone, great and small, will have God's law written on their hearts, and their sins forgiven.*

The Lord reaches out once again to his people. God, ever faithful, extends his hand to those who break the covenant. No longer depending on prophets to communicate, under the new covenant each individual will know God's law, his love, his mercy. God's personal invitation calls for a personal response. Will we receive it?



**Grades K-2** will meet April 8th from 1-2pm at the Coaldale Convent.

**Grades 3-5** will meet April 14th in the Church Social Hall 2:15 - 3:45

**Grades 6-12 will meet March 21st & 22nd** at the Coaldale Convent from 12 - 1:30pm

**Grades 6-8 will meet March 25th** from 12-1:30pm in the Social Hall .

**SUMMIT HILL LIONS CLUB** offers a scholarship to a graduating senior from Panther Valley and Marian Catholic High Schools who reside in Lansford or Summit Hill. Applications are available from the guidance counselor at the school. Deadline for applications is April 1st.

We host a Miller-Keystone Bloodmobile on Tuesday, April 17th from 1—6pm at St. Joseph Social Hall. We are in need of 20 donors. Call the parish office to register, 570-645-2664 or visit [www.GIVEaPINT.org](http://www.GIVEaPINT.org) to register online. The online registration sponsor code is 5028.

**Spouses, a true Lenten sacrifice is FORGIVING ONE**

**ANOTHER** the small hurts of daily living. Couples can learn to build strong, forgiving relationships by attending the next **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**. For information call [1-732-904-9636](tel:1-732-904-9636) or visit [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org).



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**Diocesan Women's Conference—Registration Now Open!** **CALLING ALL WOMEN;** Wives, Mothers, Daughters, Sisters, Singles, Aunts, Religious - The Diocese of Allentown is hosting its second annual women's conference on **Saturday, May 5, 2018 at DeSales University, Center Valley** from 8:30 am ending with a Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm celebrated by Bishop Alfred A. Schlert. The cost is \$40/Adult, \$10/High School Students, \$15 College Students and Vowed/Consecrated Religious. The day will include a youth session and a Spanish track. The theme "*Hearts Afire – Be Who God Made You To Be*" will feature presentations by Rev. Msgr. Andrew Baker and nationally known speakers *Kelly Wahlquist, Colleen Carroll Campbell, Sr. Faustina Maria Pia S.V., and Lucia Baez Luzondo (Spanish Track)*. The day will include a continental breakfast, lunch, Confession, Adoration and Exhibitors. Please join us for an exciting day as we explore the gift God created us to be! For more information and to register, visit [www.allentowndiocese.org/womensconference](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/womensconference). Questions call [610-289-8900 x 2021](tel:610-289-8900) or email [AFF@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:AFF@allentowndiocese.org) Hope to see you there!

**Diocesan Marriage Conference Together in Holiness.** Register now for the Diocesan Marriage Conference on Saturday April 14, 2018. The conference will be held at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Sinking Spring. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alfred Schlert. Dynamic presenters include EWTN host Joy Pinto. Child care is available. Visit the website [www.togetherinholiness.org](http://www.togetherinholiness.org) to learn more. For any questions call [610-289-8900 ext. 2028](tel:610-289-8900).

#### ***Special Mass of Healing & Remembrance***

Special Mass of Healing & Remembrance: for people struggling with addiction, their families, and those who have died as a result. His Excellency, Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, will offer a special Mass of Healing and Remembrance for people struggling with addiction and their families. The Mass will be celebrated at a regularly scheduled Parish Sunday Mass on April 15, 2018 @ 10:30 am at Queenship of Mary, Northampton. Fr. Patrick Lamb, Pastor, will be the homilist. Bishop Schlert recently remarked: "We have a responsibility as a family of faith to pray for and offer encouragement to our brothers and sisters coping with addictions, and to provide support to their families who struggle with them." All in the Diocese are most welcome to attend this Mass and unite in prayer for hope and healing.

**Diocesan Young Adult Day of Reflection**—Join Catholic young adults from around the Diocese of Allentown for an opportunity to step away and connect with God and others. The day will include talks by spiritual director Fr. Stephan Isaac, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, time for personal prayer and reflection, and a chance to engage with the other young adults present. The retreat will take place on Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Mariawald Renewal Center ([1094 Welsh Rd., Reading, PA 19607](http://1094WelshRd.com)). For questions, email Alexa at [adonsecz@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:adonsecz@allentowndiocese.org) or call our office at [610-289-8900 ext. 2021](tel:610-289-8900). Registration can be found at [www.allentowndiocese.org/ya-retreat](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/ya-retreat).



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.

#### **Important Dates:**

Confirmation - April 12th—4:30pm  
First Holy Communion: May 5th - 10:30am

#### **Marian Quarterback Club & Football Alumni Golf Tournament**

To be held Saturday, May 5, 2018 at Mt Valley Golf Course, Barnesville PA. Registration begins at 10:30, Lunch at 11:30 and shotgun starts at 1:00. This event is a 4 man scramble. Cost is \$80.00 per golfer and includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner and beverages. If you are not a golfer, join us for dinner at 6:00, cost is \$20.00 per person. All proceeds benefit Marian Colts Football. To register or for additional information please call Carrie at 570-449-3569 or email [marianquarterbackclub@gmail.com](mailto:marianquarterbackclub@gmail.com)



Knights of Columbus - Fr. Henry W. Baker Council #2711 is hosting a **Roast Beef Dinner**, Sunday, March 18th 11:00 to 2:00 at Council Hall at 200 E. Miner St. Coaldale (Seek)

Cost \$10.00; Children under 12 - \$5.00 Eat in or Take out!  
Call 570—645-3896 for free deliveries in Coaldale, Lansford and Summit Hill before 12:00pm

Our annual **EASTER EGG HUNT** will take place on the cemetery grounds behind the church on Easter Sunday, April 1st, following the 11am Mass. **BYOB (Bring Your Own Basket)**  
**Ages levels include: Birth to 3; 3 to 6; 7 to 10; 10 & up!**  
Thanks once again to Jim & Nancy Filer & Family who will be organizing our hunt again this year. If you can help, contact Nancy. We will begin accepting gifts/candy/baskets to give our children/young people. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office during the week or the church vestibule on weekends.



#### **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

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