

# St. Joseph Parish of the Panther Valley



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*October 14, 2018 ~ Twenty-Eighth 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 - Anointing of 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. *The Sacrament of the Sick is available to all in need of healing. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT until death is imminent to offer your loved one this grace.* 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 Meadow Ave. Tamaqua. Please contact Principal Amy M. Hannis-Miskar, M.S. at 570-668-2757 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.mariancatholics.org](http://www.mariancatholics.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.

**SJPV Parish Nurse Ministry**

The parish nurses are available to assist parishioners in areas of healthcare counseling, education, being liaisons to community resources and providing respite care for primary caregivers . To contact the Parish Nurse ministry please call the parish office and choose option 9.

**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	October 7, 2018
ADULT	\$7,821.00
LOOSE	73.00
CANDLES	259.00
SHRINE COLLECTION	147.00
SHRINE CANDLES	46.00
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	725.00
ONLINE GIVING	1,496.00
TOTAL	\$10,567.00

*Special Collection for Hurricane Florence Relief-* Hurricane Florence has left much devastation in her wake. It is going to take months if not years for Georgia and the Carolinas to recover. The week-end of October 27-28 we will have a second collection to help in the recovery effort. This is a great opportunity to show that “charity begins at home”





**Monday, October 15 - 8am - St. Teresa of Jesus**

John Valasek *by Wife*  
 Deceased Members of the Perger, Zickler & Wasas Families *by Isabel Wasas Zickler*

**Tuesday, October 16 – “5pm - Communion Service”**

**St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque**

John Susko - *Son, John*

**Wednesday, October 17 - 8am - St. Ignatius of Antioch**

Roinick & Matukonis Families *by M/M Thomas Matukonis*

**Thursday, October 18 – “5pm - Communion Service”**

**St. Luke**

Claudia Swierczek *by Irene Swierczek*

**Friday, October 19 - 8am - Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac**

**Jogues**

Benca & Balducci Families *by Family*

**Saturday, October 20 - Shrine Daily Mass - 9am**

The Logan & Degilio Families *by Marianne Logan Surovcik*

**St. Joseph Sunday Vigil Mass - 4pm**

Living & Deceased Parishioners

**Sunday, October 21- Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am - Edward Martin *by Joe Klementovic*

9am - Norman Serena, 20th Anniversary *by Kathryn & Family*

11am - Florence Gurka *by Son, Joe & Maureen Gurka*



James Kozuch, Rose Marie Vanko, Lois Ciavaglia, Kathy Sheeran, Bernadette Lukac, Donna Blazosky, Donald DeMatto, Louise Snohia, Michael Foley,

Dolores Scaran, Nicholas Hiles, Wayne Vasilou, Kenny Boyd, Pat Lipar, Margaret Arner, Fr. James Torpey, William Mansberry, Mary Matika O’Gorman, Paul Duke, John “Chet” Michalik, Sarah Yuskanish, Frank Staneck, David Marcin, Claude Turton, Barbara Swierczek, Mary Fredericks, Doris LaPolice, Nora Stanko, Marie Valentini, Jackie Lopata, Joel Rivera, Helene Pallavicini, Patsy Black, Veronica Bazik, Charles O’Donnell, James Szczecina, Julianne O’ Gorman, Emmett McCall, Sr., Mary Gallagher.

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

Prayer Requests for Priests for October:

- 14th – Msgr. Aloysius Callaghan
- 15th – Deceased Priests
- 16th – Fr. E. Michael Camilli
- 17th - Msgr. John Campbell
- 18th - Fr. William Campion
- 19th - Fr. Thomas Carney
- 20th - Religious Priests



*We extend our deepest condolences to the family of Robert Hlavaty who entered into eternal life. Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord.*

**Weekly Candles**

**Sanctuary Candle** –Joan Theresa Shober - Mr. & Mrs. William Lynn & Family

**B.V.M. Altar** - Gloria Morgan & Blanche Surina- Clarice Morgan

**B.V.M. Altar** - Mary Rutch - 4th Anniversary- John & Family

**St. Joseph’s Altar**– Julianne O’Gorman - Good Health—Trevor & Jackie Lawrence

**St. Joseph ‘s Altar** - Martha Stemetzki - 19th Anniversary - Pat Lawrence

**St. Patrick** - Good Health - Kevin Collevchio - Patti

**St. Theresa** - Risavy Family - Mary & Ken

**Infant of Prague** - Julianne - Mom, Mrs. Marie Vanko

**Padre's Piece**

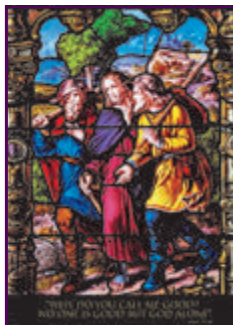
**Epiclesis**

*“You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

These words, from the Eucharistic Prayer II at Mass, are called the epiclesis, or Prayer for the Sending of the Spirit. Each Eucharistic Prayer contains a slightly different epiclesis, which is a Greek word that means “to call upon.”

The epiclesis reminds us that it is not simply the man in the vestments who transforms the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, but the Holy Spirit. Just as it was the Holy Spirit who conceived Christ Jesus in the womb of the Virgin Mary, so it is through the power of the Holy Spirit that Christ becomes sacramentally present.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, in paragraph 1105, says this: “The Epiclesis is the intercession in which the priest begs the Father to send the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier, so that the offerings may become the body and blood of Christ and the faithful, by receiving them, may themselves become a living offering to God.”



**This Week’s Reflections**

*God offers us the perspective of eternity.*  
 In a secular world, so many people today have a limited perspective, valuing and pursuing what they see before their eyes and what benefits them in this current life. God calls us, as followers of Jesus, to take the longer view – to pursue eternal values, trusting that God will also give us what we need here and now.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Sunday - October 14th**—PREP 9:00 – 10:30am, Coaldale; COAL-Gr. K-2 & 3-5, 1-2:30; Coaldale; COAL -GR. -6-8, Bear Junction , Rt 309 6pm. & COAL-Gr.- 9-12 , 5-6:30, Coaldale; - Bingo – 6:30pm; Children’s Choir - 6:30pm

**Monday - October 15th - Pinochle - 7pm**

**Tuesday - Oct. 16th - Communion Service –5pm**

**Wednesday - October 17th- Live Your Faith!** -6:30-8pm- Rectory; Prayer Shawl Meeting - 6 - 7:30 - Social Hall; Choir Practice - 6:30pm

**Thursday - October 18th – Communion Service - 5pm,** Adoration/Benediction - 5:30– 7:30, Bingo - 6:30pm; Fulfilled, Bible Study - 6-7:30 pm - Madonna Hall

**Friday - October 19th - Fulfilled, Bible Study - 9 - 10:30 am - Rectory**

**Saturday - October 20th—Confession 3:15 - 3:45pm**

**Sunday - October 21st**—PREP 9:00 – 10:30am, All You Can Eat Breakfast, 8am -12:30 pm; Children’s Choir - 6:15, Maple Shade, Nesquehoning; Bingo – 6:30pm



**St. Jerome Regional School**

50 Meadow Ave, Tamaqua, PA 18252

Opening Time 7:45 AM - Start Time 8:00

Dismissal 2:45 PM

Preschool 9am - 2:30pm Full Day Program

Preschool 9am - 11:30am Half Day Program

October 22 - Red Ribbon Week

October 25- Basket Bonanza Donations Due

October 31 - Parade 11:15

**JOB OPPORTUNITY** - St. Jerome Regional School is looking for a part-time maintenance/custodian. Hours are 15-20 per week, Monday through Friday, in the late afternoon and early evening. Hours are flexible. If interested please contact Mrs. Amy Hannis-Miskar at 570-668-2757.



St. Jerome Regional CYO is forming basketball teams for boys and girls grades 2-4 for a biddy league and boys and girls grades 5-8 for the jv and varsity teams. Please email the name, grade, and parish of interested players to [cystjeromePA@gmail.com](mailto:cystjeromePA@gmail.com)



**Grades K-2 & 3-5,** Meeting Oct. 14th 1-2:30pm, Coaldale.

**Grades 6-8, Oct. 14th** - Glow in the Dark Mini Golf, Bear Junction, 8181Rt. 309, New Tripoli, 6pm. \$5/person contact Monica Newton if you have any question & to register 484-629-5410

**Grades 9-12,** Meeting Oct. 14th 5-6:30pm, Coaldale

**Upcoming Family Events:**

- Oct. 27th - Trunk or Treat, 6-8
- Oct. 28th - Fall Fest at Foothill Farms 1-6pm



Knights of Columbus - Fr. Henry W. Baker, Council 2711, will be having a Roast Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner Sunday, Oct. 21st from 11am - 2pm, at the Knights of Columbus Building in Seek (Coaldale) Cost - \$10.00 Children under 12 - \$5.00 Eat in or Take Out!

**October 20-21 - Ministry Schedule**

**4pm - Lector** - Zach Gilbert

**E.M.** - Joseph O’Gurek, Peter Maholick, Zach Gilbert

**Cupbearers** - Barbara Hadnagy, April MacDonald

**A.S.** - Caitlin Kovatch, Michael Williams, Gino Williams

**7:30am - Lector** - Jennifer Vermillion

**9am Lector** - Joseph Sabol

**E.M.**— Sandy Schlemmer, Cindy Sabol, May Ann Szczecina, Keith Degler

**Cupbearers** - Lottie Hager, Joseph Sabol

**A.S.** - Albin Petschauer, Quentin Petschauer, Sam Homyak

**11am— Lector** - Dave O’Gurek

**E.M.** - William O’Gurek, Barbara Sommers, Dave O’Gurek

**Cupbearers** - Harmony Smith, Susan Colancecco

**A.S.** - Isabella Miller, Dylan Newton, Kylie Skodacek

**Live Your Faith - Wed., October 17, 6:30 - 8pm, Rectory Session 5-Who is Jesus? Just a Good Man or Lord of Our Lives?**  
*This Session will cover –*

- ◆ How, in the fullness of time, God has spoken to us through his Son, Jesus
- ◆ How Jesus, the Second Person of the Trinity, took on human nature without losing his divine nature
- ◆ That Jesus is the one and only mediator between God and man
- ◆ That Jesus is one divine person who possesses two natures
- ◆ Why Jesus became man so that we can be reconciled to God to know God’s love.

**St. John the Baptist, Byzantine Catholic Church, 104 E. Bertsch St. Lansford** is having a **Frozen Pirohi & Haluski Sale** on October 19, 2018. Pickup is from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. \$7.00/dozen and \$6.00/lb. To place an order please call 570-645-7960 or 570-645-7372

**HALLOWEEN LOTTERY TICKETS**  
 The Halloween Lottery Tickets are now on sale after all Masses & at the office during the week.

**Marian Quarterback Club - Designer Purse Bingo**  
 Featuring bags by Coach, Kate Spade and Michael Kors Sunday, October 28th -Doors Open: 12 noon Games start-2PM Marian High School Cafeteria - \$25.00 for 20 games (16 regular & 4 specials) - Pre-sale tickets eligible for special drawing Extra cards, side raffles, food and beverages available for Purchase. All proceeds benefit the Marian High School Football Program. For tickets contact Carrie at 570-449-3569 or email [marianquarterbackclub@gmail.com](mailto:marianquarterbackclub@gmail.com)



***Spiritual Combat: Armed with the Spirit***— This year's Diocesan Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at DeSales University. The day will include keynote addresses, exhibits and a Vigil Mass with The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of Allentown. Continental breakfast and lunch are included. General Admission is \$40 and the High School/College rate is \$15. For more information or to register visit

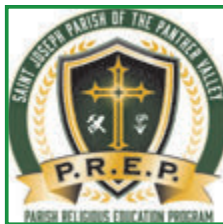
[www.allentowndiocese.org/mens-conference](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/mens-conference). Questions can be directed to [mensconference@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:mensconference@allentowndiocese.org) or (610) 289-8900, Ext. 2028.

***Saint Anthony of Padua Relics to Visit.*** St. Anthony of Padua will be visiting us on **Thursday, October 11, 2018**, in the form of two precious relics from his Basilica in Padua, Italy. The relics will be accompanied by Friar Mario Conte from the Messenger of St. Anthony in Padua. Veneration of the relics will take place at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena following the 8:00 A.M. Mass until 1:00 P.M. The relics will be available for veneration at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Easton from 5:00 to 9:00 P.M. Questions can be directed to the Office of Adult Formation by

emailing [adultformation@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:adultformation@allentowndiocese.org) or calling (610)289-8900, Ext. 2021.

***Sexual Revolution: 50 Years Since Humanae Vitae*** is an exciting and beautifully-made documentary film that examines the parallel developments of the Pill and modern Natural Family Planning (NFP) by telling the little known story of the founding doctors, respectively, Dr. Gregory Pincus and Drs. John & Evelyn Billings. This film has been endorsed by The Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization. The film will be shown at two locations: Sunday October 21, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Berks Catholic High School Auditorium and Tuesday October 23, 2018 at Bethlehem Catholic High School Auditorium. View the trailer at [www.sexualrevolutionmovie.com](http://www.sexualrevolutionmovie.com). Sponsored by the Office of Marriage and Natural Family Planning. For questions, please call 610-289-8900 extension 2024.

**Financial Planning - The Questions You Never Ask But Should:** When you think about the life you want and deserve for your family does it seem overwhelming to create a financial plan that takes all of your future needs and expenses into account? Are you feeling unprepared to make important end of life decisions? Then please join us **October 18th** at the McGlenn Center located near Alvernia University from 6:00 to 8:00 pm for a complementary information presentation in which our panel of pastoral and financial experts, may have answers you need to make smart decisions about your financial future. Small plates and sweets will be served. Please RSVP by October 15<sup>th</sup> to Ginny Downey at (610) 871-5200 ext. 2244 or [gdowney@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:gdowney@allentowndiocese.org)



PREP Classes are held  
**Sunday – 9:00 - 10:15, Grades K- 4**  
**9:15 - 10:30, Grades 5 - 8**  
 at the Parish Multi Purpose building,  
 231 2nd St., Coaldale.  
**DRE - Deacon Cannon**  
[deaconjoesjpv@gmail.com](mailto:deaconjoesjpv@gmail.com)

**Next Parish Breakfast—Sunday, October 21st**  
 Please join us for this all you can eat buffet.

We ask the following families/parishioners to bake or donate for the October breakfast: Cheryl Ann Rose, Nicholas & Samantha Rose, Wilma Rose, James Rossi, Olga Rossi, Maria Ruslavage, George & Monica Rusnock, Gregory & Trudi Rusnock, Barbara Rutch, Elizabeth Ann Rutch, Georg & Sametta Sabol, Joseph & Cindy Sabol, Mary Jane Sabol, Mary Ann Sakusky, David Salla, Gabriella Santiago, Anthony Santore, Christopher & Kathryn Santore, Frank & Victoria Santore, William & Bernardine Santore, Louisa Sarge.

Donations can be brought to the church social hall on Saturday, October 20th between 8—11am.



**Election Day Luncheon - Tuesday, November 6th**  
**11am - 3pm - St. Joseph Church Social Hall**

Menu items include: Turkey Bar-B-Q, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Sausage & Pepper Sandwiches, Cold Pork Sandwich with Roasted Peppers, Halupki, Haluski, Pierogie, Bean Soup, Chicken Soup, Crème of Broccoli Soup, Macaroni & Cheese, Filling & Gravy, Potato Salad, Desserts & Refreshments

**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.
- **Fund Raiser for the Panther Valley Library**—Purchase a "Friends helping Friends" coupon for Boscov's and receive 25% off purchases all day on October 16th. Cost is \$5. Coupons are available at the PV Library, 645-3780, or call Marlene, 645-8758.
- **Open Enrollment for Medicare—October 15th—December 7th**—Make an appointment with the Carbon County Agency on Aging, to see if you have the best prescription/ drug plan for 2019. Call 800-441-1315. Appointments will be scheduled at the Panther Valley Public Library and the Summit Hill Heritage Center on October 17th & 31st and November 4th & 28th.

*Because Family Matters, Let us take care of Yours.*

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