

# St. Joseph Parish of the Panther Valley



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*September 24, 2017 ~ Twenty-Fifth 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 Center 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 5:00 PM 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.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

The second collection the weekend of September 23-24th will be to assist our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the rectory so that together we help them to know that indeed “God is in the midst of them.” Year to date, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to “bring good news to the poor,” by assisting 126 adults and 63 children in our Panther Valley communities. Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

Stewardship	Sept. 17, 2017
ADULT	\$6,243.50
CHILDREN	37.50
LOOSE	247.00
CANDLES	182.00
SHRINE COLLECTION	144.00
SHRINE CANDLES	49.00
APOSTLES OF JESUS	532.00
HURRICANE HARVEY	3,024.00
TOTAL	\$10,459.00

“The generous landowner is described in a parable today, picturing for us *God’s incredible generosity!* Spouses can learn ways to love each other more generously by attending a WORLD-WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend! For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org)



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday—September 25 —8am**

**Fred Hellmund** by Joe & Dolores Zuber  
**Frank Piscelli** by John Ligenza  
**Faye Matyascik** by Stan & Louise Zuber

**Tuesday—September 26 - 5 pm**

**Sts. Cosmas & Damian**

**Rachel Campo** by Jim Campo  
**Mary E. Stalowski** by David Krajnak  
**James P. Tee** by Rod & Jean Rouse

**Wednesday—September 27 – 8am**

**St. Vincent de Paul**

**Jenny Susko** by Son, John  
**Catherine “Cathy” Frassinelli** by Thomas Davis  
**Stephen Toth Jr.** by Perry & Lou Ann Breiner

**Thursday—September 28— 5pm**

**St. Wenceslaus; St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions**

**Estelle & Joseph M. Sverchek** by Joseph P. Sverchek  
**Thadeus Jaworski** by Mary George  
**Jeffery, John & Wade Strauss** by Paul Strauss

**Friday—September 29—8am**

**Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels**

**Louise Lill** by Family  
**Mary Watko** by Florence G. Pietruch  
**Paul Yuricheck** by Bill & Donna Jones

**Saturday - September 30—St Jerome**

**Shrine Daily Mass 9am**

**Sheilah McGorry** by Mother, Sissy & Brothers, Donald & Anthony  
**Pauline DiNardo** by Rob & Carla Hertzog  
**Angelo Mele** by Michael & Karen Didyoung

**St. Joseph Vigil Mass 4pm**

**Andrew Gazo Jr.** By Darryll Raggio  
**Michael Snisky** by Michael & Mary Ann Becker & Family  
**Joseph Kovatch Sr.** by Yelito Family

**Sunday—October 1**

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9am –Norman Serena, 19th Anniversary** by Kathryn  
**John L. Crampsie**—M/M Wendell Pribila  
**Joseph P. Orsulak** by Steve & Denise Wargo

**11am—Steve Yuricheck** by Tina & Sonya  
**Frank & Mary Hadnagy** by Mark & Jackie Lopata & Sons  
**Casimer P. Yelito** by David Barachie



*Fr. Jim Burdess, James Kozuch, Sister Mary Florence, Rose Marie Vanko, Lois Ciavaglia, John Shoher, William McCullian, Tom Sheeran, James McHugh, Bernadette Lukac, Donna Blazosky, Donald DeMatto, Pat Spezialetti, Connor Stefanick, Levio Grosso, Teresa Grosso.*  
*Names on the Prayer List will remain for 4 wks.*

*unless we are notified of a continuing illness)*

**Weekly Candles**

**Sanctuary Candle**—*Rose Perilli*—Gabriel, Liz & Gretchen

**Blessed Mother**—*Frances Yurick*—M/M John Praskac

**Blessed Mother**—*Martha & Ed O’Gorman*—Julianne

**Infant of Prague**—*Louis Benek*—12th Anniversary—Louie & Barbara



Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are in memory of Rose Delaurentis requested by Husband, Tony

**SHOWER OF ROSES**

The Shower of Roses will be held Sunday, October 1, 2017 at the Shrine of St. Therese, Nesquehoning.

In preparation for the Shower of Roses there will be Holy Hour on Thurs., Sept. 28th, Fri. Sept. 29th and Sat. Sept 30th from 6pm —7pm followed by Novena & Benediction at 7pm at the Shrine.

We would like to extend our congratulations to the 2017 Rose Queen and her Court:

Rose Queen—**Courtney Kovatch**

Rose Princesses—**Gabriella Rose Greek, Carly A. Bachert & Maria Cerimele**

Little Flowers—**Caitlyn Kovatch, Giavanna Larry, Reagan LeClair, Cara Rehnert Amelia Rose Degler**

**Time Line of Events:**

**11:00 AM - Spaghetti Dinner**

**1:00 PM - Mass**

**3:00 PM - Procession with Recital of the Rosary**

**4:00 PM - Benediction**

**5:00 PM - Shower of Roses from Heaven**

Ethnic Foods, vendors and music will follow.

**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 September:

**24 - Fr. Keith Mathur**      **28 - Fr. Edward McElduff**

**25 - Msgr. John McCann**      **29 - Fr. John McGinley**

**26 - Fr. John McCaslin**      **30 - Fr. Timothy McIntire**

**27- Fr. Robert McConaghy**

**JOB OPPORTUNITY**— We are looking for a part time house keeper & laundress for the rectory. Please contact the office for more information. 570 -645-2664



Congratulations to .....

**John Phineas Uher,**

Son of John & Kerry Uher &

**Caroline Ellen Montgomery**

Daughter of Jeffery & Karissa Montgomery who were Baptized on Sunday, September 17, 2017

**We welcome these newest members into our Catholic Family of Faith**

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Sunday—Sept. 24th** —Bingo—6:30pm  
 Children's Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm

**Monday—Sept. 25th** - Pinochle Games, 7pm

**Tuesday - Sept. 26th**

**Wednesday—Sept 27th** - Choir Practice—6:30  
 SJRS Fundraising Day, LaDolce Casa, Tamaqua

**Thursday—Sept. 28th** - Shrine of St. Therese—6-7pm Holy Hour; 7pm Benediction/Novena - *No Holy Hour at St. Joseph this week.*  
 Bingo—6:30pm

**Friday—Sept. 29th**— Shrine of St. Therese—6-7pm Holy Hour; 7pm Benediction/Novena

**Saturday—Sept. 30th**—Shrine of St. Therese—6-7pm Holy Hour; 7pm Benediction/Novena  
 COAL Family Outdoor Movie Night, 5:30pm

**Sunday—Oct. 1**— Shower of Roses—Shrine of St. Therese—11am Bingo—6:30pm



**St. Jerome Regional School**

The Home & School Association of St. Jerome Regional School will be hosting a Basket Bonanza on Sunday, November 5th in the school auditorium. The Home & School Assn. provides money for special programs and treats for the children and also provides necessary funds for some of the academic programs and supplementary materials to enhance our technology. We are asking for your assistance by donating a new item, a cash donation and/or a gift certificate to help make this event successful. To donate please call the school office at [570-668-2757](tel:570-668-2757).

St. Jerome Regional School will sponsor a casino trip to Hollywood Casino on Sunday, October 15th. Cost is \$30 and you will receive \$30 Slot Play and \$5 Food voucher. The bus will depart from the parking lot near the Tamaqua Public Library at 9:00 am and leave the Casino at 3:00 pm. Please call the School Office at [570-668-2757](tel:570-668-2757).

St. Jerome Regional School will be holding a fundraising day at La Dolce Casa, 16 West Broad St. Tamaqua on Wednesday, Sept 27th. You can pick up coupons at the Church entrances.

**Secondary Math Teacher**—Marian Catholic High School is seeking applicants for a full-time, Secondary Math Teacher for the current school year. Any interested persons should submit a Standard PA application, letter of interest, resume, transcripts, copy of valid PA certificate, Act 34 (Criminal Record Check), Act 114 (FBI Clearance) and Act 151 (Child Abuse History Clearance and three recent letters (within two years) of recommendation to: Mrs. Jean Susko, Principal, Marian Catholic High School, 166 Marian Avenue, Tamaqua, PA 18252. Inquiries can be directed to the Main Office at 570-467-3335, Ext. 2216. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. EOE

**Marian Quarterback Club**

Designer Purse Bingo featuring bags by Coach and Michael Kors, Sunday, October 22nd. Doors open 12 noon with bingo beginning at 2:00 in the Marian High School Cafeteria. \$25 for 20 games. Presale tickets eligible for a special drawing. For tickets contact Carrie at 570-449-3569 or email [marian-quarterbackclub@gamil.com](mailto:marian-quarterbackclub@gamil.com)



- Angelo Cerimele – September 25th
- Logan Fisher – September 25th
- Emily Macalush – September 27th
- Madison Schock—September 29th
- Autumn Steibler—September—30th
- Mattie Colancecco - September –30th
- Blake Morgans—October 1st

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Sept. 30—Oct. 1, 2017**

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	CUP BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	SACRISTANS
<b>4PM</b>	Nathan Halenar	TJ Parambo Harmony Smith Joseph O’Gurek	Tom Midas Judy Midas	Jacob & Joshua Shelton	Joshua Shelton
<b>9AM</b>	Jennifer Vermillion	Anne Marie Whitenight Cindy Sabol Mary Beth Risteter	Steve Teeno Deacon Joe/ Lector	Stephen Puza	Sandy Schlemmer
<b>11AM</b>	Regina Lisella	Susan Colancecco Aurelia DeMatto Michael Crampsie	Dave O’Gurek Deacon Skip/ B. Sommers	Harry & Jonas Swinehart	Nathan Halenar

**Ladies of Fatima News**

In honor of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, everyone will be given the opportunity to write special intentions to Our Lady of Fatima. A ribbon will be provided for you to write your intentions on. All intentions will be displayed on a wall near the Fatima statue. This will begin September 13th throughout the month of September until October 13th, the last day of her apparition. On October 14th we plan on praying a living rosary, time to be announced. At this time all the special intentions will be remembered.



Thank you to those who took the time to fill out the survey. Those who responded clearly indicated that the Sunday morning class time was preferred.

- 1.) 1<sup>st</sup> class will be on Sunday, October 1st
- 2.) Class time for all students will be 9:15 to 10:30am
- 3.) Classes will be held in the Parish multi-purpose building (St Mary's Convent) 231 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Coaldale

The survey also indicated that parking and student pick up was not ideal. Knowing that we will have more students at one time now we will try having grades 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> use 2<sup>nd</sup> street (front door that was used last year) for drop off and pick up. Grades 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>, will use 1<sup>st</sup> street (back door) for drop off and pick up. Arrangements can be made for all family members to use one door.



C.O.A.L. Youth Ministry of the Panther Valley is our NEW parish and regional youth ministry! C.O.A.L. stands for Christ, One, Alive, and Love. We are in need of youth ministers to help lead

our children closer to Christ. The only qualifications needed are a desire to share the joy of a relationship with Jesus Christ with our young people. C.O.A.L. will have 4 levels: K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12. If you are interested in being a Youth Minister please contact Fr. Hoffa by phone or by calling the rectory or send him an email. Thank you for investing in our future by investing in our young people!

### Holy Cross Fraternity, Order of Franciscan Seculars (OFS)

We are a recognized "Secular Order" sanctioned by Papal authority, canonically established, and called to follow Jesus by following Saint Francis in our secular state. We are men and women, married and single and diocesan clergy who live in Franciscan fraternal union with each other, the Church and the world around us. So what is this fraternal union? When we speak of this union we mean spiritually, with each other and the Church. We encourage each other to continually move more deeply in union with Christ, the Church, the Franciscan Family and the communities we live in with the goal of "Renewing the Church"! We meet at Saint John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, 104 E. Bertsch St., Lansford, PA 18232 on the third Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM for prayer, learning and fraternal fellowship. We pray that God will add brothers and sisters to our Franciscan family who desire to seek and serve God with us. For more information, please contact Gretchen or Ted Bienkowski, OFS at 570-645-9535, [tedjohn@ptd.net](mailto:tedjohn@ptd.net) or [www.holycrossfraternity.wordpress.com](http://www.holycrossfraternity.wordpress.com) & [www.facebook.com/HCFOS](http://www.facebook.com/HCFOS). Pax et Bonum – Peace & Good.

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### Deanery Mass with Bishop Schlert

Carbon Deanery Mass at St. Joseph Church, 526 North St., Jim Thorpe. The Faithful of Carbon County are invited to celebrate the ordination and installation of Bishop Alfred Schlert at this special deanery Mass. Event Date: Monday September 25, 2017 -7:00 pm.

**Calling all families! Join us for the Family Fully Alive: 100 Years of Fatima on Sunday, October 22, 2017.** The office of Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministry in the Diocese of Allentown invites you to come together as a family to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of Our Lady's appearance at Fatima and learn about what Our lady told the world at that time! Events will include a family holy hour, Fatima related crafts and activities, a family meal (pasta, salad, rolls). The celebration will be held at St. Patrick parish (319 Mahantongo St. Pottsville). The registration cost of \$10/family includes dinner and activities for the entire family, and we encourage families of children of all ages to attend! For questions contact Alexa Doncsecz at [adoncsecz@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:adoncsecz@allentowndiocese.org)

### Diocesan Men's Conference

**SAVE THE DATE! Spirit 2017—Lord, To Whom Shall We Go - Saturday, November 4, 2017 at DeSales University, 2755 Station Avenue, Center Valley, PA 18034**  
Pre-registration is required. Registration fees before Sept 25: \$30; Sept. 26—Oct. 23: \$ 40; High school/College Student rate: \$10; Financial Assistance Available. Register online (payment by credit card) at [www.cmfd.org](http://www.cmfd.org) or pick up a registration form in the vestibule of church.



Congratulations to Mr. Christopher & Janelle (Balliet) Ondrus, who were married on Saturday, September 16th. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their new life as husband and wife

### 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

**PV Library**—Purchase a "Friends helping Friends" coupon for Boscov's on October 17th and receive 25% off purchases. Cost is \$5. Coupons are available at the PV Library 645-3780 or call Marlene at 645-8758.

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