Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time – October 15, 2023

CONFESSIONS:
Saturday: 3:00 - 4:00 PM

MARRIAGES:
Couples contemplating marriage should contact the rectory a minimum of six months before the date of the wedding.

BAPTISMS:
Baptisms celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month after the 11AM Mass. First time parents are required to attend a Pre - Jordan (Baptism Preparation) Session. The sessions are held the fourth Monday of the month at 6:00pm in church. Registration is required. Only when Certificates of Eligibility from godparents are presented, then a date for the Baptism can be set. Please call the rectory to set up an appointment for Pre - Jordan and the Baptism.

APPOINTMENTS:
The pastor is most willing to be of service to our parishioners. If you wish to meet with him, please call the rectory in advance to arrange an appointment.

R.C.I.A.:
The RCIA prepares adults for Baptism and full communion in the Church. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your initiation into the Catholic Church, please contact the Rectory.

VISITS TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY:
The clergy and extraordinary ministers of the Holy Eucharist visit the homebound sick and elderly on a regular scheduled basis. Please call the Rectory to report a needed visit.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:
If you are scheduled for surgery or a hospital stay, receive the Sacrament of the Sick before you go to the hospital. Call the rectory or ask the priest on Sunday to administer the Anointing of the Sick after Mass.

HOSPITAL VISITS:
Due to the Pennsylvania Privacy Act, you must tell the hospital that you would like to be visited by a priest who serves the hospital as Catholic Chaplain.

PARISH REGISTRATION:
WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH PARISH!
We invite all Catholics living within parish boundaries to become registered members of St. Joseph Parish as soon as possible. If you have recently changed your status, married, moved out of your parents’ home, or graduated from college, you need to re-register. If you move, we would also appreciate a phone call to the rectory so that our records will be in order.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE - TUESDAY, 12:00 NOON
Sunday, October 15, 2023
Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass for the Week

Sun. 15 – 8AM George & Agnes Shanahan & deceased Children
11AM Steven Jun (living)
6PM Celebrant Choice
Mon. 16 – St. Hedwig, Religious, St. Margaret
Mary Alacoque, Virgin
8AM – Albert McIntyre
Tues. 17 – St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
8AM – Susan McCarthy (living)
Wed. 18 – St. Luke, Evangelist
8AM – Rocco & Teresa DiCresenza
Thur. 19 – St. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues,
Priest & Companions, Martyrs
8AM – Rita Fitzpatrick
Fri. 20 – St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
8AM – James & Mary Moore
Sat. 21 – BVM
8AM Steven Jun (living)
4:30PM Michael Traband

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK
Please call to be put on these lists. Names are listed for one month.

Bill Williams, Joann Marks

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Monday, 7PM Narcotics Anonymous @ Rectory Basement
Tuesday, 6PM PREP, 6:30PM-7:30PM Scrip Sales & 6:30PM to 8PM Legion of Mary all are in the Rectory Basement
Wednesday
Thursday, 7PM Catechism of the Catholic Church rectory basement
Friday, 8PM Alcoholics Anonymous in Rectory Basement
Saturday, 9:30AM Divine Mercy Cenacle meets every 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month in the Rectory Basement.

Confession Saturdays 3PM to 4PM
1st Friday’s confession at 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Father Burger of the Missionary Society of St. Columban will be speaking at all the masses this week on behalf of World Mission Sunday October 22nd.

Daily Mass Time Changes for the following Dates:

October 24th to Oct 26th,
Oct 30th to Nov 3rd,
Nov 6th to Nov 8th &
Nov 13th to Nov 17th
will be at 7:30 am instead of 8:00 am
UNDER DRESSED

Years ago, the Philadelphia Athletic Club was a men's only health club. Men would swim in the nude in those days. However, the club later allowed women to join. Needless to say, from then on a bathing suit was mandatory. I was there one day when a patron who had not been there in a long time came down the steps without any clothes. They did not realize the club became coed. The shocking look from a man in a bathing suit made the man look closely at a solitary woman swimming in the pool. The embarrassed patron looked at the man wearing a bathing suit then looked at the woman swimming. You never saw someone run back up to the locker room so quickly. Fortunately, the woman was swimming a side stroke with her back to the nude patron. She never realized what happened.

The first book of the Bible, Genesis, tells us that the first thing that Adam and Eve realized after they ate the forbidden fruit was that they were naked. Isn't that amazing. Sin opened their eyes to the fact that they were naked. We are told by the Bible that God is wrapped in holiness like a robe of light. The sinner cannot see God because we are blinded by God's holiness. Adam and Eve had lost their innocence. They were now sinners. They were naked. God was holy and they were not. That is why when God entered the garden for the first time after the sin of Adam and Eve they were hiding. God asked them why they hid from him. Adam said that they hid themselves from God because they were naked. But the Book of Genesis tells us that they made clothes from fig leaves. Yet they still hid themselves. Maybe it was more than just their bodies that were naked. Their soul had become naked of holiness. They were now sinners.

The gospel today tells us how the king enters the banquet and notices that one of his guests is not wearing a wedding garment, so the king has the man thrown out of the wedding. At baptism we are told that we are now dressed in white because we have put on Christ. At a funeral the deceased have a cover draped over their coffin to remind us of their baptism. We are clothed in Christ. But what if our wedding garment becomes dirty? What can we do if we lose our baptismal innocence? Where is there a spiritual laundromat? The answer is confession. Confession renews our baptismal innocence. The sad reality is that many never go to confession. They approach the Most Blessed Sacrament in filthy garments. There was a time not long ago when Catholics went to confession often or else, they would not receive Holy Communion on Sunday. When was the last time you washed your baptismal garment?

Saint Joseph Foster Our Love For Jesus,

Father Sodano
Pastor
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DATES FOR SACRAMENTS

Penance – Saturday April 6, 2024
First Communion – Sunday April 7, 2024, at 11AM
Confirmation – Saturday May 11, 2024, at the 4:30 vigil Mass

All Local Parishes are invited to join our Mass and Family Consecration to Divine Mercy.
Tuesday October 17 at 7 pm

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