

# St. Joseph Parish of the Panther Valley



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*September 16, 2018 ~ Twenty-Fourth 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.  
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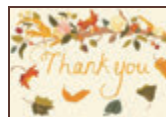
**Religious Education (PREP)**

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	September 9, 2018
ADULT	\$7,068.00
LOOSE	186.00
CANDLES	196.00
ASSUMPTION OF BVM	30.00
SHOWER OF ROSES	469.00
ONLINE GIVING	1,291.00
TOTAL	\$9,240.00





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



*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.*



**Monday, September 17- 8am– St. Robert Bellarmine**  
 Roinick & Matukonis Families by M/M Thomas Matukonis

**Tuesday, September 18– 5pm**  
 Jennie Susko - Son, John

**Wednesday, September 19 - 8am - St. Januarius**  
 Ernie Rossi by Wife, Olga & Family

**Thursday, September 20 – 5pm**  
 Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Hsang  
 Mrs. Joseph Hlavaty by Bob & Faye Hlavaty

**Friday, September 21- 8am - St. Matthew**  
 Helen D. Hlavaty by Daughter, Mary Ellen Ogozalek


**Saturday, September 22 - Shrine Daily Mass - 9am**  
 Marie Kemmerle by M/M William Hunsicker

**St. Joseph Sunday Vigil Mass - 4pm**  
 Fr. Mike by Maggie

**Sunday, September 23 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 7:30am - Deborah Lisella by Sandy Schlemmer  
 9am - Robert R. Fritzinger III - Birthday by Parents & Siblings  
 11am - Living & Deceased Parishioners

**Weekly Candles**  
**Sanctuary Candle - Special Intentions** - Bob Ames  
**B.V.M. Altar** - Helene & John Sterzen – Clarice Morgan

**Altar Flowers**  
 The Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are in memory of the **deceased members of the Paul Strauss Family** requested by Paul Strauss



## Padre's Piece

### The offertory

The second part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, begins with the offertory. This is the time when we get to exercise our “generosity muscles.” There are many different ways now to participate in the offertory. Some people put cash in the basket, others write a check, some use the parish envelopes while many now make their donation through EFT—Electronic Fund Transfer. Many parishes offer this option now for greater convenience.

Whatever manner we choose to use, we should always hear the words of St. Paul echo in our ears that “God loves a cheerful giver.” (See 2 Corinthians 9:6-15) We give generously out of gratitude to God, who is so loving and generous to us. Our gift at Mass will help with the needs of the parish and support those in need.

After the collection we bring our gifts of bread and wine to the altar. This brings to mind an ancient scene from Genesis 14 where the priest-king Melchizedek offers gifts of bread and wine and Abram offers the priest a tenth of everything. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, in paragraph 1350 says this: “The presentation of the offerings at the altar takes up the gesture of Melchizedek and commits the Creator’s gifts into the hands of Christ who, in his sacrifice, brings to perfection all human attempts to offer sacrifice.”



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

Foley, Dolores Scaran, Nicholas Hiles, Wayne Vasiliou, Kenny Boyd, Pat Lipar, Margaret Arner, Fr. James Torpey, William Mansberry, Mary Matika O’Gorman, Paul Duke, John “Chet” Michalik, Sarah Yuskanish, Anita Porambo, Nicole Giantesano, Frank Staneck, David Marcin, Claude Turton, Barbara Swierczek, Mary Fredericks, Doris LaPolice, Nora Stanko, Marie Valentini, Jackie Lopata, Joel Rivera, Helene Pallavicini, Patsy Black  
 (Names on the Prayer List will remain for 4 wks. unless we are notified of a continuing illness)

Prayer Requests for Priests for September:  
 16th – Fr. John Barron                      20th - Sick & infirm priests  
 17th – Msgr. Algimantas Bartkus        21st - Fr. Henry Beck  
 18th – Msgr. William Bayer              22nd - Fr. Joseph Becker  
 19th – Fr. James Bechtel

**Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel**  
 St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl around the world seeking the ruin of souls.  
 - Amen



We extend our deepest condolences to the families of  
 Helen Reese and Robert Ames,  
 who entered into eternal life.  
 Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Sunday - September 16th** - All You Can Eat Breakfast - 8am -12:30pm; COAL Youth Ministry Core Team Meeting -2pm - Rectors; Children's Choir - 6:30 - 7:15pm; Bingo - 6:30pm

**Monday - September 17th** - Pinochle - 7pm

**Tuesday - September 18th** -

**Wednesday - September 19th** - Live Your Faith! - 6:30 - 8pm- Rectors; Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting - 6pm , Social Hall; Choir Practice - 6:30pm

**Thursday - September 20th** - Adoration/Benediction - 5:30-7:30, Bingo - 6:30pm; Fulfilled, Bible Study - 6-7:30 pm - Madonna Hall

**Friday - September 21st** - Fulfilled, Bible Study - 9 -10:30 am - Rectors

**Saturday - September 22nd**- Confession 3:15 - 3:45pm

**Sunday - September 23rd** -Children's Choir - Presbyterian Church, Summit Hill - 10:30 am; 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

**September 14th** - Mum Pickup

**September 18th** - Picture Day (Individual Pictures)

**September 21st** - Picture Day (Class Pictures)



**All You Can Eat Breakfast** - Don't forget to bring your family and friends and join us this Sunday for our delicious All You can Eat Breakfast. It runs from 8am - 12:30pm Adults - \$8/Children - \$4/Children under 6 - Free.



**This Week's Reflections**

*As the Christ, Jesus is the one that Israel has long waited for.*

Scripture contains many important questions. Chief among them is the one Jesus asks today, *Who do you say that I am?* How we answer that question goes to the heart of our faith. Can we, like Peter, say *You are the Christ?* And how deep is our commitment to this confession of faith?

**Mandated Reporter Training** - All volunteers have to take the Mandated Reporter Training Class. If you are interested in going to a live class instead of completing the online training, there will be a class held at St. Richard's in Barnesville on November 12th at 5:30pm.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Now that the children are back in school, how about a refresher course for Mom and Dad? WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is an enrichment weekend to help make good marriages even better. For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org).

**Live Your Faith - Wed., September 19, 6:30 - 8pm, Rectors**  
*The Journey of Faith: Trinity, Faith, & God Who is Love*  
**This Session will cover:**

- ◆ The God who is Love - the mystery of the Holy Trinity
- ◆ Why God made us and the relationship God want us to have with Him
- ◆ How faith is our response to God's invitation
- ◆ How to live our relationship with God: three practical tips for prayer

There will be a Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting, Wednesday, September 19th in the Church Social hall at 6:00pm.



**September 22-23 - Ministry Schedule**

**4pm - Lector** - TJ Parambo

**E.M.** - Harmony Smith, Robert Infante, TJ Parambo

**Cupbearers** - Peter Maholick, Joseph O'Gurek

**A.S.** - Jacob Shelton, Joshua Shelton, Catilyn Kovatch

**7:30am - Lector** - April MacDonald

**9am Lector** - Cindy Sabol

**E.M.** - Joseph Pelcheck, Robert Crampsie, Cindy Sabol

**Cupbearers** - Cathy Papesh, Joseph Ward

**A.S.** - Matthew Rehrig, Stephen Puza

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

**E.M.** - William O'Gurek, Billy O'Gurek, Dave O'Gurek

**Cupbearers** - Susan Colancecco, Dave McAndrew

**A.S.** - Isabella Miller, Harry Swinehart, Jonas Swinehart

**Marian High School Upcoming Events!**

On Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Marian Catholic will be hosting an Endowment and Planned Giving event. The event starts with registration at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served. A tour of Marian's brand new STEM labs will be given. The event will be highlighted by Leo Marzen, CFA, CPA, Joseph Ustynowski, esquire, and Daniel Miscavage, esquire.

Marian Catholic's new Advancement Director, Michele Palko, is excited to host this first-time event to help assist the longevity of the school. "The spirit of philanthropy will secure Marian Catholic's future for generations to come," Palko said.

A mass will conclude the day's event with Father Brian Miller serving as the celebrant. For more information, call the Advancement office at 570-467-0641, or e-mail [mpalko@mariancatholic.org](mailto:mpalko@mariancatholic.org).

Another Marian event coming up is the First Annual Fall Festival on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Fall Festival will include vendors, pumpkins, and much more fall fun!



**SAVE THE DATE: SPIRIT 2018! Diocesan Men's Conference - Saturday, November 3, 2018** at DeSales University. More information coming soon!

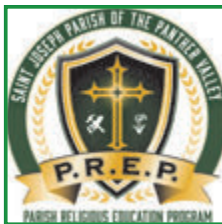
**Healing Mass:** On Monday, September 24 at 6:30 PM there will be a Mass of Healing for those who have experienced trauma. All are invited to join in prayer at this Mass with The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert as celebrant and homilist at St. Clare of Assisi Parish, [250 E. Hancock Street, St. Clair, PA 17970](http://www.allentowndiocese.org). Following Mass there will be a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for confession. The evening will conclude with Benediction at 8:30.

**Calling All Young Adults:** You are invited to a solemn Vespers with the Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert sponsored by the Office of Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministry. The event will take place Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018 at 6:30 PM, at Holy Ghost Parish ([417 Carlton Ave., Bethlehem](http://www.allentowndiocese.org)). A social will follow in the parish hall for an opportunity to meet Bishop Schlert. Music will be provided by Alanna Boudreau. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Event is free of charge. We ask that you **please RSVP** no later than Monday, Oct. 8 at [www.allentowndiocese.org/vespers](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/vespers) so we can order the proper amount of food. However, walk-ins are still welcome. All young adults (ages 18-35) are welcome. For questions call (610) 289-8900 ex. 2021 or email Alexa Smith at [asmith@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:asmith@allentowndiocese.org).

**PRIEST, PROPHET, KING: The Archangels and the Masculine Spirit** – The Diocesan Commission for Men is offering a men's morning of reflection on Saturday, **September 29, 2018**, at **Queenship of Mary** in Northampton. An optional Holy Mass will be offered at 8:00 AM followed by refreshments. Presentations by **Msgr. John Martin, Rev. Patrick Lamb, and Rev. Eugene Ritz** will begin at 9:15 AM. To register for this free offering visit [www.allentowndiocese.org/cfm-spirituality](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/cfm-spirituality)

**PRISON MINISTRY**—The 2018 National Catholic Prison Ministry 2-day Conference will take place October 12 and 13, 2018 in the Archbishop Cousins Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. For more information and to register visit <https://dismasministry.org/national-prison-ministry-conference/>

Harvest Fest 2018 at St. Mary Church, 94 Walnut Road, Hamburg, PA. Fri., October 5 (4-9 PM) & Sat., October 6 (12-9 PM). Friday – Music by Chris Tray (4-5:30 PM); Oldies Band (5:30-8:30 PM). Saturday: The Golden Tones Polka Band (1-4 PM); Polka Mass 4:30; Blue Mtn Heritage Chorus (5:30 -6:30 PM), Tommy Dee (6:30-9 PM). Homemade ethnic food, fun, activities, ongoing entertainment and games for all ages, corn hole tournament (Saturday; see website for registration), rock wall and bungee jump, dinosaur dig (new), hay rides, first responders, bingo, theme baskets, raffles and more. Free admission, plenty of parking, no coolers. 610-562-7657 [www.stmaryhamburg.org](http://www.stmaryhamburg.org)



**PREP Classes are held Sunday – 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.

- ◆ **Online Registration for the 2018 -2019 PREP year is now open.** You can register your child/children by going to the parish website [www.stjscatholicchurch.org](http://www.stjscatholicchurch.org) and clicking on the link for PREP Registration. If you have any questions please contact Deacon Cannon at [deaconjoesjpv@gmail.com](mailto:deaconjoesjpv@gmail.com)
- ◆ PREP Classes will begin Sunday, October 7th
- ◆ The PREP program is looking for teachers, co-teachers, & aids for the upcoming school year. If interested please contact Deacon Joe as soon as possible so we can arrange for you to get clearances needed before the start of the year [deaconjoesjpv@gmail.com](mailto:deaconjoesjpv@gmail.com)

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The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church. To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right –hand corner of the page.

#### 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**—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

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