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THE SHRINE OF Saint Therese of Lisieux
1 E. Garibaldi Ave., Nesquehoning, PA 18240
570-645-2664
www.shrineofsainttherese.com
Rev. Robert J. George, Rector
Deacon Joseph Cannon - Co-Director
Sheree Strauss - Co-Director

August 18, 2024 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary time

Mission Statement
“Twentieth 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 Sunday of the month immediately after the 11:00 Mass and the third Saturday of the month at 1:00pm. 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. After all weekend Masses on the 4th weekend of the month, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be available. 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. Bob.

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.

Offering Masses
All Mass Intentions/Cards can only be arranged at the parish office during regular business hours.

Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45pm (St. Joseph)

Bulletin Submissions
Deadline for submissions for Bulletin - 10 days prior to the bulletin you would like it in.

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 for grades K - 8. Please contact Deacon Joseph Cannon, our Director of Religious Education for more information regarding our PREP program at deceonjoesjpv@gmail.com or 484-523-0231

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

Marian High School
We encourage our high school students to consider attending our local catholic high school – Marian Catholic. Please contact the Director of Enrollment Management, Mrs. Mary Milosh at 570-467-3335 for more information or to register. www.mariancatholichs.org

Knights of Columbus Panther Valley Council #17300
Grand Knight - Robert Infante - kofcsjpv@gmail.com
Secular Franciscan Order – Holy Cross Fraternity
Local Contact – Daniel Miscavige, OFS – (570)751-3657 (phone or text), e-mail miscavigedaniel@gmail.com

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.

Church Information
Rev. Robert George, M. Div., Pastor
Church Address - 462 W. Ludlow St. - Phone: 570-645-2664
Rectory/Office - Parish website: 118 N. Market St. www.stjscatholicchurch.org
Summit Hill, PA 18250 - Office Hours - Mon-Fri - 9-3

Diocesan Information
Diocesan website - www.allentowndiocese.org
Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator
Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC
Direct Phone: 800-791-9209
Office of Safe Environment: Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS Secretary, Youth Protection & Catholic Human Services P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538 610-871-5200, Ext. 2204 prusso@allentowndiocese.org

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service
If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.
Monday, August 19 - St. John Eudes
No Mass

Tuesday, August 20 - 8am - St. Bernard
Joey Delpero, 3rd Anniversary by Melanie & John

Wednesday, August 21 - 8am - St. Pius X
Marie O’Donnell by Maggie

Thursday, August 22 - 8am
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Jean Mangan by Kathy & Bob Crampsie

Friday, August 23 - St. Rose of Lima
Bernard B. Gazo by Richard & Jennifer Vermillion

Saturday, August 24
Shrine: Daily Mass - 9am - Edith S. Marks by Jim Mokry

St. Joseph: Vigil Mass - 4pm –Mary Campo Lowry by Jim Campo

Sunday, August 25
Twenty - First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8am - James McHugh & the deceased members of the McHugh family by Estate
9:30am - Mike Baddick by Donna Dowling
11am - Helen & Carino Colancecco by Jackie & Rick Colancecco

Kathy Sheeran, Nicholas Hiles, Jean Kelly, Anna Markey, Teresa Grosso, Kevin Collevecchio, Francine Geusic, John Karnish, Helen Michalik, John Danchak, Francis George, Jacqueline Lopata, Anna Marie Maloy, Eleanor Marcin, Jessica Allesch, Carol Graver, Megan Toniatti, Rick & Patty Fisher, Regina Lisella, Joseph Wadyak, Philip Shelton, Mark DeMatto, Paul J. Uher Jr., Jerry & Loretta Piacenti, Dominica Kennedy, Jean McFadden, Marie Radocha, Dr. Eugene Laign, James Gallagher, Donalee Panzarella, Bill Griffiths, John Rutch, Ronnie Sokoloski, Shawn Hunadi, Denise Knittle, Stephanie Radocha Boby, Joann Taras, Barbara Boyd, Jackie Collevecchio, Edward Smith, Karen Mikulski Hedges, Edward Nunemacher, Margie Coassolo, Marie Valentini, Sherry Kostack, Barbara Miller, Paula Horowski, Jessica Trinidad, Dina Clewell, Michael Tirpak, Natalina VanOrden, Mollie Thamarus, Mike Cromier

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

WEEKLY CANDLES
Sanctuary Candle - Filomena Hankey - Geri & Russell King

Blessed Mother Altar –Marian Tessitore, Birthday, The DePuy Family

St. Joseph - Erma, Michael & Timothy Karabinos – Jim Mokry

St. Joseph - Paul “Sonny” Marcinko, 35th Anniversary - Bob, Beth, Nate, Kristen, Matt & Paulie

SHRINE CANDLES
Sanctuary Candle - Edith S. Marks - Jim Mokry

We extend our deepest condolences to the family of Francis Botek who entered into eternal life.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

Congratulations to:
Codey John Gurka son of Joseph & Rachel Gurka who was Baptized on August 10, 2024.

We welcome Codey John into our Catholic family of faith.

A new group of Altar Servers will be trained this Fall. Would you like to be an Altar Server? Any boy or girl ages 4th grade and up are absolutely welcome. Please consider joining our Altar Servers. Mass takes on a whole new meaning when you are involved. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server please email Fr. Bob at: fatherbobsjpv@gmail.com.

Mission Co-op Envelope
The Mission Co-op Envelope found in the current envelope packet will be used the weekend of August 31-September 1, 2024 for the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette. More information will follow in future bulletins regarding the works of this Mission.

Please join us next weekend after the Sat., 4:00pm, the Sun. 8:00, 9:30 or 11am Mass for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

The power of prayer
Pray for Healing
This Week In Our Parish

**Sunday, August 18** - Mass: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11am; Holy Cross Fraternity, 12:30 - 2:30pm, Social Hall
Bingo, Doors open at 5pm, Bingo starts at 6:30pm

**Monday, August 19** - No Mass

**Tuesday, August 20** - Mass, 8am; Adoration, 8:30am, Rosary, 9:15am, Benediction, 9:45am; Pray the Rosary
with the Knights 6:15pm, Church; Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7pm, Social Hall

**Wednesday, August 21** - Mass, 8am; Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, 7pm, Social Hall

**Thursday, August 22** - Mass, 8am; Pampered Chef Product Display for SVDP Fundraiser, 11am
- Social Hall; Bingo, Doors open at 5pm, Bingo starts at 6:30pm

**Friday, August 23** - Mass, 8am

**Saturday, August 24** - Shrine: Daily Mass, 9am
St. Joseph: Confession 3:15-3:45pm; Vigil Mass - 4pm - Backpack Blessing;

**Sunday, August 25** - Mass: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11am; Backpack Blessing at all Masses; Bingo, Doors open at 5pm, Bingo starts at 6:30pm

The Holy Cross Fraternity will be holding a Peaceful Retreat, Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at St. Joseph Parish of the Panther Valley.
The guest speaker will be Rev. Christopher Zelonis the Pastor of St.’s Peter & Paul Parish, Lehighton.
The Retreat will begin with Mass at 8:00am & will include Lunch. Please register by Sunday, August 30, 2024

For more information or to register please call Dan Miscavige: 570-751-3657 or email miscavigedaniel@gmail.com
Suggested cost is $18/person and can be paid the day of the retreat.

**Weekly Readings**

- **Monday, August 19, 2024** Ez 24:15-23 De 32:18-19, 20, 21 Mt 19:16-22
- **Wednesday, August 21, 2024** Ez 34:1-11 Ps 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6 Mt 20:1-16
- **Thursday, August 22, 2024** Ez 36:23-28 Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 Mt 22:1-14
- **Friday, August 23, 2024** Ez 37:1-14 Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 22:34-40
- **Saturday, August 24, 2024** Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 Jn 1:45-51

**PREP News**

**DRE - Deacon Joe Cannon**
570-645-2664 ext 7 or email deaconjoesjpv@gmail.com

*First Holy Communion pictures must be picked up by August 18, 2024 or we will assume you don’t want them. You can get them after any weekend Mass in the Sacristy.

Registration for PREP 2024-2025 is now open:
**Book Pick up will be after all Masses in the Social Hall the weekend of September 28 & 29th.**

If you are registering your family for the 1st time you will go to the Parish Website - stjscatholicchurch.org, click on the Catholic Education Tab and then Click on the Religious Education Tab and scroll to the link.

**To All New Families:**
The form is only for New Families!
Once you complete the form, the Religious Education office will be notified and will review your application. If approved, you will receive an automated email from Parish Giving with login credentials for an account that was created for you. Sign into your account to make a payment and select sessions for your child/ren.

**All Returning Families: Please Read**

If you’re a returning family, please do not fill out a form. You will receive an email from Parish Giving on the morning that registration opens (August 2, 2024). This email will contain login credentials for a Parish Giving account that was created for you. There is no need for you to create a Parish Giving account. If you have another child to add to your account you will be able to do that at this time. You will also be able to make your registration fee payment. If registration opens, and you don’t receive this automated email, please contact 570-645-2664 ext 1

**We need PREP Teachers and Aides**
We are still looking for PREP Teachers and Aides, if you are interested in helping please see Deacon Joe Cannon or call the office 570-645-2664 ext 1.

**In Person Class Schedule:**
In Person Classes are held in the Parish Social Hall:
- Grades 1,3,4,5,6,7,8 will meet from 9am - 10:30am
- Grade 2 will meet from 10:30am - Noon

1st Sunday of the Month - All Classes Home School
2nd Sunday of the Month - Grades 1 & 4
3rd Sunday of the Month - Grades 2,6,7 & 8
4th Sunday of the Month - Grades 3 & 5
5th Sunday of the Month - Grades 2 & 8
Fr. Bob & Deacon Cannon and the entire parish community would like to wish all our young people from Marian, Panther Valley & St. Jerome Regional School who are involved in Fall sports and band, a great, safe and fun filled Fall season.

Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass
Married couples from across the Diocese are invited to renew their vows and thank God for the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage during the Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass. The Mass, celebrated by Bishop Albert Schlert, will take place in the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena on Sunday, September 22, 2024. Doors open at 2 p.m. Please visit the following link to register and for more info: https://www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass Contact Rhady Tulloch, Director of Marriage and Family Life, with questions: rtulloch@allentowndiocese.org.

The Birthday of the Blessed Mother
Father Keaton Eidle will offer a reflection and lead a discussion on Marian apparitions around the world. The lecture will be followed by a pizza reception in the parish’s Jubilee Center. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Date/Time: Sunday, September 8 at 3pm. Location: Assumption BVM Parish, 4101 Old Bethlehem Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18015. Please go to the Parish website for more information and the link to register.

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE
Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held on October 4 - 6 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOur Marriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

YOUR LIFE Retreat
Malvern Retreat House would like to invite men and women to experience a period of refreshment, support, reassurance, learning, and concentration on the gift of their lives. Learn, reflect, “dump your stuff”, fortify yourself, increase your personal communion with the Lord. Come join the men's weekend, Sept. 6, 7, and 8; or a women's weekend, Sept. 13, 14, and 15; Fri night to Sun morning. Contact: Anthony Scarselletti, 610-393-4671, OLPPh.ascarselletti@gmail.com

For more Diocesan Events and links for registrations please go to our Parish Website www.stscatholicchurch.org, click on Diocese of Allentown and scroll to see events.

Parish Cookbook Update!
The cookbook committee would like to thank everyone for the many recipes we received for our anniversary cookbook. The response was so good and a variety of recipes was received. The committee will meet in the next few weeks to put the recipes into categories. If we need additional recipes for a category, we will let you know. All recipes should be turned in by the end of August. Additional forms are still available or simply turn yours in and the committee will include it. You will not be disappointed in our collection!

Boyer’s - We would like to thank everyone who has been using a Parish key tag from Boyer’s. We recently received a check from them for $345.32 Boyer’s gives us 1% back on all purchases just by using a parish key tag. If you would like a key tag please stop at the office during the week or in the Sacristy after Mass.

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children
Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion, Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 1:00pm at St. Jerome (New Cemetery) use 501 Jerome St., Tamaqua, PA 18252 for GPS
Join us & groups across the country to pray for the babies who were lost to abortion & for all people who have been wounded by abortion in any way.
• Memorial is located near the top of the cemetery in the far left corner.
• It is suggested to bring a lawn chair.
• Event held rain or shine – cancelled if thunderstorms.
• For more information contact Cheryl Keifer at 484-866-3835 or email SJ23CherishLife@gmail.com

Around the Community
Boscov’s Friends Helping Friends
Tuesday, October 22, 2024
Donate $5 and get a 25% off Discount Shopping Pass
Contact 570-669-6666 for a Pass or for more information thatbenefitstheshrineofsttherese
OR
For a Pass that benefits PV Public Library, call 570-645-3780. or Marlene Basiago, 570-645-8758

The Summit Hill Historical Society Presents:
JAY SMAR with PAT McGEEHAN, Wed. August 21st from 6-7pm at the Gazebo in Ludlow Park, Summit Hill Bring a Chair!
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 6 August 18, 2024

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Redner’s Save a Tape Program
We recently received $111.51 from the Redner’s Save-a-Tape Program.
Thank you for your continued support with this fundraiser. We receive a percentage back on your purchases as long as you use your Redner’s key tag & send us your receipts. You can drop them off at the office or put them into the collection basket on the weekend. If you need a key tag for Redner’s, stop at the Courtesy Desk & apply for one.

Bereavement Support Group
Announcing our Fall “Bereavement Support Group” at Immaculate Conception Parish. If you have lost a loved one through death and feel you need some support on your grief journey, please call to register. It is 6 sessions and we ask that you attend all 6 sessions. Trained Grief Ministers are available.
Registration is Required. No Charge.
The Dates are: Mondays, September 30, October 7, 14, 28 and November 4, 11
We will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Brogan Room at St. Joseph Rectory, 526 North St., Jim Thorpe. Light Refreshments will be served.
SPACE IS LIMITED. Please register by September 15!
To register, please call Immaculate Conception Parish at: 570-325-2791

Special Collection - This week there will be a special collection to Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the First Mass offered at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. The collection will be used to pay for the Shrine Infrastructure renewal that will begin in 2024.
8TH ANNUAL BACKPACK BLESSING
WEEKEND OF
AUG. 24 & 25, 2024

• Parish children are invited to bring their backpacks to any of our 4 Masses to be blessed.
• Before Mass children are invited to place their backpacks in front of the Altar to be blessed.
• Children will be able to pick up their backpacks when leaving Mass.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is holding an online Pampered Chef Party

https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/stvincentdepaul

Join the St. Vincent de Paul Society for a virtual party! Together we’ll learn new recipes, share cooking tips, shop, and spend time with friends. Check in each day to see what’s new!

To Browse the products, join us Thursday, August 22, 2024 11am -2pm in St. Joseph’s Social Hall (462 W. Ludlow St., Summit Hill)

Can't make it? Go to St. Joseph Parish website site - stjscatholicchurch.org & click the St. Vincent de Paul tab, scroll to the link & you can browse online

The party runs from now until Friday, August 30, 2024

Hosted by Mary Kruzik, Coordinator of fundraiser

Shower of Roses Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, August 18, 2024 | 11am - 3pm
or until sold out

ADULT: $12 | CHILD 12 & UNDER: $6

Madonna Hall, behind the Shrine of St. Therese, Nesquehoning

INCLUDES SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS, SALAD,
BREAD & DESSERT

EAT IN OR TAKE OUT
Benefits the Shrine of St. Therese

THE SHRINE OF ST. THERese
WILL BE CELEBRATING THE

Shower of Roses

Sunday, October 6, 2024

With great joy, all parishioners are invited to join us in the Shower of Roses Festival in honor of St. Therese, The Little Flower. This event is sponsored by St. Joseph Parish and the The Shrine of St. Therese, Nesquehoning.

The Rose Queen & Rose Court will be chosen from any parishioner, grades 9 thru 12.
The Little Roses will be grades K thru 8.

Anyone wishing to participate should complete the form and return it to the Parish Office by Sunday, September 8, 2024.

Any Questions please contact Shere Straus - 570-669-6075

Application for Rose Queen & Rose Court

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