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Memorial Day

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

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

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 2nd 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.

Masses

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

Church Information

Rev. Allen J. Hoffa, M. Div., Pastor

Church Address - 462 W. Ludlow St.

Rectory/Office
118 N. Market St.
Summit Hill, PA 18250
Phone: 570-645-2664

Office Hours
Monday - Friday: 9am-3pm
Parish website
www.stjscatholicchurch.org

Diocesan Information

Diocesan website - www.allentowndiocese.org

Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator
Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC
Direct Phone: 800-791-9209

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator
Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S. LMFT
Phone: 610-332-0442. Ext. 2019



Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day

Please Check Location and Time

Gate of Heaven Cemetery - Nesquehoning - 7:30am

Joanne Yevcak by Joe Basovsky

Bloomington Cemetery - White Bear - 8:30am

Cody Cinicola by Wes & Anita Hiles

St. Michaels (Old) Cemetery - Summit Hill - 9:15am

Helen Bayak by Mickie & Patty Coleman

Tuesday, May 28 - 5pm

Mary Anne Sodrowski by John Majez & Family

Wednesday, May 29

8am-Francy Lawton by Daughter, Fran McElmoyle & Family

6:30pm - Ascension Vigil - Joseph Coleman Sr. by Mickie & Patty Coleman

Thursday - May 30 - *Time Change - 12:00pm*

The Ascension of the Lord

Mary Gallagher by Chris & Jack Reiber

Friday - May 31- 8am

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Delores Scaran by Joe & Dolores Zuber

Saturday, June 1 - Daily Mass - Shrine- 9am - St. Justin

Frank Parano by Fred & Marguerite Cerimele

St. Joseph Sunday Vigil Mass - 4pm

Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, June 2 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:30am - Barbara Marouchoc by Gieniec Family

9am - Robert Hlavaty - Birthday by Faye Hlavaty

11am - Lauren Daderko by Mother Louisa & sister, Johnna

Stewardship	May 19, 2019
ADULT	\$4,884.00
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CANDLES	88.00
SHRINE COLLETION	177.00
SHRINE CANDLES	29.00
ONLINE GIVING	1,310.00
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Thank you for your generous support!



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.

Weekly Candles

Sanctuary Candle - Fathers, Francis F. & Steve W. - Dorothy

BVM Altar - The Farbers, 7 brothers & 1 sister- Dorothy

BVM Altar - Ed Gieniec Jr. - Mom, Dad & Nikki

St. Joseph Altar - Ed Gieniec Jr. - Aunt Patsi, Uncle Bud & Family

Infant of Prague -TASTY PA in gratitude -Dorothy



The flowers on the Main Altar are in memory of Joanne Kozuch requested by Sheila Kozuch

The flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are in memory of Carino & Helen Colancecco request by Kensington, Zane and Kerrighan

Padre's Piece

Homosexuality

Many people are disillusioned with the Catholic faith because they believe that the Church "hates" gay people. Is that true? ABSOLUTELY NOT!

Let's start here: the Catechism of the Catholic Church in paragraph 2358 says this - "[homosexual persons] must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided." Does that sound like hate?

In paragraph 2359, the Catechism then says, "Homosexual persons are called to chastity." Interestingly enough, heterosexual persons are called to chastity, too!

The Church calls all people to their highest calling, to live lives of holiness and chastity. She teaches that any sexual act, homosexual or heterosexual, outside the sacramental union of husband and wife is wrong.

Finally, the Catechism says that "[Homosexual] persons are called to fulfill God's will in their lives and, if they are Christians to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord's Cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition."

Bottom line: Christ's Church loves all God's children.



Congratulations to **Rosemary Faith Pecha, daughter of Greg & Lindsey Pecha** and **Ethan Andrew Vazquez, son of Jason & Alicia Vazquez** and **Sylvia Grace Tomasovich daughter of Deric and Kaitlyn Tomasovich** who were baptized on May 19, 2019.

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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday - May 26th - Children's Choir - 11am Mass; No Bingo

Monday - May 27th - Cemetery Masses- Gate of Heaven, 7:30am; Bloomingdale - 8:30am; St. Michael's (old) 9:15am

Tuesday - May 28th- Pastoral Council Meeting, 6pm-Social Hall

Wednesday - May 29th- Pinochle Tournament , 9am-Social Hall; Ascension Vigil Mass - 6:30pm

Thursday - May 30th- Ascension Mass - 12:00pm Adoration/ Benediction following 5pm Mass; Bingo, 6:30pm

Friday - May 31st

Saturday - June 1st - Confession, 3:15 - 3:45

Sunday - June 2nd - Bingo, 6:30pm



James Kozuch, Rose Marie Vanko, Lois Ciavaglia, Kathy Sheeran, Bernadette Lukac, Donna Blazosky, Donald

DeMatto, Louise Snofia, Michael Foley, Nicholas Hiles, Wayne Vasiliou, Kenny Boyd, Margaret Arner, Fr. James Torpey, William Mansberry, Mary Matika O'Gorman, John "Chet" Michalik, Sarah Yuskunish, Frank Stanek, Mary Fredericks, Helene Pallavicini, Patsy Black, Charles O'Donnell, James Szczecina, Regina Kociolek, Agnes Mikulski, Mary Helen Shelton, Arlene Potichko, Jean Kelly, John Eckel, Joseph Kociolek, Joseph Filip, Florence Filip, John Majez, Patricia Matzen, Helen Dabrawalskie, Andrew Snofia Sr.

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



Don't Forget to Check your Memorial Day

Lottery Tickets!
Good Luck!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY! Create **SPECIAL MEMORIES** for your marriage on a **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** weekend. For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

June 1-2 Ministry Schedule

4pm - Lector - Robert Infante

E.M. - April MacDonald, Julianne O'Gorman, Robert Infante

C.B. - Loretta Davis, TJ Parambo

A.S. - Emilia Tenisci, Ava Kosciolek, Shawn Hoben

7:30am - Lector - Billy O'Gurek

9am - Lector - Mary Comensky

E.M. - Lottie Hager, Joe Ward, Charles Toniatti

C.B. - Michele Toniatti, Joseph Sabol

A.S. - Bryan Smith, Sam Homyak, Stephen Puza

11am - Lector - Susan Colancecco

E.M. - Harmony Smith, Sheree Strauss, Susan Colancecco

C.B. - Dave O'Gurek, Robert Lakata

A.S. - Harry Swinehart, Jonas Swinehart, Dylan Newton

**St. Jerome Regional School**

50 Meadow Ave, Tamaqua, PA 18252

- June 5 - 8th Grade Graduation - 6:30pm
- June 7 - Last Day - 10:30am Dismissal

Don't Forget! All Cheese Orders and Money are due by Tuesday, May 28th. The pick up date is Friday, June 7th in the Social Hall.

The American Fire Company in Lansford will be hosting a Miller - Keystone Blood Mobile on Tuesday, June 4th from 1:00 - 6:00PM. Please contact chairman, John Karnish 57-645-3994 to set up an appointment or for more information.



The Graduation Mass this year will be Sunday, June 16th at the 9:00 Mass. Please let us know the names of your graduate, what grade & school they are graduating from and any future plans they may have. Graduates and their parents/guardians will also be our guests at the Parish Breakfast that weekend. Please contact the office if you will be attending the Mass and the breakfast. 570-645-2664.

Dear Lord,
On this day, we remember those who have served us by protecting our freedoms.
When we celebrate our long weekend with our friends and family, help us remember that our freedom to speak of you, and our freedom to worship you, and our freedom to do that which we ought to do, have all been bought at the price and sacrifice of many lives.
Your Son died for our eternal life in heaven.
So too, your children died protecting us here on earth.
Help us be mindful this weekend and always of the sacrifices made by those in uniform for all our freedoms. Amen.



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**This Week's Reflection**

The Holy Spirit will teach us and remind us of what Jesus taught.

Jesus assures us in the Gospel that he will dwell within us, and the Holy Spirit will teach us and remind us of what he taught. This is good news for us, because it means we are not making this Christian journey alone, two thousand years removed from a period in human time. We are today, like the early Church of Jerusalem, taught and guided by the Spirit. We need only to listen and have faith in his working in us.



Diocesan Event - Bishop Schlert invites FAMILIES from the Diocese of Allentown to join him for a VOCATION HOLY HOUR in PRAYER for the transitional DEACONS to be ORDAINED to the PRIESTHOOD: Rev. Mr. Giuseppe C. Esposito, Rev. Mr. John C. Maria, Rev. Mr. Zachary R. Wehr and Diocesan Act of Consecration to the Blessed Mother; 7 PM – May 31, 2019 at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1025 W. Turner St., Allentown. ALL ARE WELCOME!

The Office for Vocations Promotion is conducting its Seventh Annual Quo Vadis Vocation Camp and Fifth Annual Fiat Days Vocation Camp, from Sunday, July 14 to Thursday, July 18, 2019 on the campus of DeSales University. Both camps are open to young men and women from ages 14 to 18 (including the newly graduated). There are a limited number of spaces available. For more details and registration material, please see our webpage at www.allentowndiocese.org. **Early registration is \$60 before June 14. After June 14, the registration fee is \$85. Registration deadline is June 28. No registrations after the deadline will be accepted, and there are no walk-ins.**

Learn more about Natural Family Planning! Over and over, couples practicing NFP reveal dramatic improvements to their marriage including communication, spiritual growth, and deeper intimacy. Furthermore, NFP maintains and supports the natural dignity of women's reproductive health and fertility without dangerous drugs or devices. See a new video on NFP and get more information by visiting www.allentowndiocese.org/NFP

Catholic Charities - Executive Administrative Assistant Job Listing - A full-time (37.5 hours) Executive Administrative Assistant is needed for the Allentown office to serve as primary administrative support for the executive director and the agency's leadership team. Must hold a post high school degree in a relevant field with experience. Must have excellent computer skills (Microsoft Office), be highly organized, and handle multiple tasks while still serving as a respectful representative of the agency. Must have excellent communication skills and a passion for implementing the social mission of the Catholic Church. Send cover letter and resumes to Rnicolella@allentowndiocese.org



As of today, our parishioners have raised \$7,600.00 from 45 parishioners representing 3.77% of our total number of registered families in our parish. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our financial goal and to reach the 100% participation goal. If you have not made your pledge of support, you may return your pledge form to the parish office or make your gift online. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our goal. Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. Every dollar helps those in need. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website FaithHopeCharityGives.org.

Immaculata University now has a Guaranteed Admissions Program with Marian Catholic High School. Immaculata will provide a minimum of \$9,000 academic merit scholarship for qualifying students. Along with this merit scholarship, all Marian Catholic students will receive a Catholic School Grant for \$2,000. The merit scholarship and Catholic School Grant are effective for full time, first time students entering in the Fall of 2019 or the Fall of 2020 and are renewable for three additional consecutive years. Immaculata University also has a \$14,000 Centennial Scholarship for students with a GPA of 3.5 and a SAT score of 1150. For more information please contact admiss@immaculata.edu or 484-323-3060.

Parish Breakfast

We thank our May breakfast workers: Marlene Basiago, Bob Halenar, Steve & Linda Figura, Joe O'Gurek, Barbara Shelton, Art Castagnola, Marlene Mattrazzo, Manny & Jane Lanzos, Maggie Pribila, Nathan Halenar

Set-up & Preparation Workers for breakfast: Betty Pampanin, Marcy & Bob Miller, Mickie Coleman, Anita Hiles, Nancy New, Marie Radocha, Mary Ann Yusella, Tina Reiger, Mary Ann McIntyre, Mary Ellen Kleckner, Barbara Shelton, Joe O'Gurek, Linda & Steve Figura, Maggie Pribila.

As well we thank those who sent baked goods or monetary donations: Kathryn Serena, David Stanko, David & Theresa Stanko, Theresa Starry, Paul Staruch, John Stefanick, Karen Stefanick, George Stianchie, Yvonne Stoffey, Lottie Hager, Linda Figura, Chris Reiber.

Next Breakfast—June 16th

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
- **Summit Hill Heritage Center**—We will have our next Monday night supper on June 3rd. It will be our popular Chicken Pot Pie Soup (home-made bot boi), salad, roll & butter for \$6.00. We will offer a kids meal of tomato soup with a grilled cheese or a chicken patty sandwich. Call or text ahead to place your order 484.425.0255. On June 14th, we will be offering more perogies and small Pizza pies from 4-6pm. Perogies can be cooked or frozen, \$5 a dozen and plain pizza is \$4, with pepperoni, \$5 To Order, call or text 484.425.0255.

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