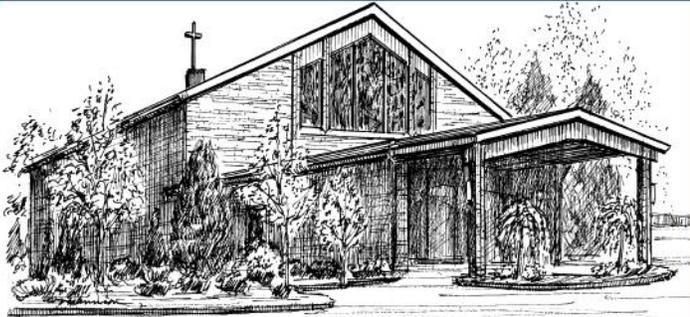


Saint Joseph Church

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

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Sunday Masses:

Saturday evening: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Holyday Masses:

As scheduled in the bulletin.

Daily Masses:

Mon., Tues., Fri. 9:00 AM
Saturday: 5:00 PM only

Rev. Edwin J. Wichman, Pastor

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Phones:

Parish Office 412-795-5114
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Safe Environment Coordinator 412-795-5114
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Resident Priest **Rev. Faustine Furaha**

Parish Membership:

Please call the Rectory if you wish to become a member of our parish or if you are leaving to join another parish.

Parish Mission Statement

St. Joseph Parish is a faith community, rich in history and strong in its Catholic tradition since 1866. Through the grace of the Eucharist and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to building up the Body of Christ through a strong spiritual life, education in the faith and service to our parish and community.

**Pennsylvania
Child Abuse Hotline
1-800-932-0313**

The Seven Sacraments

Holy Orders: Any men exploring the possibility of becoming a Priest or Deacon or anyone contemplating Religious Life should contact the Office for Vocations of the Diocese of Pittsburgh at 412-456-3123.

Baptism: Second Sunday of the month by appointment. Arrangements are made through the Parish Office. Pre-Baptism instructions are obligatory.

Confirmation: Celebrated periodically as scheduled by the Diocese.

Holy Eucharist: First Communion is celebrated in the Spring. Call the Rectory to arrange for communion for those who are homebound.

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 11:00 A.M. to Noon and by appointment.

Matrimony: Couples must contact a parish priest six months prior to the proposed date. Marriage instructions are mandatory.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated the Third Sunday of the month after all Masses. If a family member is seriously ill or about to have surgery, please call a priest.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (for those wanting to become Catholic or those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith) is conducted through the Faith Formation Office. Call that office for more information about the process.

**Diocese of Pittsburgh
Victims Assistance Hotline
1-888-808-1235**

Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your will.

St. Anthony School Programs

All are invited to join the St. Anthony School Programs for their Annual Scholarship Golf Outing hosted by Pat Bostick, Director of Development for Pitt Athletics on July 21st at Green Oaks Country Club. A buffet breakfast will be served beginning at 7 am, the shamble format golf event will begin with a shotgun start at 8 am, and a buffet lunch with silent auction, prizes and presentation will follow the conclusion of the round. Registration is now open for this event. Please call 724-940-9020 for additional information, registration or for sponsorship. This event supports the efforts of St. Anthony School Programs to provide scholarship support to families.

Marriage Moments

Palm Sunday. Because we know how this Palm Sunday parade turns out, isn't it amazing how quickly the praise turns to condemnation? How fickle we humans are. St. Paul reminds us, —He humbled himself...! (Phil. 2:8) Who is the more humble of the two of you? (trick question) ~©2017 by Susan Vogt

Words Of Our Holy Father

—But today, Father, it is difficult... Of course it is difficult! That is why we need the grace, the grace that comes from the sacrament! The sacraments are not decoration in life - what a beautiful marriage, what a beautiful ceremony, what a beautiful banquet... But that is not the Sacrament of Marriage. That is a decoration! Grace is not given to decorate life but rather to make us strong in life, giving us the courage to go forward! And without isolating oneself but always staying together. Christians celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage because they know they need it! They need it to stay together and to carry out their mission as parents. —In joy and in sadness, in sickness and in health.!

Thinking Of And Supporting

—An unexpected pregnancy can be a difficult and frightening time, and it's important that your friend knows you are thinking of her and supporting her. Find out more in [10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting](http://www.goo.gl/MkBfb9); www.goo.gl/MkBfb9 - USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2015-16, Respect Life Program

Problems After Abortion?

1-800-634-2224

From the Desk of Father Ed:

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. When we think of the readings of the day, we see how the people were very enthusiastic in their desire to proclaim Jesus as Messiah and King. Yet, by the end of the week there are shouts of —Crucify him!! How fickle we are through our human nature. We often have good intentions but they can easily be changed or altered. Striving to maintain a close relationship with our God through prayer, scripture and good works is a good path to follow.

Each year, we have representatives go to Saint Paul's Cathedral for the **Chrism Mass** on Holy Thursday. During that celebration, the *priests of the diocese renew their commitment* that they first made on their day of ordination. The Bishop later consecrates and blesses the oils that are used in the administration of the sacraments in all of our parishes - i.e. *Baptism, Confirmation and the Sacrament of the Sick and even Holy Orders* in extraordinary circumstances. These oils are part of the —link! that unites us all with our Bishop as members of the Body of Christ.

Good Friday is ~~not a holy day~~ but it is a very special remembrance of the love of God the Father and the sacrifice of God the son. Where it is possible, Christians should certainly take the time to be present for this liturgical event. In addition to the Liturgy of the Passion that day, we will pray the **Stations of the Cross** that evening. Make it a point to be present in church sometime that day in gratitude for God's love and mercy.

The **Easter Vigil** is a beautiful celebration of Christ's victory over death and sin. It is a time when the Church is renewed by the admission of new members who have taken time to learn about the Church and its beliefs. The liturgy commences at 8:30 PM because the lighting of the Paschal Candle is a major symbol of Jesus' triumph and the recognition that He is our light in darkness leading us to our heavenly home.

Our **final Fish Fry** will be held on Good Friday. *We are so very grateful to the many volunteers who have given their time and talent to make it another successful year.* The main beneficiaries of this event are our young parishioners in our school and Faith Formation Program.



Weekly Collections

(Week of April 2, 2017)

Budgeted Offertory \$8,063.73

Collected Offertory: \$*

Parish Share

2017 Goal: \$50,356.00

Amount Collected: \$13,356.00

Giant Eagle Sales

Sales—\$*

Profit—\$*

*Information not available at time of publication.

Hosanna, To The Son Of David -

ON MISSION FOR
**THE
CHURCH
ALIVE!**

On Palm Sunday the crowds welcomed Jesus as a king as he entered into Jerusalem. They expressed their joy by waving palm and olive branches and hailing Him as the Son of David. Yet, a few days later some among them were jeering at Jesus, yelling out —crucify him!! while others hid in fear as He was led to His death. As followers of Jesus we are called to live with an undivided heart, a heart that is alive in love for God and neighbor. As we celebrate God's great love for us in the mysteries of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus this Holy Week may we be inspired to be united in faith, hope and love as we journey *On Mission for The Church Alive!* Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to stay involved.

Memorial Acknowledgments

We would like to thank the following for their donations to St. Joseph Church in memory of **Dorothy Brown**: M/M Mark D'Andrea, Jennifer Brown Woessner & Family, Theresa M. Peters; and in memory of **Frank Signore**: The Eagles Verona Aerie 1634.

Bulletin Deadline

MONDAY AT NOON

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God greatly exalted [Christ] and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

— *Philippians 2:9*

MONDAY - April 10 - Monday of Holy Week

9:00 **Frank Evangelist** (Wally Fronzaglio)

TUESDAY - April 11 - Tuesday of Holy Week

9:00 **Susan Miholovich** (Vince & Lisa Cannillo)

WEDNESDAY - April 12 - Wednesday of Holy Week

9:00 **Jack "Grip" Tumulty** (Family)

THURSDAY - April 13 - Holy Thursday

7:00 PM **Ralph Botta** (Larry & Dolly Connolly)

FRIDAY - April 14 - Good Friday

1:00 PM **The Lord's Passion**

SATURDAY - April 15 - Holy Saturday

Noon **Blessing of Easter Baskets**

8:30 PM **Maria Santucci** (Luciana Bianconi (Italy))

SUNDAY - April 16 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 **George Thornton** (Kathy & Autumn Klein)

10:45 **Members of the Parish**

Liturgical Ministers

(April 15-16)

Altar Servers:

8:30 PM TBD by Father Ed

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10:45 AM TBD by Father Ed

Cantors:

8:30 PM Choir

8:30 AM Volunteer

10:45 AM Choir

Lectors:

Holy Thursday 7PM MaryAnn McDermott

Good Friday 1PM Mike Forbeck & ML Gartner

8:30 PM Rita Petrocelli & Tom Doyle

8:30 AM Alison Bursic

10:45 AM Bill DeSantis

Extraordinary Ministers:

8:30 PM Volunteers Needed

8:30 AM Volunteers Needed

10:45 AM Volunteers Needed

Other Volunteers

Money Counters:

Giant Eagle Sellers:

5:00 PM No Sales

8:30 AM No Sales

10:45 AM No Sales

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