

Saint Joseph Church

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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:

M,T,W,Th,F..... 9:00 AM
Saturday: 5:00 PM only

Rev. Edwin J. Wichman, Pastor

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Phones:

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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 traditions 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.

Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your will.

Words of Our Holy Father

The Son of God chose to be born into a human family, in an obscure town on the periphery of the Roman Empire. Although the Gospels tell us little about the first thirty years of his life, we can imagine that Jesus led a very "normal" family life. He was raised in an atmosphere of religious devotion, he learned from the words and example of Mary and Joseph, and he grew in wisdom, age, and grace (cf. Luke 2:52). In imitation of the Holy Family, every Christian family must make a place for Jesus in its home. For it is through the love of such "normal" families that God's Son quietly comes to dwell among us, bringing salvation to our world. . . .

And this is the great mission of the family: to make room for Jesus who is coming, to welcome Jesus in the family, in each member: children, husband, wife, grand-
parents. . . . Jesus is there. Welcome him there, in order that he grows spiritually in the family.



The Greatest Commandment - In today's Gospel Jesus makes his command of love succinct: Love God with all your heart, mind and soul and love your

neighbor as yourself. While succinct, this command is not always simple. Sure, it may not be hard for many to not kill and to keep holy the Sabbath, but how about getting frustrated with God or others, or fulfilling our needs before what God or others expect of us. It can be hard to set aside our desires or what's convenient for us, yet we must be willing to do what honors God and builds up our sisters and brothers, no matter the personal cost involved. As *On Mission for The Church Alive!* unfolds our normal time or place of worshipping God may change and be less convenient, and that will be hard for us. That doesn't mean, however, that we give up on God or neglect our family of faith. *On Mission* seeks to make our worship of God more vibrant and our opportunities to build up the Body of Christ more effective. Prepare now for the changes ahead so that you can be ready to participate in the life of the Church in new and exciting ways. Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.

Adoption Prayer

"Heavenly Father. . . . If it be your will, bless those who are pursuing adoption. . . . and send them a child to love." - USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Novena to St. Joseph: For those on the Path of Adoption" (Originally published in the 2016-17 Respect Life Resource Guide).

Problems After Abortion? - 1-800-634-2224

From the Desk of Father Ed:

This coming Tuesday is **Election Day**. It may not be as exciting as the Presidential Election last year but the right to vote is a precious part of our American heritage. *All elections are important*. Most public office holders begin their careers in local contests. Take advantage of the opportunity to participate in representative government.

There will be a **Cluster Baptism Class** here at Saint Joseph's on **Tuesday at 7 PM**. These are scheduled over ten months (two per parish). You must call to register for the class and then call to schedule an appointment for the actual baptism. *Parents **must attend*** this seminar and godparents are also invited to participate when possible.

Last week, we presented the dates for the Bishop's final decision on parish groupings, number of Masses per parish and clergy assignments. Certainly one factor, among many, concerns **Mass attendance** in each parish. In all honesty, this year's **October Count** is rather dismal. We are just barely above *500 attendees each weekend* for all three Masses. These numbers are also representative of our other local cluster parishes too. It is little wonder that action must be taken through the On Mission initiative.

Several months ago, we indicated that the Diocese was forming three district units to consolidate and run **parish cemeteries**. This process is underway in two sections of the diocese. *We have been informed that they will be coming here for our records within the next couple of weeks - certainly before Thanksgiving*. We had suggested that families try to make sure they are current with payments on cemetery plots to avoid undue stress when arrangements need to be made. If you need to attend to this duty, please make haste to do so over the next two weeks - after that, you will need to work with the new entity.

While the parishes are moving toward reorganization in a timely fashion, our schools are being evaluated on a regional basis. The process is intended to provide more reliable funding to the various regions of the diocese so that schools have adequate financing. Although this procedure is starting, *we need to do what we can now to provide for our own school*. Please continue to support our funding especially through our **monthly bingo and raffle, our continuing sale of grocery gift cards, the annual Night at the Races and the Spring Bingo**. Thanks to those who have been generous already through the **Purse Bash** and the recent **Gala**. It takes much effort to keep our school doors open - but we believe it is worthwhile!

Pray For

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Please pray for all those in our parish who are in need especially the sick at home; in nursing homes and hospi-

tals; the unemployed; those who have lost a loved one and those who feel isolated or abandoned. In particular, we ask you to pray for *Andrew Newmaster, Yvonne Mosco, Mary Henry, Ross Orgera, Bob Popowski, John DeRiggi, Peggy Tomes, Carol Harrity, Phyllis Cosnotti, Don Tappe, Catherine Milewski, Cecilia Condon, Stella Scheid, Judy Khlan, Colleen Strahler, Archangelo Loggi, Dom Mastrogiacomo, Shirley Leras, Adelmo Appoloni, Janet Sendek, Sally Miller, Joe H., Dorothy Morrissey, Elaine Wertz, Randy Barker, Sonny DeRiso, Bill Gould, Michael Fanzo, Guy DeCarlo, Tom Medved, Jack Martz, Rene Olean, Dolores Sciullo, Gia Regan, Tim McKee, Jim Cunningham, Ed Hoolahan, Cookie Bigenho, Mary Ann Kralovic, Catherine Vertullo, Alice Havics, George Gerneth, Jack Rihn, Mary Ellen LoAlbo and Loretta Williams.*



Catholic Women's Fellowship Conference

Join women from all over the diocese for the **first-ever Catholic Women's Fellowship Conference, BRAVE**. The conference is November 18th at Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School! Nationally-known speakers Helen Alvaré, Fr. Dave Pivonka, Fr. Joe Freedy, Megan Mastroianni and Mimika Garesché will be exhorting us to be brave as we fight the daily battles set before us. Visit www.cwfpitt.org for more information!

From The Catechism

(1485) "On the evening of that day, the first day of the week," Jesus showed himself to his apostles. "He breathed on them, and said to them: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained'" (Jn 20:19, 22-23).



We commend to the eternal care of our loving and life-giving God the souls of **Linda Bainer and Blasé Santoriello**, who were buried from St. Joseph Parish this past week. May their souls rest in peace, and may their families find strength in their faith.

Treasures From Our Tradition

What is the name of the pope's cathedral? If you said the Vatican, or St. Peter's, you were off by a few miles, since the answer is the Basilica of St. John, the Lateran, the "Mother Church" of all the churches of the world and the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome. It takes its name from the Lateran family, the Trumps of their day, who somehow ran afoul of the Emperor Nero. He seized all their property, including their vast Roman palace and estate. We don't know how Plautius displeased Nero so badly, but eventually all the Lateran property came to Constantine, the first Christian emperor, through his wife, Fausta. Early in the fourth century, when Christianity was at last legalized, Constantine gave the property to the church. Soon the great meeting halls were expanded and adapted.

Over the centuries, the church building has been sacked by armies, ruined by fire, torn down, and rebuilt. The oldest and most unchanged part of the Lateran is a vast, separate baptistery with steps leading down to a huge green basalt pool. Imagine what a triumphal moment the dedication of this public church building was for a community that had worshiped in secret for so long! This Thursday's feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica is really about the tradition of consecrating space for worship, and so by extension, a feast for your parish church building and, given the beautiful second reading, for its baptistery as well.

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SAM - Substance Addiction Ministry

The next Substance Addiction Ministry Rosary for Recovery will be Wednesday, November 15 at St. Januarius, 1450 Renton Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15239. We will meet at 7:00PM for the Rosary followed by an informal gathering for all who are afflicted or affected by addiction. It will be a safe, confidential place for people to seek education, referral and support. For more information please contact Noreen at 412-296-1709

St. Gerard Majella Bingo

St. Gerard Majella has a bingo every Wednesday night in the church social hall, doors open at 5:00 PM and Bingo starts at 7:00 PM. Refreshments and drinks are available.

On EWTN

Thursday at 6:30 PM
Armed with Faith



Weekly Collections

(Week of October 29, 2017)
Budgeted Offertory \$8,063.73
Collected Offertory: \$5,983.75

Parish Share

2017 Goal: \$50,356.00
Amount Collected: \$41,345.00

Giant Eagle Sales

Sales—\$4,055.00
Profit—\$202.75

Stewardship Prayer. My church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be.

Caterer Recommendations

We ask that you extend an open invitation for any catering company to bid for our needs. We are looking for a caterer that can accommodate 230 people with quality plates as well as the necessary table clothes for our annual Spring Bingo event. If anyone has a connection to a caterer with the ability to provide services at a reasonable price, please contact Michelle Sines at 412-482-0259 or MichelleSines@Gmail.com We are looking for a caterer to be understanding to our cause and faith. One who will be proud of the products provided as well as the obvious advertising advantage. Obviously we are under a budget and would entertain as well as negotiate the conditions of the services provided.

Bulletin Deadline
MONDAY AT NOON

Visit Us at: StJosephVeronaPA.com and





The greatest among you must
be your servant.

— Matthew 23:11

MONDAY - November 6 - Weekday

9:00 **John and Helen Matisz** (Family)

TUESDAY - November 7 - Weekday

9:00 **Thomas McKee, Jr.** (Betty Molyneaux)

WEDNESDAY - November 8 - Weekday

9:00 **Frank Pecora** (Senator Jay Costa Family)

**THURSDAY - November 9 - The Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica**

9:00 **Agnes Boyer** (Charles & Barbara Vassar & Sons)

FRIDAY - November 10 - Saint Leo the Great

9:00 **Della Cummings** (Family)

SATURDAY - November 11- St. Martin of Tours

5:00 PM **Eleanor and Edward Wallace, Nancy and
Robert Hazlett** (Family)

**SUNDAY - November 12 - Thirty-Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

8:30 **M/M Battista Zanella** (Ralph & Carole Zanella)

10:45 **Members of Saint Joseph Parish**

*Liturgical Ministers
(November 11-12)*

Altar Servers:

5:00 PM D. Sellers—R. Acquaviva

8:30 AM V. Green—L. Woods

10:45 AM F. Konieczka—R. Stempfner

Cantors:

5:00 PM Timothy Stewart

8:30 AM Sammi Skeba

10:45 AM Barb Johnson

Lectors:

5:00 PM Michelle Sines

8:30 AM Lynn DeDousis

10:45 AM Matt Jahn

Extraordinary Ministers:

5:00 PM C. Maisto, J. Maisto, B. Steinmeyer

8:30 AM Josie Doyle, D. Doyle, C. McSteen

10:45 AM B. Franciscus, R. Franciscus, S. Sparacino,
M. Scuro, A. Bursic, LA Testa, R. Burgman

Other Volunteers

Money Counters: Dave T., Mike Forbeck, J. Maisto,
LeoDB

Giant Eagle Sellers:

5:00 PM Vrscak/Skoda

8:30 AM Woods/Green

10:45 AM Hornberger/Koniecz

