

# SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 7, 2025

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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday**----- 4:30 pm

**Sunday**----- 8:00 & 10:30 am

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**-----8:00 am

**Wednesday Evening**----- 7:00 pm

Rosary recited half hour before every Mass.

### HOLY DAYS

**Vigil**----- 7:00 pm

**Holy Day**----- 8:00 am

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:00 pm or by appointment

### BAPTISMS

Baptisms are arranged by calling the Rectory.

### MARRIAGES

Please consult the pastor at least one year prior to the desired date of marriage.

### SICK CALLS

By law, hospitals and care facilities are prevented from notifying us of admission or status change. Please contact the office to request a pastoral visit.

### CCD CLASSES

Sunday 9:10 to 10:15 am during the school year.

For Nationwide Mass Times & Locations: Call 1-410-676-6000

BULLETIN NOTICES MUST BE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE NO LATER THAN MONDAY AT 12:00 NOON.



## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✠ SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

### ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of this Christian Catholic Community of St. Joseph the Worker Church in Bonneauville, Pennsylvania, endeavor to live the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and practice the teachings of that same Gospel in our worship, our beliefs, what we learn, and the way in which we serve others.

As a Catholic Community of Faith, Hope, & Love, we invite others to join us in our goal of renewal and welcome them into our gospel fellowship.

### *Mass Intentions*

#### **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **Saturday, September 6**

4:00 PM – Rosary

4:30 PM – Bernard & Rita Walter

#### **Sunday, September 7**

7:30 AM – Adoration/Rosary

8:00 AM – Int. of Dale & Judy Keller

10:00 AM – Rosary

10:30 AM – People of the Parish

12:00 – 3:00 PM – **Parish Picnic**

#### **Monday – September 8**

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Mac Hankey

#### **Tuesday, September 9**

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Int. of Jim & Chris Conrad & Family

#### **Wednesday, September 10**

Rosary – 6:30 PM

7:00 PM – Ronald Hewitt Jr.

#### **Thursday, September 11**

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Jim Gebhart

#### **Friday – September 12**

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Int. of Hogan & Reichwein Families

### **The Exaltation of the Cross**

#### **Saturday, September 13**

#### **Peter's Pence Collection**

4:00 PM – Rosary

4:30 PM – Raymond & Rosalia Storm

#### **Sunday, September 14**

7:30 AM – Adoration/Rosary

8:00 AM – People of the Parish

9:10 AM - CCD begins

10:00 AM – Rosary

10:30 AM – Bob Barefoot

### IS ANYONE SICK AMONG YOU?

Please notify **Fr. Benny 717-334-2510** of any parishioner admitted to the hospital. Call the Office to arrange for the Anointing of the sick of the parish.



Barbara Dinges, Brook McMaster, Maureen Johnson, Elizabeth Fetter, Emily Elizabeth Schmidt, Rick Phillips, Michael Clabaugh, Bill Orndorff, Rose Weaver, Kim, Ann, Nancy Myers, Virginia Schriver,

Pam Lambert, Wyatt Esworthy, Lisa Barefoot Waggoner, Mike Shanebrook, Brad Clabaugh, Lorine Schwab, Michael Franek, Don Moser, Dave Weishaar, Raymond McMaster, Betty Clabaugh, Deacon Rich, Rich Faloon, Dale Keller, Shirley Bowman, Marilyn Wells, Jeremy Onorato, Mary Lee Noel, Kathi Barefoot, Cindalee Notich, Elizabeth Weishaar, Kim Beitler, Helen Little, Mary Bechtel Arvin, Darlene Long, Sally Irwin, Paul Smith, Jane Irwin Hollabaugh, Mike Farrell, Nora Keller, Rebecca Weaver, Arthur Hammett, Rich Shaffer, Barbara Onorato and all the rest of our brothers and sisters in need of healing of mind, body and spirit. Please call the parish office to add a name to our prayer list. Help us to keep our list current by letting us know when we may remove a name. **If you would like to be part of the Parish Prayer Line call Lisa Barefoot Waggoner @717-465-7568 for more information.**



### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b**

This reading acknowledges that people have had a difficult time attempting to know God's wishes. At times we have difficulty understanding the things that happen on earth. Therefore, learning of things in heaven would have been impossible, except that God sent us wisdom and the Holy Spirit to help us understand him.

#### **Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17**

Paul writes to Philemon regarding Onesimus, a slave who ran away and encountered Paul. Although Paul wished Onesimus could remain with him, he did not want to violate Philemon's wishes. Paul asks that Philemon receives his friend Onesimus as a beloved brother, not as a slave. He closes by saying, "Welcome him as you would me."

#### **Gospel: Luke 14:25-33**

Jesus warns people who wish to follow him that they must abandon everyone else first. A person calculates the amount of money needed to complete a project before they begin it. In the same way, Jesus warns these people to consider exactly what is involved before they make a commitment to follow him.



Next weekend will be the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. That this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.valen.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.valen.html).

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**“Great crowds were travelling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, ‘If anyone comes to me without hating father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.’”**

What does it take to be a disciple of Christ? A heavy question seeking a serious answer. Our text about hating family seems so distant from the norm, ‘love God above all things and my neighbor as myself.’ Perhaps the response is to make sure that God comes first in my life and that everything else flow from it.

We have been taught by the late and loved Pope Francis that we are called to be missionary disciples. I love my family; I accept the challenges of the cross that I bear for Him and try to follow the call of Jesus by practicing my faith. That is the first step. To be a missionary I am being sent to bring that faith and discipleship to others. If all Catholics returned to practice the faith and lived the message of Jesus, the beatitudes, what a different world it would be. It begins with me, here and now.

### HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON  
THE SUNDAY READINGS



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## FINANCIAL REPORTS

**For The Weekend of August 30/31, 2025**

<b>Adults</b>	<b>\$2,016.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>185.00</b>
<b>On-Line Giving</b>	<b>1,045.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,246.00</b>
<b>Budgeted - \$4,160.00</b>	<b>less 914.00</b>
<b>Poor of the Parish</b>	<b>143.00</b>
<b>Assumption</b>	<b>75.00</b>
<b>Peter's pence</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Relief in Gaza</b>	<b>691.00</b>

**52 of 298 Adults used envelopes**

**29 Online Giving**

**Next special collection will be September 13/14, 2025 "Peter's Pence Collection"**

### **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT**

There will be NO Parish Council meeting this month, next meeting will be November 12<sup>th</sup> after the 7:00 PM Mass in the rectory.

### **400 CLUB**

#### **Week 3**

109	Rick Stover	Polly Heagey
143	Mike Staub	Donnie Staub
169	Sam Keller	Sandy Keller
328	Nancy Gebhart	Tom Gebhart
352	Gina Gebhart	Gina Gebhart



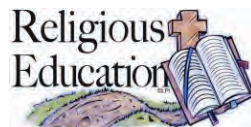
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Due to a series of extenuating circumstances the decision has been made to cancel the parish's annual Golf Tournament this year. It is out of respect for prospective participants that this decision has been made. **Regarding refunds**, registration fees will be returned and anyone who sponsored holes may donate to the parish or will be returned to you. Thanks you to anyone who was planning to participate.

**PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA & LOURDES DISCOVERY WITH BARCELONA!** Join Fr. Benny Jose on this journey...September 20-29, 2026. 10 days, 14 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners. Highlights of the trip: Fatima, Aljustrel, Valinhos, Cathedral of Burgos, Lourdes, Grotto of Massabielle, Barcelona, Barcelona Cathedral. Information is in the bulletin.



**ATTENTION PARENTS of children who are not attending Catholic Schools.** The 2025-26

CCD Classes will begin on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:10AM until 10:20AM in the Deacon Weaver Center. If you are new to the parish or your child will be entering kindergarten or 1<sup>st</sup> grade, please fill out the forms located in the vestibule of the church and return them to the parish office or place in collection basket, or email to [stjosephgetccd@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephgetccd@gmail.com). Please remember that if you child does not attend catholic school, your child should be attending CCD classes each week as well as weekly Mass attendance.



### **DO YOU SUPPORT OUR GROCERY CARD PROGRAM?**

Grocery gift cards for Giant, Weis, and Walmart and Food Lion are available on weekends after the Masses and Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm at the rectory office. **Grocery cards for the month of August of \$5,225.00 made a profit of \$185.13.**



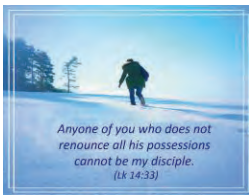
**The Nite at the races** will be held on Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup>. We need help to make this a success. The profits from this

and the Sub sales make it possible for us to help with Parish needs and also helps to fund various charitable organizations. You do not have to be a member of the Knights or even be a man. Any help is needed and greatly appreciated. Also we would appreciate donated deserts. Please consider helping us with this fund raiser. IF YOU CAN HELP CALL MIKE AT 717-476-8205. **Tickets ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT \$10 EACH**

The **next meeting** will be held on Sunday September 21st at 7 pm.

**Saturday, November 8th, Gift Fair and Holiday Bazaar**, at Saint Francis Xavier Center, 465 Table Rock Road, Gettysburg, 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Local vendors, crafters and artisans. Collectibles, holiday gifts, bake sale, fair trade marketplace, door prizes, raffles and more. Call 717-309-2482 or visit [www.stfxcc.org](http://www.stfxcc.org) for details. Latino & American Breakfast & Lunch menu prepared by our Hispanic Community.





## Faith Formation News

**Sept 7, 2025 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**"The Grace of Discipleship"**

"As little infants you must be born anew till Jesus Christ is formed in you" (cf. Gal 4:19). To have Jesus Christ formed in us is to think as He did, to speak as He spoke, and will as He willed.... This labor must be commenced with sweetness and cheerfulness and persevered in with tranquility and composure of mind, never frightened at the task, but believing that Jesus Christ can and will effect this new birth within us.... He must be recognized in our conduct, meek and humble as He was, and this not only in the exterior, but chiefly in our hearts. Ever complying, ever forbearing, ever charitable, ever compassionate to the weakness and frailties of others.... When Jesus Christ calls on us to renounce all for His sake, it is not his intention to leave us friendless or without comfort, but to fill up the vacuum in our hearts with Himself, that is, with delights far surpassing any the world could bestow, and a happiness such as the inhabitants of heaven alone can enjoy.... If we read of extraordinary things, miracles, etc., being performed by some of the saints, God permitted this not as a testimony of their sanctity, but for the conversion of those who were witnesses of them.... There are more saints in heaven that never did anything extraordinary, and who have perhaps attained a far greater degree of glory than those whose lives were remarkable for great actions. It is not the action but the spirit that actuates it to which God looks and according to which He will judge and reward us. (*Venerable Catherine McAuley, r.s.m. († 1841) was an Irish religious sister and the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy.*)



**FEAST DAYS celebrated this Month**

**Sept 5, Friday - St. Teresa of Calcutta**

**Sept 8, Monday - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Sept 12, Friday - The Most Holy**

**Name of Mary**

**Sept 13, Saturday - St. John Chrysostom**

**Sept 14,, Sunday - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**Sept 15, Monday - Our Lady of Sorrows**

**Sept 23, Tuesday - St. Pius of Pietrelcina**

**Sept 29, Monday - Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael**

**Sept 30, Tuesday - St. Jerome**



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I have asked but one grace for you—that you may understand the words of Jesus: Love one another as I have loved you. Can you tell me how He loved you? Ask yourself

and then see, do you really love your sisters as He loves you? More and more I understand [that] unless and until this love is among us, we can kill ourselves with work, it

will be only work, but not love. Work without love is slavery. We have so much to thank God for....

We cannot truly love and serve the poor unless we have that love of God in our hearts. We will only have that if we are empty of all selfishness and insincerity. This love must start at home. Ask Jesus to give you His heart to love with. Jesus gave His life to love us and tells us that we also have to give whatever it takes to do good to one another.... Jesus died on the cross because that is what it took for him to do good to us; to save us from our selfishness and sin. He gave up everything to do the Father's will, to show us that we too must be willing to give up everything to do God's ways, to love one another as He loves each one of us. That is why we too must give to each other until it hurts. It is not enough for us to say I love God, but I also have to love my neighbor.

(*Saint Teresa of Calcutta († 1997) founded the Missionaries of Charity and won the Nobel Peace Prize.*)



**It is typical in the Church to celebrate a saint's death day instead of the saint's birthday. The birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary is an exception because in her humanity God "has prepared a living temple**

**where His Son, made flesh, wanted to live among us and give us salvation"; she "reminds us that God is faithful to His promises" (Pope Francis). In fact, from the first moment of her existence God had a loving plan for her—and through her, for us! In honoring Mary on her birthday we honor God, for "he who established the heavens in wisdom has fashioned a living heaven" (Byzantine liturgy).**



We reverence the **Most Holy Name of Mary** because a name bespeaks who a person is. As the Immaculate Mother of God, Mary is, to the depths of her soul, most holy, and she desires us to call upon her. In

the words of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux: "Look to the Star of the Sea, call upon Mary. In danger, in distress, in doubt, think of Mary, call upon Mary. May her name never be far from your lips, or far from your heart. If you follow her, you will not stray; if you pray to her, you will not despair; if you turn your thoughts to her, you will not err. If she holds you, you will not fall; if she protects you, you need not fear; if she is your guide, you will not tire; if she is gracious to you, you will surely reach your destination."

**"Saint Vincent de Paul Parish** is hosting a regional Vocations Fair in our Auditorium on Sunday, September 21, 2025 from 1:00 PM through 4:00 PM. Representatives of the following religious congregations will participate: Little Sisters of the Poor; Carmelite Sisters of the Aged and Infirm; Nashville Dominican Sisters; Sisters of Saint Francis (Philadelphia); and Sisters of Saint Joseph (Philadelphia). Father Josh Weaver, Diocesan Vocations Director, will be participating, too. For further information, please contact the Saint Vincent de Paul Parish Office at (717) 637-4625."





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