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12 EAST HANOVER STREET - BONNEAUVILLE - GETTYSBURG, PA 17325-7799



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 16, 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.



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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

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday – November 15

4:00 PM – Rosary

4:30 PM – Sam Keller

Sunday, November 16

7:30 AM – Adoration/Rosary

8:00 AM – People of the Parish

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

10:00 AM – Rosary

10:30 AM – Living & Deceased Members of Ray & Helen Weishaar Family

Monday – November 17

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – John & Barb Clabaugh

Tuesday, November 18

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Tom Entenmann

Wednesday, November 19

Rosary – 6:30 PM

7:00 PM – Living & Deceased Members Of Ronald & Kathryn Hewitt Family

Thursday, November 20

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Jim Gebhart

Friday – November 21

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Int. of Ann Barbagallo

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,

King of the Universe

Saturday – November 22

4:00 PM – Rosary

4:30 PM – Living & Deceased Veterans by Knights of Columbus

Sunday, November 23

7:30 AM – Adoration/Rosary

8:00 AM – People of the Parish

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 Beachtel Arvin, Darlene Long, Sally Irwin, Jane Irwin Hollabaugh, Mike Farrell, Nora Keller, Rebecca Weaver, Arthur Hammett, Rich Shaffer, Barbara Onorato, Anna Sneeringer, Bob Clabaugh 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.**



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20a

The prophet Malachi warned that the time would come when all the evil people would be punished. He then speaks of the arrival of "the sun of justice, with its healing rays," believed by most to mean Jesus.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Some of the Thessalonians claimed Christ's return was imminent, so they stopped working and asked others for food. Paul describes his willingness to work, so that he would not impose on others. He encourages them to follow his example and earn their own living.

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Jesus warns of the persecution all Christians will face because of him, and how some will even be put to death. Yet he says they will not be harmed because "by patient endurance you will save your lives." If Jesus' followers are loyal, they will be resurrected and their suffering will end



The end of the year is coming, if you have not made a gift to the annual Diocesan Campaign, "Living our Faith, Pilgrims of Hope" we invite you to do so, the parish goal is \$32,815.00 we are \$8,262.19 under our goal. Please consider giving. Anything over our goal will come back to the parish.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You know how one must imitate us...on the contrary, in toil and drudgery night and day, we worked, so as not to burden any of you...we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us. In fact, when we were with you, we instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat.”

St. Paul told it like it is. He taught by his written words, but also by his deeds, not afraid to say, ‘follow my example.’ His many letters and his missionary journeys are an example of his dedication and commitment. How can I imitate him?

I ask myself if I am doing my part or merely going along with the flow. That is not imitating the model. Anyone who claims discipleship has to do his or her part. My final destiny depends upon it. One confined to his or her home, an elderly person, can offer prayer for the mission of the church. One can spend time in prayerful adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, reading the scriptures, serving the needs of someone who is ill, hospitalized. The list goes on and on. Where does the church, my parish need me?

How often we think or hear someone say ‘the church should do this’ but it remains undone, as I forget ‘I am the church.’

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

IN THE WORK OF THE LORD
Together
IN THE WORK OF THE LORD

FINANCIAL REPORTS

For The Weekend of November 8/9, 2025

Adults	\$2,589.00
Loose	148.00
On-Line Giving	2,225.00
Total	4,962.00
Budgeted - \$4,160.00	over 802.00
Poor of the Parish	139.00
All Saints	60.00
All Souls	75.00
Catholic Education	312.00
Archdiocese of Military Services	235.00

65 of 298 Adults used envelopes

35 Online Giving

Next special collection is "Matthew 25" to be held the weekend of November 22/23, 2025

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

400 CLUB Week 13

61	Great-Grands	Tom Gebhart
219	Amy Zinn	Cindy Hartlaub
239	Elaine Clabaugh	Cindy Hartlaub
337	Dorothy Trump	Mike Shanebrook
365	Bob Funari	Mike Shanebrook

FINAL DRAWING OF THE 400 CLUB will be Sunday, November 23rd 12-3PM with a hot turkey meal till 2 PM. **must have tickets.** Ticket sellers can pick up their new tickets at the drawing. Desserts are welcomed.



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.



Do your **Christmas shopping** early; forms for extra gift cards are available in the vestibule of the church and on the parish website. Please return them by: November 30th

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING -- There will be a training session for new altar servers on Sunday, November 16th immediately following the 8 AM Mass. Meet in the church at the end of Mass.

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 on the table in the vestibule.



We will be having a sub/sandwich sale. Orders will be due December 2nd and they will be delivered December 9th. We should have the forms available in the vestibule. Any questions call Mike at 717-476-8205. We have our **Christmas Cards** in the back of Church.. Christmas Cards will be \$12, Magnets \$5 and Book Marks will be \$1. **Our next meeting will be on Sunday, November 16th at 7:00 PM.**

Thank you for your service to the parish – **Parish Folk Group**
Rick Eckenrode

Mike Miller
John Lewis
Randy Slonaker

Altar Servers:

Roslyn Barnes
Nathan Keller
Elizabeth Lawrence
Ivy Nieves
Jorja Nieves
London Nieves
Adam Raver Jr
Braydon Schriver

Thank you for your service to the parish:

Patsy Mills – for her work with the Children's Choir.

Gina Gebhart – for mowing and keeping the grounds looking good.

Mike Clabaugh – for your work in the Cemetery and plowing the snow.

Bob Funari, Jim & Patsy Hartnett, Joe Eckenrode, Hillary Raver & Family for taking care of the flower beds around the church and rectory.



Faith Formation News

Nov 16, 2025 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

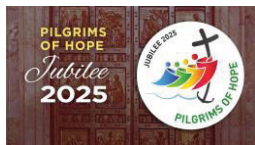
"I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." (Luke 21:15)

Persevering in Hope

Just as the Church awaited in the holy ones of old the first coming, so in us she is expecting the second. Just as she steadfastly hoped in the first for the price of her redemption, so she hopes in the second for the reward of her earnings.... There are some, impatient to find happiness in the affairs of this present life, who neglect the Lord's advice and make every effort to snatch the prizes this world offers. But blessed is the man whose whole hope rests in the Lord's name.... He knows that it is better to become humble with the meek than to share ill-gotten gains with the proud. He will find comfort in saying to himself: "The Lord is my share, so I will wait for him. The Lord is good to everyone that trusts him, to a soul that seeks him. It is good to stand by quietly, ready to greet the Lord. Though, true enough, my soul has longed for your salvation, Lord, still I trust in your word. As it says in Scripture: *Hope long delayed grieves the soul and desire unfulfilled brings it weariness* (Prv 13:12). Still your promise is there to strengthen it. In this the soul does not have just a bare hope; it overflows with hope, hope mounting upon hope as trial comes upon trial, delay upon delay. I am absolutely sure that in the end he will appear and will prove not to have deceived me; so in spite of the delay he imposes I shall go on waiting for him confidently, because he certainly will come and will not be later than the most timely day." When will this day be? When the full number of all these brethren of ours has been reached and the time of mercy set aside for penance is completed. Listen to Isaiah, who often gained entry to the heavenly council chamber; he tells us with what design the Lord puts off the judgment for a time: *The Lord delays so that he can be merciful towards you, and thus he will be honored for having spared you. The Lord is a God of judgment; blessed is everyone who waits for him* (Is 30:18). So if you are wise, give an eye to yourself and see how you are using this delay. If you are a sinner, do not be heedless but take the opportunity to repent. If you are holy the time is given you to progress in holiness. (*Blessed Guerric of Igny* († 1157) *was an abbot and a close friend of Saint Bernard.* / *From Liturgical Sermons: Volume 1, Guerric of Igny.* © 1970 by Cistercian Publications, Inc. © 2008 by Order of Saint Benedict, Collegeville, Minnesota. Used with permission.)

Jubilee 2025: PILGRIMS of HOPE

Blessed Are the Hopeful



Father Joseph Hagan, O.P. Hope does not always feel good. In fact, one can seek the Lord wholeheartedly, desiring him, trusting him, loving him, and yet only feel desperation. I say this not as a hypothetical musing, but as the repeated experience of many. In priestly ministry, it is my honor to

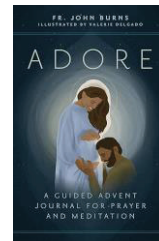
hear the honest self-disclosure of those following Jesus, and many of them admit feeling only despair. But they do not choose this despair; rather, they choose to make innumerable acts of faith, hope, and love. These acts draw them along the path of authentic holiness, but they do not feel like a success. Others in their life may even treat them as saints-in-the-making. They witness real spiritual fruit, even if they are unaware of the inner suffering. All of these dynamics point to a real work of the Holy Spirit, moving the soul to choose hope amid the feeling of despair. One

approach to understanding this strange work of the Spirit is in the Beatitudes. Think of the second: Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. The blessed are promised future comfort, but they likely do not yet experience it. Rather, in the present, they mourn and grieve, and yet the Beatitude declares them blessed here and now. A similar dynamic plays out in the other Beatitudes: blessedness while we await the promise, even when we experience poverty, hunger, thirst, and persecution. In this way, the Beatitudes strip us of any worldly hope in passing comforts or possessions. This is the strangeness of hope: it stretches us to desire a future fulfillment amid present suffering, in a way that is truly blessed. This lesson from the Beatitudes plays out in the prayer of the Psalms. Many psalms lament the felt despair of God's people, as they experience defeat and exile and even fear that God has abandoned them. Yet in these laments, the psalms teach us to hope in God. This hope expresses itself in prayer, even when it seems to go unheard, and it stretches the soul to praise the Lord when we are tempted to collapse in on ourselves instead. A beautiful example of this hope amid lament is the conclusion of Psalm 42: I will say to God, my rock:/ "Why have you forgotten me?/ Why do I go mourning/ oppressed by the foe?"/ With cries that pierce me to the heart,/ my enemies revile me,/ saying to me all day long:/ "Where is your God?"/ Why are you cast down, my soul,/ why groan within me?/ Hope in God; I will praise him still,/ my savior and my God.

The Psalmist feels forgotten by God and oppressed by the foe. Yet amid these feelings of despair, he chooses to hope in God, commanding his soul to praise the Lord. It's instructive that there is no logical segue between the lament and hope. The Psalmist does not try to reason away his sorrow. He simply chooses hope and commands himself to praise. On our pilgrimage of hope, the songs we raise to God need not only be happy. Sometimes we sing laments. Perhaps that is why we are even on pilgrimage: We have learned to no longer seek perfect fulfillment in this world, but to set out as pilgrims to the only One who can fulfill us. In the Beatitudes, the Lord calls us blessed amid our mourning, and so in praying the psalms, we praise him as the Blessed One even as we mourn. For amid our lament, with its felt desperation, we choose to hope in him who chose us. Father Joseph Hagan, O.P., is a Dominican friar of the Province of Saint Joseph. He serves as a chaplain to undergraduates at the University Parish of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Charlottesville, Virginia.

COMING SOON: ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

You have a choice this Advent: Get caught up in the annual rush of shopping, decorating, and parties or slow down and take a few minutes each day to remember who this season is really about—Jesus. In *Adore*, popular author and speaker Fr. John Burns and illustrator Valerie Delgado of Pax.Valerie will help you reclaim the sacred sense of longing and **joyful hope** at the heart of Advent, focusing on a new theme each week—vigilance, preparation, nearness, and Emmanuel—that you can relate to your own life. Each day you'll journey deeper into the meaning of Advent with a scripture- and liturgy-based meditation, stunning art specially created for this book, reflection questions, a prayer, and journaling space. (An imprimatur for *Adore* was granted by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in 2021.) Winner of a first-place award in the classical spirituality and best front cover artwork categories and a second-place in design and production from the Catholic Media Association. Beginning Tuesday Nov. 25. Contact Clare Crone ccrone2@gmail.com or the Parish Office 717-334-2510





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