

SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 30, 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

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday – November 29

4:00 PM – Rosary

4:30 PM – Richard Barbagallo

Sunday, November 30

7:30 AM – Adoration/Rosary

8:00 AM – Living & Deceased Members of
Bob & Miriam Clabaugh Family

10:00 AM – Rosary

10:30 AM – People of the Parish

Monday – December 1

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Bernadette Jacoby

Tuesday, December 2

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Jim Gebhart

Wednesday, December 3

Rosary – 6:30 PM

7:00 PM – Ronald Hewitt Jr.

Thursday – December 4 – Office Closed

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Anna Chmielewski

First Friday – December 5

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Sarah Elizabeth Smith

8:30 AM – 3:00 PM – Adoration

Second Sunday of Lent

First Saturday – December 6

4:00 PM – Rosary

4:30 PM – Raymond & Rosalia Storm

Sunday, December 7

7:30 AM – Adoration/Rosary

8:00 AM – Int. of Clare Crone & Family

10:00 AM – Rosary

10:30 AM – People of the Parish

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, 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.**

We await the Savior
EMMANUEL

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The words of Isaiah urge all people to forsake war and to live in peace forever. The tone reaches a climax in the words, "One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul invites us to put away all the things of darkness and sin and to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

A comparison is made between the destruction caused by the flood in Noah's time and the need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. "You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect."

Eucharistic



First Friday Adoration

8:00 AM – Mass

Adoration

8:30 AM – Exposition

3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet – Chaplet of the Precious Blood, Followed by Benediction.

New calendars for "2025" are available at both exits of the Church, Thank You to Feiser Funeral Home in New Oxford for sponsoring them for our parish.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“You know the hour in which we are living. It is now the hour for you to wake from sleep, for our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith. The night is far spent, the day draws near. Let us cast off the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light’... ‘The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect.’”

Welcome to another, a new season of Advent. We are looking again for the coming of the Lord, remembering Bethlehem, but His promised coming again. Since our last advent have you ever thought of your final destiny, salvation won for you by the first coming of Christ?

Let’s begin this advent thinking, not about our celebration of the birth of Christ, but His coming at the end of time and our salvation. Am I ready to meet Him? Am I concerned about the salvation of others, my friends and family? Consider the words of Paul in Romans as he stirs us to wake from sleep and both think and act, as we prepare for His coming to me. The words of the hymn echo in my heart ‘Jesus is the Lord of my salvation; I trust in Him and have no fear.’

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS



FINANCIAL REPORTS

For the weekend of November 22/23, 2025 will not be available because of early deadline for the bulletin. Two weeks will be published in next week's bulletin.

**Next second collection will be
"Retirement Fund for the Religious"
December 13/14, 2025**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT



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.



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.



THE CHOIR

Do you like to sing? Practices for Christmas Mass will be on Mondays, December 1st and December 22nd, at 7:00pm. New members are always welcomed!

Do you like to sing! Well, Christmas will be here soon and it is time to start practicing for our Youth Children's Choir for the Children's Christmas Eve Mass. If you are interested in joining, please scan the QR code and fill out this google form asap on the flyer in the back of the church. Practices will start this coming week. Any questions, contact Patsy Mills. Contact information is on the flyer

**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 presentation on Monday, January 26, 2025 at 6:30 PM in the parish center for anyone interested in joining the Pilgrimage or already signed up to go.



Sub/Sandwich orders are due by December 2nd. We will be at the Parish Center on Monday December 1st from 5pm until 6:30pm to get any last minute orders. If you have any problems call Mike at 717-476-8205. Subs/sandwich orders can be picked up on Tuesday December 9th after 3:30pm. We will be in the Parish Center until around 6pm. Due to conflicting events our Nite at the Races will be held on Saturday March 7th. We will not be having a meeting in December due it being too close to Christmas. Have a Very Blessed and safe Christmas and New Year.

Thank you for your service to the parish - Parish Finance Committee:

Stephen Arthur

Dale Keller

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Robert Weishaar

Paul Wypijewski

Joe Eckenrode

Thank you for your service to the parish – Parish Council Members:

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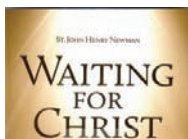
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Faith Formation News Nov 30, 2025 First Sunday of ADVENT Year A

*"So too, you also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect, the*

Son of Man will come. **"Waiting for Christ.** Each New Year, as it passes, brings us the same warnings again and again, and none perhaps more impressive than those with which it comes to us at this season.... The year is worn out. Spring, summer, autumn, each in turn, have brought their gifts and done their utmost, but they are over, and the end is come.... Thus the soul is cast forward upon the future, and in proportion as its conscience is clear and its perception true does it rejoice solemnly that *the night is advanced, the day is at hand*, that there are *a new heaven and a new earth* (Rv 21:1) to come, though the former are failing. Nay, rather, because they are failing, it will soon see *the king in his beauty and behold a land that stretches afar* (Is 33:17). These are feelings for [those] waiting...calmly though earnestly, for the advent of Christ. And such, too, are the feelings with which we now come before him in prayer day by day. The season is chill and dark, and the breath of the morning is damp, but all this befits those who are by profession penitents and mourners, watchers and pilgrims.... True faith does not covet comforts. It only complains when it is forbidden to kneel, when it reclines upon cushions.... Its only hardship is to be hindered, or to be ridiculed, when it would place itself as a sinner before its judge.... One year goes and then another, but the same warnings recur. The frost or rain comes again; the earth is stripped of its brightness; there is nothing to rejoice in. And then, amid this profitableness of earth and sky, the well-known words return: the prophet Isaiah is read, the same epistle and Gospel bidding us to *awake from sleep* and welcome him *who comes in the name of the Lord*, the same prayers, beseeching him to prepare us for judgment. O blessed are they who obey these warning voices, and look out for him whom they have not seen, because they *have loved his appearing* (2 Tm 4:8).... At present, we are in a world of shadows.... Suddenly it will be rent in twain and vanish away, and our Maker will appear. He will look on us, while we look on him. (*Saint John Henry Newman* († 1890) *was a convert to the Catholic faith and a preacher of great eloquence. He was made a cardinal by Pope Leo XIII in 1879. / From Waiting for Christ: Meditations for Advent and Christmas.*)

Jubilee 2025: PILGRIMS of HOPE COLLOQUY

"Almighty, omnipotent Lord, show me my poverty so that I may confess it. I said that I was rich and that I needed nothing; I did not know that I was poor, blind, naked, wretched, and miserable. I believed that I was something and I was nothing. I said, 'I shall become wise,' and I became foolish; I thought that I was prudent, but I deceived myself. And I see now that

wisdom is your gift, that without you we can do nothing, for if You, O God, do not keep the city, he watches in vain that keeps it. You taught me this that I might know myself; you abandoned me and you tried me...so that I would know myself. You had hardly gone a short distance from me when I fell. Then I saw and knew that you were guiding me; if I fell, it was my own fault, and if I rose again, it was by your help. "O my God, I could despair on account of my great sins and my innumerable negligence's...but I dare not because I, who was at one time Your enemy, have been reconciled to You by the death of Your Son; and not only reconciled, but I have been saved by Him. That is why all my HOPE and the certitude of my confidence is in His Precious Blood which was shed for us and for our salvation. Living in Him, trusting in Him, I HOPE to come to You, not because of my justice, but through the justice which comes to me from Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. "Thus, in the weariness of this struggle, I raise my eyes to You, Lord Jesus. Let the enemy do what he will to me. I shall not fear because You are a strong defender. I have good reason to HOPE in You, for I shall never be confounded. "Now, as long as I am in the body, I am far from You, since I journey by faith and not by vision. The time will come when I will see that which I now believe without seeing and I shall happy. Then I shall see the reality which I now HOPE for. I live content in my HOPE because You are true to Your promises; nevertheless, because I do not possess You as yet, I groan beneath the weight of desire. Grant that I may persevere in this desire until what You have promised comes to pass; then my groaning will be over and praise alone will resound"(St.Augustine).

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. Cost for book is \$8.00 Contact Clare Crone crcrone2@gmail.com or the Parish Office 717-334-251.





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