

SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 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.



**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

Second Sunday of Advent

First Saturday – December 6

4:00 PM – Rosary

4:30 PM – Holy Souls in Purgatory

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

Monday – December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Victoria Clabaugh Vargas, Birthday

Tuesday, December 9

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Millie Zablotny

Wednesday, December 10

Rosary – 6:30 PM

7:00 PM – Mary Zimmerman

Thursday – December 11

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – John Staub

Friday – December 12

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Jim Gebhart

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday – December 13

4:00 PM – Rosary

4:30 PM – Int. of Jean Lawrence, 90th Birthday

Sunday, December 14

7:30 AM – Adoration/Rosary

8:00 AM – People of the Parish

10:00 AM – Rosary

10:30 AM – Jeff Weishaar

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.**



LIVE IN HARMONY



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

In this beautiful passage, a messianic prophecy, Isaiah exults in the coming of the Lord, who will bring justice and peace for all.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Paul reveals to us the necessity of living in peace and harmony. His words "Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the Glory of God" are as needed today as they were in Paul's own time.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptizer prepares the way for Jesus. Clothed in a garment of camel's hair, he baptizes the people in the Jordan River, but warns the Pharisees in ringing tones that they must give evidence that they mean to reform.

WEATHER ALERT: If the Schools are **DELAYED** or **CANCELLED** Fr. Benny will not have Mass that day. If there is ice or snow it gives the person responsible for cleaning our parking lot and sidewalks time to clean them so everyone remains safe.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the glory of God. Yes, I affirm that Christ, became the servant of the Jews because of God’s faithfulness in fulfilling the promises of the patriarchs, whereas the Gentiles glorify God because of his mercy. As scripture has it ‘therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and I will sing to your name.’”

We continue this season of anticipation and expectation. How special it is. Saint Paul reminds us of those in former times, how they longed for, yearned for the one who was to come as Messiah and Savior of us all. He later would tell us that we are no different, but all are one in Christ Jesus.

Today when there is such hate, division, and separateness, we need to seek Jesus who unites not divides. May this be part of our advent prayer this week.

‘Come Lord Jesus.’

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

Adults	\$2,582.00
Loose	190.00
On-Line Giving	1,070.00
Total	3,842.00
Budgeted - \$4,160.00 less	318.00
Catholic Education	100.00
Poor of the Parish	100.00
Matthew 25	393.00
Disaster Relief	250.00
Christmas Flowers	75.00

62 of 298 Adults used envelopes
31 Online Giving

For the weekend of November 29/30

Adults	\$2,193.00
Loose	100.00
On-Line Giving	995.00
Total	3,288.00
Budgeted - \$4,160.00 less	872.00
Poor of the Parish	20.00
Christmas Flowers	230.00
Christmas Offering	350.00
Matthew 25	10.00

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

The PCCW annual Christmas Dinner will be held at Hoss's in Gettysburg, on Thursday, January 8th at 6:00 PM for anyone who would like to join us. Please call Marcia 717-253-8378 or the parish office 717-334-2510 if you are interested in going so we know how many to let Hoss's know will be attending. All women from the parish are invited to attend. Hope you are able to join us this year.



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.

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.



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. **Gift cards for November of \$5,125.00 made a profit of 163.38.**



Sub/Sandwich 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.



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

ABVM Choir's Christmas concert on Monday evening 12/29/25 at 7:00 PM. Bring your loved ones to enjoy their beautiful Christmas songs together in their decorated Church! 26 N 3rd St, McSherrystown, PA 17344



Faith Formation News
Dec. 7, 2025 2nd Sunday of
ADVENT Year A
"Prepare the way of the Lord, / make straight his paths."

Mother Church places John the Baptist before her children precisely as we are preparing for Christmas for a good reason.... His life and message remind us that Advent is not yet Christmas—that this penitential time leads to joy only if we heed its message. John the Baptist—who leaped for joy in his mother's womb—is **joy's perfect messenger because he shows us its necessary elements: repentance, humility, and sacrifice.**

First, REPENTANCE We confuse joy with pleasure. [But] Christian joy is something deeper and more lasting.... It is spiritual, not physical, something that does not depend on things outside of us but in fact works from the inside out. It can coincide with physical and even deep emotional suffering. Most of all, it comes about not because we get our own way but because God's will is accomplished in us. In short, it comes from union with him.... Thus John's message of repentance...prompts us to leave sin behind and conform our wills to God's, to reestablish union with him, our *exceeding joy* (Ps 43:4). Indeed, the mere knowledge of the possibility of being forgiven already causes rejoicing. The only sorrow greater than sin is not having a way out of it.... John's call to repentance announces the One Who alone can free us....

Second, HUMILITY.... *Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan* went out to see him, and yet John directed all the attention, honor, and reverence to our Lord.... His parting words say it all: *He must increase, but I must decrease* (Jn 3:30).... Humility means to surrender our own space, not to be concerned about our ego, our own little world. Pride refuses the Lord entry out of fear of not having its own way. Humility rejoices in God—and therefore in all circumstances....

Finally, SACRIFICE. John's asceticism is the first thing we notice about him. He did not live for this world. He was not out to make a name for himself, to become wealthy or popular or even comfortable. His life was constantly being surrendered as a witness to Christ.... John the Baptist shows that we attain joy only by the giving of ourselves, by renouncing ourselves and our own desires in the gift of self to another. This renunciation witnesses to the truth of higher, even eternal, goods.... John the Baptist extends to us the truest joy—that of being in union with our Lord, experiencing his increase in our hearts, and serving him generously. *Father Scalia is a priest in the diocese of Arlington, Virginia, where he serves as Episcopal Vicar for Clergy and the pastor of Saint James in Falls Church. / From That Nothing May Be Lost: Reflections on Catholic Doctrine and Devotion.*

Jubilee 2025: PILGRIMS of HOPE

248: THE TEST OF HOPE

Presence of God - *Give me, O Lord, invincible HOPE; teach me to HOPE against all HOPE, teach me to HOPE with all my strength.*

Part 1. We prove the firmness of our faith by persevering in it in spite of its obscurity; we prove that

our HOPE is strong by continuing to HOPE in spite of adversity and even when God seems to have abandoned us. As

an Act of Faith made in the midst of darkness and doubts is more meritorious, so is it with the Act of Hope uttered in desolation and abandonment. The three theological virtues are the most appropriate and fitting means of uniting us to God; in fact, the purer, more intense, and supernatural are our faith, hope, and charity, the more closely they unite us to Him. To help us reach this point, God leads us through the crucible of trials. The story of Job is re-enacted in some way in the life of every soul dear to God; he was tried in his property, his children, his own person, deserted by his friends, and ridiculed by his wife. He who had been rich and esteemed, found himself alone on a dunghill, covered from head to foot with horrible sores. But if God is good, if it is true that He desires our good, why does He permit all this? Why does He let us suffer? "For God made not death," says Sacred Scripture, "neither hath He pleasure in the destruction of the living....It was the wicked who with hands and words invited death" (Wis 1, 13-16). Death and suffering are the consequences of sin, which God has not prevented because He has willed to leave man free. And yet not only sinners suffer, but the innocent also. Why? Because God wishes to try them as gold is tried in the furnace, purifying them and raising them to a good, to a state of happiness immeasurably superior to the goods and the happiness of earth. Thus God permits the sufferings of the innocent, and even uses the consequences of sin - wars, disorders, social and personal injustices - for the greater good of His elect. It is often true, however, that when we are undergoing a trial we neither see nor understand the reason for it. God does not account for His actions nor does He reveal His plans to us; therefore, it is difficult to endure in faith and hope - difficult, but not impossible, for God never sends us trial which are beyond our strength, just as He never abandons us unless we first abandon Him.

St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) said:

"Are we ready to receive Him? Before the birth of Jesus, His parents asked for a simple dwelling place, but there was none. If Mary and Joseph were looking for a home for Jesus, would they choose ... your heart, and all it holds? Let us pray that we shall be able to welcome

Jesus at Christmas..."

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.

Beginning Tuesday Nov. 25. Cost for book is \$8.00 Contact Clare Crone ccrone2@gmail.com or the Parish Office 717-334-2510.





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