

# SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 14, 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.



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ❖ DECEMBER 14, 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*

#### Third Sunday of Advent Retirement Fund for the Religious

#### Saturday – December 13

4:00 PM – Rosary

4:30 PM – Int. of Jean Lawrence, 90<sup>th</sup> 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

#### Monday – December 15

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Int. of West & Gerrity Families

#### Tuesday, December 16

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – John & Barb Clabaugh

#### Wednesday, December 17

Rosary – 6:30 PM

7:00 PM – Raymond Storm

#### Thursday – December 18

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Ronald Hewitt Jr.

#### Friday – December 19

7:30 AM – Rosary

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

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

#### Saturday – December 20

4:00 PM – Rosary

4:30 PM – Int. Michelle Study

#### Sunday, December 21

7:30 AM – Adoration/Rosary

8:00 AM – Living & Deceased Member of

Bob & Miriam Clabaugh 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 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.**



### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10**

Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, "sorrow and mourning will flee."

#### **Second Reading: James 5:7-10**

As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the "yield of the soil" so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

#### **Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11**

While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, "Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?" Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.



### **They gave their lives in service-now they need your help.**

For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings.

Your support ensures they receive the care they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation—it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

**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.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**“Be patient, my brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer awaits the precious yield of the soil. He looks forward to it patiently while the soil receives the winter and the spring rains. You too, must be patient. Steady your hearts, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.”**

Advent ought to be a time of special focus. We need to adjust our lens to see the dire need in our world for God’s intervention today, as it was needed with the coming of the Savior. As bad as things seem, what was it like before the Messiah came to rescue us?

As we admire the poinsettia plants blooming at this time, the grower had to adjust light and shade and provide correct heat to make sure they would be ready. Saint James’ example, especially calling for patience, is advice for us, to patiently prepare ourselves spiritually for the Lord.

### HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON  
THE SUNDAY READINGS



## FINANCIAL REPORTS

For the weekend of December 6/7, 2025

Adults	\$3,400.00
Loose	227.00
On-Line Giving	2,180.00
Total	5,807.00
Budgeted - \$4,160.00 over	1,647.00
Poor of the Parish	55.00
Christmas Offering	1,000.00
Poor of the Parish	55.00
Christmas Flowers	405.00
Immaculate Conception	320.00

65 of 298 Adults used envelopes  
36 Online Giving

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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 \$7,582.19 under our goal. Please consider giving. Anything over our goal will come back to the parish.



**THANK YOU TO THE PARISH COUNCIL**, KIM BEITLER, KAY SMITH, FRANCES WEISHAAR, MIKE SHANEBROOK, SUE MILLER AND DONNA LIVELSBERGER FOR PREPARING THE FOOD FOR THE BISHOPS SOCIAL ON SUNDAY.

**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, 2026 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.



**Extra gift cards for Christmas** totaling \$11,965.00 made a profit of \$.515.50 Thank you to all who participated in this fundraiser.



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.



Closing Mass for 2025 Jubilee Year - December 28

A Closing Mass for the 2025 Jubilee Year will be held on December 28, 2025 at the Cathedral Parish of Saint Patrick. The Mass will take place at 9:30 AM. All are invited to attend.

## **2025 Adams Deanery**

### **Advent Penance Service Schedule**

**Tues.**, December 16<sup>th</sup> - Immaculate Heart, Abbottstown @ 7pm

**Weds**, December 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Joseph, Hanover @ 7pm

**Sat.**, December 20<sup>th</sup> - Sacred Heart Basilica, Hanover @ 10am

**Sat**, December 20<sup>th</sup> - St. Francis (Xavier Center) 10:00 AM

**THERE WILL BE CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN THE FRONT OF THE PARKING LOT AT THE PARISH CENTER ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 PM. THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL PROVIDE COOKIES AND HOT CHOCOLATE IN THE PARISH CENTER AFTER THE CAROLING. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



**Faith Formation News**  
**Dec. 14, 2025 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**  
**of ADVENT Year A**

*"Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"*

**Awaiting the One to Come**

Let us prepare for Christ in our hearts a dwelling full of patient merits; let us prepare a crib, a cradle brilliant with the flowers of a good life and the perpetual sweetness of its fragrance. Let us receive the tiny little Lord in our hearts; may he grow and make progress there, nourished by faith, may he ascend to youth there on the steps of life, and may he exercise the powers which are mentioned in the Gospel. Within us the Lord has a blind man to whom he can give light, a lame man whose step he can restore and bring to the path of truth without stumbling.... What he did in those who were dead he does in the living. He raises a man to life in the room of his heart.... By those other resurrections which were accomplished for our hope, the Lord promises that he will restore life to all who desire to rise again.... He became man so that man whom he had created might not perish; he suffered cruel torments in order that he might free the unworthy from deserving punishments. He hung on the tree of death in order to expiate the fault which was derived from the tree through disobedience.... Christ was born in order that he might suffer, he suffered in order that he might die, he died in order that he might descend into hell, he descended there in order that he might free the dead.... The Way came to those who were wandering, the Judge came to the guilty, the Physician came to those who were sick, Life came to the dead.... O Lord, with what joy and exultation shall we describe the benefits of such great goodness? What more is there that we who are sick might ask than what you have offered of your own accord to those who did not deserve it?... Therefore, let us love our price and let us make ourselves worthy of it by good deeds and right actions.... As we joyfully celebrate the feast of his Nativity, with his help may we endeavor to live in such a way that such great and immense benefits of our God may not bring us judgment but may lead to our profit: because he himself is worthy of it. *(Saint Caesarius of Arles († 543) was a monk, archbishop, and celebrated preacher. / From Saint Caesarius of Arles: Sermons, Volume III (187–238), The Fathers of the Church, A New Translation, Vol. 66, Sr. Mary Magdeleine Mueller, O.S.F., tr. © 1973.*

**A Father's Blessing**

Simple Gifts "Daddy, I made this for you." There is nothing quite like getting a handmade gift from one of your children. The most common gift my children like to give is artwork—everything from colorful scribbles to detailed sketches, depending on their age and skill level. Before I became a father, I never could have fathomed the heartwarming joy that would come from such a gift. Even those scribbled-on scraps that would have been thrown away had I not been in the room are, to me, suitable for framing or tacking to the fridge and cherishing forever.

I like to think that Our Lord feels the same way about his own children. Many of us try and try to do God's will, and to give him of ourselves, but what we have to offer him is wildly imperfect. Often it seems that all we can give is the spiritual equivalent of scribbled-on paper scraps. But God is happy to receive even these, if they are born of a loving heart. He wants

us to give ourselves completely over to him, for our own good, but he looks on us and our gifts with the kindness and love of a true Father. And whether they're colorful scribbles or beautiful paintings, he will gladly frame them or tack them to the fridge. Paul Senz lives with his wife and children in Oklahoma. He works for Ignatius Press, and writes whenever and wherever he can.

**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 2.** The least act of hope, of trust in God, made in the midst of trials, in a state of interior or exterior

desolation, is worth far more than a thousand acts made in times of joy and prosperity. When we are suffering in mind or body, when we are experiencing the void of abandonment and helplessness, when we find ourselves a prey to the repugnance's and rebellions of nature which would like to throw off the yoke of the Lord, we cannot pretend to have the comforting feeling of hope, of confidence; often we may even experience the opposite sentiment, and yet, even in this state we can make acts of hope and of confidence which are not felt but willed. The theological virtues are practiced essentially by the will. When they are accompanied by feeling, the practice of them is pleasant and consoling; but when the act must be made by the will alone, then this exercise is dry and cold, but is not for this reason of less merit; on the contrary, it is even more meritorious and therefore gives more glory to God. We should not, therefore, be disturbed if we do not FEEL confidence; we must WILL to have confidence, WILL to hope, to hope at any cost, in spite of all the blows God may inflict on us by means of trials. This is the moment to repeat with Job: "Although He should kill me, I will trust in Him" (Jb 13:15). We must not deceive ourselves, thinking we can go through these trials without having to fight against discouragement, against temptations to distrust, and perhaps even to despair; this is the reaction of nature which rebels against that which wounds it. The Lord knows our weakness; He does not condemn us, He pities us. These feelings do not offend God, provided we always try to react gently by making acts of confidence with our will. Every time a wave of discouragement tries to carry us away, we must react against it by anchoring ourselves in God by a simple movement of trust; even if our spiritual life should be reduced, for certain periods, to this exercise alone, we will not have lost anything, but we will have gained much. It is precisely by going through these trials that we reach the heroic practice of faith and hope; and the heroism of the virtues is necessary for the attainment of sanctity.

(All excerpts/reflections/Colloquys (prayers) are taken from DIVINE INTIMACY: Meditations on the Interior Life for Every Day of the Liturgical Year by Father Gabriel of St. Mary Madgalen, O.C.D.)

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> St, McSherrystown, PA 17344.



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