



Peace

*I leave with you;
my peace I give you.
I do not give to you
as the world gives.*

*Do not let your
hearts be troubled
and do not be afraid.*

– John 14:27

Merry Christmas

**Saint Joseph the Worker
Bonneauville, Pennsylvania**



**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

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

Monday – December 22

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – John Staub

Tuesday, December 23

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Jim Gebhart

The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas

Wednesday, December 24

4:30 PM - Children's Christmas Choir

5:00 PM – Jack Busbey

8:30 PM – Christmas Carols

9:00 PM Mass – People of the Parish

Thursday – December 25

9:00 AM – Ryan Weaver

Friday –December 26

NO MASS

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday – December 27

4:00 PM – Rosary

4:30 PM – Mary Zimmerman

Sunday, December 28

7:30 AM – Adoration/Rosary

8:00 AM – Quentin Powers

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.**



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Ahaz receives from Isaiah a prophecy that he will be successful in war and is urged to ask for a sign that the prophecy is true. The sign is "The virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel."

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Paul greets the Romans by pointing out that Jesus is the Christ who was promised to them in Scripture. He, Paul, is the apostle favored with the task of spreading the name of Christ to all.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

In a brief, straightforward, simple narrative, Matthew recounts the events leading to Jesus' birth. He details the appearance of the angel in a dream to Joseph and stresses that "All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophets."

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.

WE WILL BE DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST AT 1:00 PM FOR ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Greetings from Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart to proclaim the gospel of God, which he promised long ago through his prophets, as the holy Scriptures record – the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh but was made Son of God in power, according to the spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him we have been favored with apostleship that we may spread his name.”

How many greeting cards have you received? How careful were you to read the message? The scriptures today contain the message of Saint Paul for you. He summarizes what the coming of Christ means for all, as we too are favored, blessed, to be witnesses to spread his name. May we take a moment to reflect on Paul’s letter, put the material and social events aside, and decide to remind others of the reason for Christ’s coming? Ask one person ‘do you know why Christ came?’

Come Lord Jesus.

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS



FINANCIAL REPORTS

For the weekend of December 13/14, 2025

Adults	\$4,255.00
Loose	95.00
On-Line Giving	1475.00
Total	5,825.00
Budgeted - \$4,160.00 over	1,665.00
Poor of the Parish	120.00
Christmas Offering	100.00
Christmas Flowers	230.00
Immaculate Conception	240.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	806.00

44 of 298 Adults used envelopes
33 Online Giving

Next second collection will be "Aid to the Catholic Church in Central and Easter Europe. Latin America and Africa" the weekend of January 10/11, 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 \$7,582.19 under our goal. Please consider giving. Anything over our goal will come back to the parish.

The first drawing of the 400 Club will begin on January 4, 2026, tickets sellers please get your tickets in. Any question or if you would like a ticket contact Mike Shanebrook @717-334-2069.

MASS INTENTION FOR 2026 in memory or honor of a loved one are available, Mass stipends are \$10.00.

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 \$516.00 Thank you to all who participated in this fundraiser.



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.

Due to conflicting events our Nite at the Races will be held on Saturday March 7th.



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. **March for Life 2026** Annunciation B.V.M. and Sacred Heart are sponsoring a bus to March for Life on Friday, 1/23/26. Registration forms are available at the church entrances. There will be Mass at 7:30 AM with departure from Sacred Heart at 8:30 a.m. Approximate return at 8:00 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop 107 Annual Christmas Tree Sale located at the Scout House Monday – Friday: 5 p.m. – 8 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m., Sunday: 11 a.m. – 8 p.m., For Sale: Trees and homemade wreaths (while supplies last). Payment: Cash or check

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 21, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent (Cycle A)

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And

how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Luke 1: 42) As soon as Mary had conceived the Word in her womb, she arose and went with haste to the hill country, to a city of Judah, to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Can we not sense the cause of this promptness, of the seriousness with which she took this duty? When one is filled with Jesus Christ, one is at the same time filled with charity, with a holy vivacity, and with lofty ideals, whose execution leaves no time for languishing. Mary, who carried grace with Jesus Christ in her womb, was called forth by a divine instinct to take that grace to the house of Zechariah, where John the Baptist had been recently conceived.... Mary, knowing herself to have been served by the Word who had descended into her womb, could not fail to be touched by the desire to humble herself and to abase herself according to his example. Jesus would need to be preceded by Saint John externally; but interiorly, it is Jesus who must precede, because he must sanctify John. It was necessary that John receive from Jesus the first touch of grace. In all the visits that we make, let us imitate Mary. Let us visit one another in charity, for under even a simple civility great mysteries may be hidden. Grace will grow where it is made known by humility and by the exercise of holy friendship. Pious souls, cultivate the duties of family life. Be friends, Christian women, as Mary and Elizabeth were. Let your friendship be a work of piety and your conversations full of God; then Jesus will be in your midst and you will feel his presence. Men, you too should imitate these pious women. O God! Sanctify our conversations, remove from them curiosity, dissipation, anxiety, dissimulation, and trickery. Allow cordiality and good examples to reign in them. For this day is a miracle! Jesus Christ is hidden, and yet he is the one who accomplishes everything. (Bishop Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet († 1704), known as the "Eagle of Meaux," was a French bishop, theologian, and renowned orator.)

Blessing before a Christmas Stable (Father Peter



John Cameron, o.p.)

"No one, whether shepherd or wise man, can approach God here below except by kneeling before the manger at Bethlehem and adoring him

hidden in the weakness of a new-born child." (CCC 563)

Lord Jesus, as I kneel before your manger in adoration, let my first Christmas word be: thank you. Thank you, Gift of the Father, for coming to save me from my sins. Without you I do not know even how to be human. The characteristics of your human body express the divine person of God's Son. And in that wondrous expression, Lord, you reveal me to myself. Thank you for that saving revelation in your sacred humanity. As the Christmas liturgy proclaims, in Christ we experience "the holy

exchange that restores our life." Thank you for coming as one like myself to save me from myself. You come as a baby because babies are irresistible and adorable. You come as a baby because you want our first impression of God incarnate to be that of one who does not judge. How I long to be united with you in every way. May I never be attracted to the allurements and charms of the world. May I love you always, at every moment, with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. May the tenderness, the dependency, and the mercy that you reveal in your infancy become the hallmarks of my life. Newborn Savior, the very silence of your Incarnation proclaims that the answer to the misery, the strife, and the meaninglessness we often experience in life cannot be found within us. You alone are the Answer. As I kneel before you, eternal King, I surrender to you all my selfishness, self-absorption, self-indulgence, self-righteousness, self-assertion, and self-exaltation. Even as I adore you on this night of your birth, rid me of the nagging desire to be adored. Word become flesh, you make your dwelling among us. Yet you do not live your life for yourself, but for us. And you enable us to live in you all that you yourself lived. Help me to embrace this truth with all my mind and heart. Come and live your life in me. Empty me of my willfulness, my petulance, my hardness, my cynicism, my contemptuousness. Fill me with your truth, your strength, your fortitude, your purity, your gentleness, your generosity, your wisdom, your heart, and your grace. O Emmanuel, may the assurance of your unfailing Presence be for me the source of unending peace. May I never fear my weakness, my inadequacy, or my imperfection. Rather, as I gaze with faith, hope, and love upon your incarnate littleness, may I love my own littleness, for God is with us. Endow my life with a holy wonder that leads me ever more deeply into the Mystery of Redemption and the meaning of my vocation and destiny. Longed-for Messiah, your servant Saint Leo the Great well wrote that in the very act of reverencing the birth of our Savior, we are also celebrating our own new birth. From this night on may my life be a dedicated life of faith marked by holy reliance, receptivity, and resoluteness. May I make of my life a total gift of self. May my humble worship of your Nativity manifest how much I seek the Father's kingship and his way of holiness. The beauty of your holy face bears the promise that your Father will provide for us in all things. This Christmas I renew my trust in God's goodness, compassion, and providence. I long for the day when you will teach us to pray "Our Father. "May your Presence, Prince of Peace, bless the world with peace, the poor with care and prosperity, the despairing with hope and confidence, the grieving with comfort and gladness, the oppressed with freedom and deliverance, the suffering with solace and relief. Loving Jesus, you are the only real joy of every human heart. I place my trust in you. Oh divine Fruit of Mary's womb, may I love you in union with the holy Mother of God. May my life be filled with the obedience of Saint Joseph and the missionary fervor of the shepherds so that the witness of my life may shine like the star that leads the Magi to your manger. I ask all this with great confidence in your holy name. Amen.



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