

Third
SUNDAY OF

SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
March 8, 2026

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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.

**God is Spirit, and those who
worship Him must worship
in spirit and in truth.**

JOHN 4:24





**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 Lent

Saturday – March 7

4:00 PM – Rosary

4:30 PM – Int. of Catherine Wildasin & Christine Crone

Sunday, March 8

7:30 AM – Adoration/Rosary

8:00 AM – Int. of Dale & Judy Keller & Family

10:00 AM – Rosary

10:30 AM – People of the Parish

Monday – March 9

NO MASS

Tuesday – March 10

7:30 AM – Adoration/Rosary

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

Wednesday – March 11

7:30 AM – Adoration/Rosary

8:00 AM – Helen Little

Thursday – March 12

7:30 AM – Adoration/Rosary

8:00 AM – Stephen Kuvall

Friday – March 13

7:30 AM – Adoration/Rosary

8:00 AM – Carol Jones

7:00 PM- Stations of the Cross

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday – March 7

4:00 PM – Rosary

4:30 PM – Francis & Patricia Shanebrook

Sunday, March 8

7:30 AM – Adoration/Rosary

8:00 AM – People of the Parish

10:00 AM – Rosary

10:30 AM – Sylvia Luckenbaugh



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held on Friday evenings at 7:00 PM.

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, 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, Helen Sneeringer, Jasmine, Margaret Heintzelman, Dean Drawbaugh 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 LENT

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

This story from Exodus reveals that the Israelites, after their escape from Egypt, cast all blame for their sufferings on Moses. In this instance, they were dying of thirst. When Moses appealed to the Lord, the Lord directed Moses to strike a rock and water would gush forth.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God's sight.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water He gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, "Give me this water, sir..." Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe her and come to see Jesus.



Becky Weaver will be celebrating her 95th birthday on March 20th, if you would like to send her a card her address is: 61 Maple St. Gettysburg, PA. 17325.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

“Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly.”

How reassuring listening to the word of St. Paul, a letter, written before the four gospels. Think for a moment on the meaning of the words – justified, peace, grace, faith.

Living in this holy year of hope, whose theme is taken from Paul’s letter, ‘Hope does not disappoint’, and we are both graced and strengthened as we continue our journey to Calvary.

‘Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me a sinner.’

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS



3rd
Sunday
of
Lent

FINANCIAL REPORTS

For the weekend of February 28/March 1,
2026

Adults	\$3,585.00
Loose	180.00
On-Line Giving	1,045.00
Total	4,810.00
Budgeted - \$4,160.00	over 650.00
Poor of the Parish	161.00
Easter Flowers	420.00

71 of 298 Adults used envelopes
29 Online Giving

Next second collection will be for the
"Catholic Relief Services" the weekend of
March 21/22, 2026.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

PCCW will meet on Monday, March 9th at 7:00 PM in the parish center. Moved to the second Monday of the month because of the Parish Mission. All women from the parish are invited to attend.



We are in need of people to fill eggs, with candy, toys or stickers for the egg hunt at our Spring Bazaar, bags of eggs are available in the vestibule and can be returned by March 8th. Donations of prizes for the egg hunt are also welcomed.



**SAVE THE DATE: March 22nd,
Raffle, and Bake Sale at the
Potpie Dinner.**

Donations of baked good are needed for the Bake Sale. If you can help sell the raffle tickets call Michelle Study @717-476-2297 it would be greatly appreciated.



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. **Grocery cards for the month of February of \$4,175.00, made a profit of \$132.89.**



St. Joseph the Worker Parish will have our Lenten Penance Service on Thursday, March 26th at 7:00 PM, There will be priests from around the deanery to hear your confession.

400 CLUB

Week 9

12	Marilyn & Wayne Wells	Mike Shanebrook
196	Tina Kendris	Kim Beitler
311	Jean Sneeringer	Kay Smith
320	Matthew Kulis	Mike Shanebrook
321	Helen M Kulis	Mike Shanebrook



The Diocesan Annual Campaign "Faithful Stewards"

The Diocesan Annual Campaign begins next weekend, March 1/2.

Our goal is \$33,526.00

REMINDER: EVERY DOLLAR THAT WE EXCEED OUR GOAL IS

REFUNDED TO OUR PARISH, UNRESTRICTED.



St. Thomas More Fraternity

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Men of the Diocese, you are warmly invited to join us for the 2026 Men's Conference **Steadfast in Mercy**

2026 Diocesan Men's Conference

Saturday, April 18th: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Diocesan Center \$40 per Person* / \$70 Father/Son Combo Clergy Admitted Free

Registration Now Open! *\$50 Walk-In Registration

Due to space limitations, walk-ins can't be assured of preferred workshop choices.



Faith Formation News

March 15, 2026 Fourth Sunday
of LENT

*"While I am in the world, I
am the light of the world."*

Seeing the Face of Christ

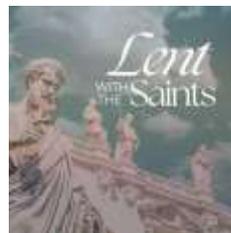
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. A great promise...and one to be responded to with our whole desire. This vision is also our assurance, as John the Apostle said: We are now God's children. It does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. This vision is eternal life, as Truth himself said in the Gospel: This is life eternal, to know you the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

It is a hateful blotch which deprives us of this vision.... Just as our bodily sight is blurred by some inner fluid or some outer speck of dust, so spiritual insight is impeded either by the lust of our own flesh or by worldly curiosity and ambition.... It sometimes happens that the physical eye seems to remain dim for a little while even after a speck has been taken out or blown away. And it is the same with the inner eye, as the man who walks in the Spirit has often experienced. Even when you have taken out shrapnel, a wound does not immediately begin to heal, but you must then first apply poultices and nurse it...Washing with water is not sufficient; you must also be purified and refined with fire, so you may say: *We have gone through fire and water; and you have brought us forth into a place of refreshment (Ps 66:12). Blessed are the pure in heart, then, for they shall see God.* Now we see in a mirror dimly, but in the future we shall see face to face, once our face shall have been cleansed of all smut and he shall present it to himself resplendent, without spot or wrinkle.

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux († 1153), considered the last Church Father, was a monastic reformer and a prolific Cistercian preacher. He is a Doctor of the Church.

"The purpose of Lent is not force on us a few formal obligations, but to 'soften' our heart so that it may open itself to the realities of the spirit, to experience the hidden 'thirst' for communion with God." St. John Paul II. If our penances during Lent don't open our heart to thirst more for God, then our actions may be mere external rather internal transformation. This should be true, not only during Lent, but throughout the year. God desires a deeper communion with us, because of his great love for us. Do we desire a deeper relationship with the living God, because of our love? We are called to seek the Lord with our whole heart. He seeks us, but waits for us to want more of him in our lives.

What will accomplish this in your life? Don't settle for trinkets when you can have the real stuff.



"Lent is a time for us to empty ourselves of worldly distractions and allow God fill us with his love, his grace and his peace."

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Life is full of distractions, which take our minds and hearts away from the source of our being,

namely, God. Some of these distractions are temptations that point us to self-gratification or self-importance. Lent is a grace-time given to us by God to return back to him. The Book of Revelations put it thus: "Return to your first love." What are the contents of our daily lives that lead us to God and what are the ones that are distractions that lead us away from God? Lent is a time for filtering our thoughts, words and deeds through the lens of grace, so that what remains is good, perfect and pleasing to God. *"A saint is a sinner who keeps trying."* **St. Josemaria Escriva.** During this Lenten season our journey may follow an up and down cycle. Climbing a mountain is never easy. There are many slips and struggles, many next steps, bringing us closer to the top. One who is determined to reach the goal doesn't stop because of a partial slip. So must we be in our spiritual journey, determined in spite of our failures, to keep going one step at a time. Failures are just opportunities for us to be more open to the grace of God. For only by the grace of God can we turn a slip into a forward advance. *"Lent is a time of grace, a time for conversion, a time to come home to God."* **St. Maximilian Kolbe.** Return to the Lord was the prophet message God gave to his Chosen People. It is the same message he speaks to us every Lent. It is not an external call to return. It is an internal transformation that God is seeking in each of us. When we sin, we are still in the presence of the Lord. But our heart distanced itself from God. A heart contrite and humble, God will not turn away. As we confront our sins, as we seek to remove them from our heart, as we grow in intimacy with God. we will be returning to the Lord in a meaningful way. Seek the Lord by removing the veil of sin, so that you can see him with the eyes of faith and grace.

Thank you to the Church Family for all the thoughts and prayers, visits, meals, and get well cards during my recovery from hip surgery. You are truly a special Church Family.
Don Moser



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