

Fourth
SUNDAY OF

SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 15, 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.

**One thing I do
know. I was blind
but now I see!**

JOHN 9:25



**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 Lent
Saturday – March 14 –**

4:00 PM – Rosary
4:30 PM – Francis & Patricia Shanebrook

Sunday, March 15

7:30 AM – Adoration/Rosary
8:00 AM – People of the Parish
10:00 AM – Rosary
10:30 AM – Sylvia Luckenbaugh

**Monday – March 16
NO MASS**

Tuesday – March 17
7:30 AM – Adoration/Rosary
8:00 AM – Jim Gebhart

Wednesday – March 18
6:30 PM – Adoration/ Rosary
7:00 PM – Doris Gebhart

Thursday – March 19
7:30 AM – Adoration/Rosary
8:00 AM – John & Barb Clabaugh



Friday – March 20
7:30 AM – Adoration/Rosary
8:00 AM – Frank Gabovetz
7:00 PM- Stations of the Cross

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
Saturday – March 21**

4:00 PM – Rosary
4:30 PM – People of the Parish
Sunday, March 22 – Potpie Dinner
7:30 AM – Adoration/Rosary
8:00 AM – Miriam Clabaugh, Birthday
10:00 AM – Rosary
10:30 AM – Brian Arentz



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.**



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

In seeking a King for the Israelites, Samuel traveled to Jesse of Bethlehem, who had seven sons. Commanded by God to ignore the elder sons, Samuel anointed the youngest, David.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Paul exhorts the Ephesians to live as “children of light” in goodness and truth and to avoid evil deeds “done in darkness.”

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Jesus performs the miracle of giving sight to the man born blind. Because Jesus performed this miracle on the Sabbath, the Pharisees called him a “sinner,” but the blind man said, “He is a prophet.” Jesus later reveals to the blind man that He is the Son of Man.

Thank you for all the many cards, notes and good wishes that I received for my 99th birthday! May God bless you for your kindness and thoughtfulness! Gratefully, Margaret Heintzelman

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

“But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart...’ Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in his hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on, the spirit of the Lord rushed upon David.”

How refreshing as we read of God selecting David to lead the people of Israel. He would be their king, composed many of the psalms; it was from his clan that Joseph was to be the foster father of our Savior.

During our Lenten journey, let’s become more aware of the scripture words, that God does not judge us from appearances, our practice of prayer, sacrifice and good works. How essential they are, but we were told the Lord is looking into our hearts. It is not appearances but the motive of our actions that makes the difference.

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

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS



FINANCIAL REPORTS

For the weekend of March 7/8, 2026

Adults		\$3,529.00
Loose		206.00
On-Line Giving		2,510.00
Total		6,245.00
Budgeted - \$4,160.00	over	2,085.00
Poor of the Parish		146.00
Easter Flowers		325.00

68 of 298 Adults used envelopes
32 Online Giving

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Donations of baked good are needed for the Bake Sale. Please bring your donations to the parish center on Saturday, March 21st between 8 am - 10 am, or Sunday March 22nd before 9 am.



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..

400 CLUB

Week 10

3	Bruce & Diane Reid	Mike Shanebrook
220	Dave Weishaar	Cindy Hartlaub
222	Bink & Leah	Sue Miller
271	Kim Beitler	Kim Beitler
294	Jeff Weaver	Doug Clabaugh

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



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



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.**



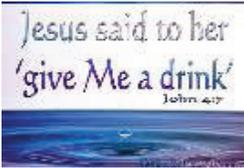
Since we will no longer be selling Gift Cards if sellers have winners they will be able to pick them up at the Rectory during regular office hours. The final drawing will be held on Sunday April 12 from 12pm until 3 pm. A hot turkey meal will be served until 2pm. Please have your tickets with you. Ticket sellers can pick up their new tickets at that time. **NO CARRY OUTS ALLOWED**> Donations of deserts would be appreciated.

The Knights will be selling subs/sandwiches. The orders will be due on Monday March 30th and will be delivered on Tuesday April 7th. There are forms in the back of Church. Any questions or problems call Mike at 717-476-8205

We have COAL tickets available in the back of Church. They are \$5 a chance to win one of 16 prizes ranging from \$15,000 to \$1,000. The drawing will be held Friday May 15. If no one is there you can put the ticket stub and money in an envelope and place it in the Collection Basket. The profit is used to support scholarships for Pa Knights.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday March 15th at 7pm. Please try to attend to get up to date on what is coming up with the local Knights.

Is God calling you to step out and share your faith? The **Adams Deanery St. Paul Street Evangelization Team** is simply about sharing small signs of God's love in simple ways. We stand in public spaces and offer free Miraculous Medals and rosaries, along with a kind word or prayer if someone would like one. That's it—no pressure, no debates, just a peaceful invitation. If evangelization sounds intimidating, don't worry. Most of what we do is smile, greet people, and offer a gift. It's simple, joyful, and anyone can do it. Come join us—you might be surprised how easy and beautiful it is. Please contact Becca Dickerson at bdickerson@sfxcs-pa.org if you're interested in joining our team.



Faith Formation News

March 8, 2026 Third Sunday
of LENT

*“A woman of Samaria
came to draw water....”*

The God Who Thirsts

We see God begging for a drink of water from a human being, and a sinful one at that. On the cross, too, He will exclaim, *I thirst*, and soon after, as the surprising result of that thirst, water and blood flow from His Heart. Indeed, He is a thirsty God, a tired God, a God looking for the companionship and dialogue of one of His creatures. How could it be that God is needy?... In Christ the one who by nature has need of nothing outside Himself has nonetheless voluntarily made Himself needy, but only in order to communicate to us the life that is His. This action of making himself needy out of love may well be the greatest and most astounding work of His omnipotence.

What God, who is Love, needs is to give Himself to us, thus obeying the deepest law of His nature as Love, and He can give Himself to us only if He succeeds in kindling within us the light of faith that then provokes in us the yearning for union with Him. The only thing Love wants is to be loved in turn, and, to accomplish this, Love does not hesitate to humiliate Himself and make Himself a beggar: *Give me a drink*, says the immortal Lord to his sinful creature.... We see clearly here that Jesus' human thirst is the means God uses to manifest Himself to us, to communicate to us His divine desire to give Himself to us, and this real, human thirst of Jesus is the condition, as it were, for God to be able to give us the divine water of His grace and life. In a magnificent phrase, Saint Gregory Nazianzen calls Jesus *the thirsty fountain*, that is: the Fountain of Life and Love whose very reason for being is to give itself away. The bold oxymoron Gregory uses tries to babble something of the incomprehensible nature of God's Being as love. To suffer from the thirst to give Himself as the life of the world: this is the whole secret of Jesus' Heart. *Erasmio Leiva-Merikakis, now known as Father Simeon, is a Trappist monk. He is the author of Fire of Mercy, Heart of the Word, a four-volume commentary on Matthew's Gospel.* What was the Samaritan woman looking for in those six men? Pope Benedict XVI wrote that “she thirsts for life itself and that all the assuaging that she seeks and finds cannot slake this living, elemental thirst.... There comes to light the real dilemma, the deep-seated waywardness, of her existence: she is brought face to face with herself.” What brings this about is an encounter with Jesus. From our own deep thirst for love, for salvation, for meaning, we give ourselves to the One who in his thirst asks us for a drink, just as he will thirst—thirst for our souls—from the cross. We firmly hope that at last we will “have peace with God through our Lord

Jesus Christ.” Our “hope does not disappoint.” The Lord is in our midst. Finally satisfaction can happen; this is the Love we have been waiting for.

Have you ever felt restless or quietly dissatisfied, sensing that something in your life needs changing?

Lent offers that opportunity. It is a spiritual reset, inviting us to reorient our hearts toward Christ, the

true source of peace, joy, purpose, and meaning.

Here are practical ways to deepen your encounter with God and His love this Lent.

Faith is relational, not informational. The first

disciples were not content

with simply hearing about Jesus. They wanted to be with Him and know Him personally. Christ extends that same invitation to us today. We respond by making room for Him through prayer and meditation, regular participation in Mass, and time with Scripture, not as duties to complete, but as ways of choosing a living relationship with the One who loves us most.

Choose trust over control. “Let Him lead and guide you,” Pope Leo has urged. God's invitation to deeper friendship is renewed each day, and Lent is a privileged time to respond with intention. Begin each morning by offering your day to God, placing your work, relationships, and uncertainties in His hands. This simple act of trust opens the door to genuine freedom.

Share what you have received. A true encounter with God naturally leads to what Pope Leo called “missionary zeal,” the desire to share with others what we have received. After meeting Christ, St. Andrew simply brought his brother, Simon Peter, to Him. Likewise, sharing your faith is often as simple as an honest conversation with a friend about the source of your hope. You are not persuading or performing; you are inviting someone you care about to meet the Friend who has changed your life.

This Lent let renewal take root. Choose presence, trust, and generosity, and allow God to do the rest.

(Growing in FAITH, February 2026)

Your Lenten Journey is Just Beginning

If the passing of Ash Wednesday has left you feeling as though you have missed the opportunity for a holy Lent, take comfort: **the Lord's invitation to conversion has no expiration.**

Lent is not a mere calendar of days to be checked off, but a profound season of the soul. Whether you have already begun your fast in earnest or are only now hearing the call to deeper prayer, the treasury of the Church's graces remains open to you.

DCHS class of '66 will hold its 60th Reunion luncheon on Saturday, April 25, at Inn 94 Restaurant, [4805 Carlisle Pike, New Oxford, PA](#). For more information, contact Pat (Breiner) Webb at pw4893@gmail.com or Julie (Houser) Hawbaker at 717 632 0620. jue.h3270@gmail.com





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