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**Saint Joseph the Worker
Bonneauville, Pennsylvania**



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✦ AUGUST 23, 2026

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

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 22

4:00 PM – Rosary

4:30 PM – Richard Barbagallo

Sunday – August 23

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

Tuesday, August 25

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Brian Arentz

Wednesday, August 26

6:30 PM – Rosary

7:00 PM – Jim Gebhart

Thursday – August 27

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Anna Golden

Friday – August 28

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Sally Weaver

Saturday, August 29

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Souls in Purgatory

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 30

4:00 PM – Rosary

4:30 PM – Int. of Dot & Jack Busbey

Sunday – August 30

7:30 AM – Adoration/Rosary

8:00 AM – People of the Parish

10:00 AM – Rosary

10:30 AM – Vonnie Orndorff

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, Pam Lambert, Wyatt Esworthy, Lisa Barefoot Waggoner, Mike Shanebrook, Brad Clabaugh, Lorine Schwab, 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, Kim Beitler, Mary Beachtel Arvin, Darlene Long, Sally Irwin, Jane Irwin Hollabaugh, Mike Farrell, Nora Keller, Rebecca Weaver, Arthur Hammett, Barbara Onorato, Anna Sneeringer, Bob Clabaugh, Helen Sneeringer, Jasmine, Margaret Heintzelman, Diana Pfaff, Bob Dempsey, Annette Farrell Kennedy, Sherry Deardorff, Dean Drawbaugh, Gary Wilson 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.**



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

This passage refers to the use of authority and indicates the Key as the symbol of authority. The words “open” and “shut” refer to the power that will eventually be given to Peter.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Paul writes ecstatic and praise-filled words about God’s plan for his people. In him, he writes, “all things are.”

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus asks his disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter exclaims, “You are the Messiah!” Christ then declares that Peter is the “Rock” upon which he will build his Church, promising him the power “to bind” and “to loose.”



Thank you to all who gave so generously to the Missionary Cooperative Appeal last weekend, the parish collected \$1,309.00 for the Piarist Fathers and Brothers.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Who do people say the Son of Man is?... But he said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon says in reply, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God’. Jesus said to him in reply, ‘Blessed are you Simon son of Jonah...And I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church...I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.’”

The dialogue between Jesus and Simon Peter is unforgettable, and the promise of Petrine authority was fulfilled after the resurrection, when Peter was told, ‘Feed my lambs.’ We fast forward and recall the conclave of one year ago, when Cardinal Robert Prevost was chosen by the Cardinals, and the Holy Spirit, to guide our church. How well we rejoiced to hear ‘Habemus Papam.’

Who is Robert Prevost? He is Pope Leo XIV, chosen to be the chief shepherd of the flock. We pray for him, as the keys of Peter have been entrusted to him. He had wonderful predecessors like John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis.



HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

FINANCIAL REPORTS

For the weekend of August 15/16, 2026

Adults	\$ 2,812.00
Loose	213.00
On-Line Giving	1,440.00
Total	4,465.00
Budgeted - \$4,160.00 over	305.00
Assumption of BVM	545.00
Missionary Cooperative	994.00

**60 of 298 Adults used envelopes
33 Online Giving**

**Next second collection is
"Peter Pence Collection" the weekend
Of September 11/12, 2026**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT



400 CLUB FINAL DRAWING

We would like to thank everyone who helped with our latest club. The ticket sellers, buyers, anyone who donated baked goods, helped prepare the food, worked in the kitchen and those who helped to clean up afterwards. We made a profit of \$3,343.12. The first drawing for the new club will be on September 6, 2026. We have one "13" jar that was not claimed. The Serial #1495913 with the winning #113. If you have the stub please see Mike Shanebrook. A list of winners are in the bulletin.



SAVE THE DATE: ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH PICNIC WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH IN THE PARISH CENTER. FUN, FOOD AND GAMES FOR ALL!

ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Cemetery Memorial Walkway Brick Orders:

We are currently taking new brick orders for the cemetery walkway. Bricks can be purchased for \$75 in honor of a person or anniversary or in memory of a loved one. The order form can be downloaded from our website or contact the parish office. Bricks will be ordered and installed this spring.



SAVE THE DATE: THE PARISH 40 HOURS DEVOTION WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 25TH, 26TH, AND CLOSING ON THE 27TH. REV. FR. KEITH

CARROLL, PASTOR OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM CHURCH, NEW OXFORD, WILL BE THE HOMILIST. We hope you can make time to attend these Eucharistic Devotions.



ATTENTION PARENTS of children who are not attending Catholic Schools The 2026-2027 CCD Classes will begin on Sunday September 13th at 9:10AM until 10:20AM in the Deacon Weaver Center. If you are new to the parish or your child will be entering kindergarten or 1st grade, please fill out the forms located in the vestibule of the church and return them to the parish office or place in collection basket, or email to stjosephgetccd@gmail.com. **If any of your contact information has changed since last year, please fill out a new form.** Please remember that if your child does not attend catholic school, your child should be attending CCD classes each week as well as weekly Mass attendance.



The Knights will hold a Sub and Sandwich sale. The orders will be due on Monday August 24th and the subs and sandwiches will be delivered on Tuesday September 1st.



"This year's parish golf tournament is being held at Flatbush Golf Course on September 12th. Registration forms have been mailed to past sponsors and participants. Additional forms are available in the vestibule of the church. Please return forms by September 2nd. Contact Bill Getz with questions or if you're able to help with the tournament."

Delone Catholic High School Class of 1967 Reunion at Inn 94, September 5th from 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM. contact Don Aumen at 717-451-0021 if you are attending.

An Invitation: Conewago District Council of Catholic Women Annual Mass & Dinner. All women of the parish are cordially invited to attend the Annual Conewago District Council of Catholic Women (CDCCW) Mass and Dinner being held at St. Vincent DePaul Parish, Hanover, on Thursday, September 10th. Mass is at 6pm, followed by dinner in the Gotwalt Hall catered by LaCucina. Cost: \$25.00 per person. RSVP to Marcia Mojica at 717-253-8373 or Sue Miller at 717-334-2510 by August 30th. If you plan to attend. The PCCW will pay \$10.00 toward the meal.



Faith Formation News

August 23, 2026

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

I Knew It Was Christ

[Our sisters] had to go to the home for the dying. And before they went, I said to them..."You saw during Holy Mass with what tenderness, with what love, Father was touching the Body of Christ. Make sure it is the same body in the poor that you will be touching. Give that same love, that same tenderness." They went. After three hours they returned, and one of them came up to my room and said, "Mother, I've been touching the body of Christ for three hours." Her face was shining with joy. I said, "What did you do, sister?" "Well, just as we arrived, they brought a man covered with maggots. He had been picked up from a drain. And for three hours, I have been touching the body of Christ. I knew it was he..." This young sister...understood that Jesus cannot deceive. He had said so: *I was sick and you took care of me. Saint Teresa of Calcutta († 1997) founded the Missionaries of Charity and won the Nobel Peace Prize. / From The Writings of Mother Teresa of Calcutta.*

August 29, Saturday

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist



By dying for the truth, John the Baptist prepared the way for the Lord's Passion. He was a "righteous and holy man" through and through, and the Gospel today reveals that Herod, even while being rebuked, "liked to listen to him." This can only be accounted for by the Baptist's great love. All of us find in John the Baptist an

inspiration to live with courageous love.

The Courage to Stand in the Truth

A brave man, who has produced that supreme act, that singular testimony to Christian truth which we call martyrdom, in one step passes from earth to heaven. No martyr sneaks into heaven like a thief; there is no martyr who stumbles into heaven as though he had been hurled along by a hurricane of prayer. There is no hesitation or dallying along the way for the martyr that he might shine up just a little more for a fitting entry into the city of God. Rather the martyr sweeps into heaven like a conqueror coming home. That is precisely what he is. He has lost his life in order to find it; he has made the difficult choice of death in preference to desertion of the faith or of virtue. He has conquered death like his Master....

Such a man is certainly a man of virtue. He has stood firm in truth and justice, which is the very essence of virtue.... He is a brave man, for he has stood against the great evil of death in a private war for the divine good of virtue. He is a man of faith, for he has witnessed to that faith even at the cost of his life; and he is a man of charity, for the norm of friendship is sacrifice, and he has made the supreme sacrifice....It takes courage to be human. It takes even more courage to be Catholic. And

it takes still more courage to reach those sublime heights of Catholicism which are called sanctity. Or, to put it another way, courage is necessary for the practice of virtue. As a man becomes more and more virtuous, he faces more and more difficulties and so needs more and more courage. Man needs courage to face human life, for human life cannot be lived without virtue, without good habits, without reason being in command. By Catholic life a man steps above the limits of mere humanity; he must not only be human now, thoroughly human, he must be divinely human; his ends are no longer the ends of mere man but the ends of God.

Father Walter Farrell, o.p. († 1951) was a noted Dominican friar, preacher, and scholar. / From A Companion to the Summa, Vol. III: The Fullness of Life.

Reflection: It Takes Courage to Be Catholic

Being Catholic is not simply a matter of belief — it is a daily act of faith that requires **courage**. The Gospel of Mark 6:50 reminds us: *"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid!"* This is not a dismissal of fear, but a call to trust in God's presence even in the midst of storms.

Christian Courage Is Not Absence of Fear

Catholic teaching defines courage (fortitude) as the virtue that enables us to overcome fear, even fear of death, and to face trials and persecutions. It is not recklessness, but the steady decision to act rightly despite danger or discomfort. This courage is rooted in love for God and a commitment to truth, justice, and the good of others.

Living Catholic Courage Daily

Courage in Catholic life can be:

Quiet courage — persevering in prayer, virtue, and service without fanfare.

Prompt courage — standing up for what is right when danger is near, like Kendrick Castillo who sacrificed his life to save others.

Faithful courage — trusting God's promises even when circumstances seem hopeless, remembering that *"I AM"* is God's name, revealing His power and love.

A Call to Daily Conversion

Like the Apostles, we may have "hardened hearts" when we fail to fully grasp God's love and presence. The reflection challenges us to: Identify the fears that paralyze us.

Turn our gaze from the cause of fear to Jesus walking toward us.

Invite Him into our hearts, trusting His promise to be with us wherever we go.

In conclusion: Being Catholic is a journey of faith that demands courage — the courage to trust in God's presence, to act in love despite fear, and to follow Christ without counting the cost. As the Gospel says, *"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid!"* Let these words be our daily prayer, anchoring us in faith and hope.



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