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## 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name  
who can at the same time speak ill of me.  
For whoever is not against us is for us."

Mk 9:39-40



### Pastor

Fr. James Power

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### St Joseph Parish

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#### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-12:00  
pm | by appointment from 1:30-  
4:00 pm. Closed Friday

#### Parish Staff

Director of Faith Formation /  
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Monica Baker

# Sunday, September 29, 2024

# From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Two weeks ago, we announced that our Mass schedule will be:

**Saturday 5:15 PM at St. Joseph Church**

**Sunday 8:30 AM at St. Anthony Church**

**Sunday 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church**

**This new Mass schedule will take effect next weekend (October 5th and 6th).** Last week, I wrote about how this schedule change is going to be a difficult transition for those who have been accustomed to a particular Mass time at a particular church. I wrote about how we can offer up our crosses, difficulties, and inconveniences as a prayer to God for some particular intention. This week, however, I'd like to focus on some of the positive aspects of this change.

Back when I was in seminary in Baltimore, I recall one of my professors, Fr. Robert Leavitt, spending a good deal of time in his class talking about how we can find ways to confront this growing secularism in our society. He spoke about some studies which indicated that the number of people at Mass can have an impact on whether a parish grows or shrinks. If a particular parish were to have three different Masses, but for each Mass the church is only at 25% capacity, then visitors who come to the church will see an empty church

and will be less prone to return. But if the same parish were to have only one Mass, and the church is 75% full at that one Mass, visitors who show up will see a church that looks full and active, and will be more inclined to join the community. It's almost counterintuitive: if people have a hard time finding a parking spot or a seat, they're more likely to come back.

I know that both of our parishes are already vibrant communities with lots of activity throughout the year. It may be difficult for many of us to accommodate the change of Mass schedule, but I pray that it is an opportunity for us to enable more growth.

In other news, the St. Anthony Rummage sale is this week. I hope that a lot of St. Joseph people stop down to take a look at the offerings. Even if you choose not to buy any rummage, you can get a great meal.

Also, our Fall Bible Study is starting up on Thursday. I ordered a few extra books, so if anyone wishes to sign up late, we can still accommodate you.

Lastly, next Monday, October 7, is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. We will have a traveling Fatima statue at our 8:00 a.m. morning Mass and we will pray the rosary after Mass, followed by a crowning of the statue and a consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary. While daily Mass is normally in the chapel, this particular Mass will be in the church.

In Christ,  
Fr. Power

## Scripture Readings

*For the Week of Sept. 29, 2024*

**Sunday**

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**Monday**

Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

**Tuesday**

Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8; Lk 9:51-56

**Wednesday**

Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15; Mt 18:1-5, 10

**Thursday**

Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12

**Friday**

Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi

Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16

**Saturday**

Memorial of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

**Sunday**

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 or Mk 10:2-12

### **St. Francis Day Pet Blessing**

**Sunday, October 6, at 1:00 PM - St. Joseph Church**

In honor of St. Francis Day (which is actually October 4), we will be holding a pet blessing on October 6 at 1:00 PM on the front steps of St. Joseph Church (the State Street entrance). All animals are welcome.



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# Mass Intentions

**Monday, September 30**

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph  
Jim Black  
(Jean Hetrick)

**Tuesday, October 1**

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph  
Joan Kraus Konzal  
(Power Family)

**Wednesday, October 2**

† 12:10 am • St. Joseph  
No Mass

**Thursday, October 3**

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph  
Joe Evans  
(Joe & Mary Ann Walsh)

**Friday, October 4**

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph  
Monica Wiesen  
(Geri Carson Family)

**Saturday, October 5**

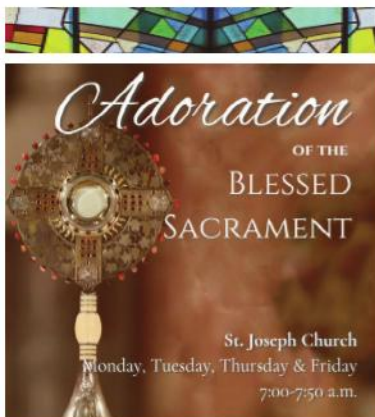
† 5:15 pm • St. Joseph  
Living Members of the Parish

**Sunday, October 6**

† 8:30 am • St. Anthony  
Janice Barkley  
(Judi Torphy)

† 11:00 am • St. Joseph

Melanie Giordano  
(Mom & Dad)  
Mr. & Mrs. Terry Varraux  
(Joe & Mary Szabo)



# Altar Flowers

**St. Joseph • September 29**

**Altar Flowers** at Saint Joseph Church are donated in memory of **Bob & Tim Haines and Beverly D'Urso** by *Rose Marie Haines & Family*

# Candles

**St. Anthony for the Week of September 29**

**The Sanctuary Candle** at Saint Anthony Church is lit for Anita Ference from husband Joe.

**The Sacred Heart Candle** at Saint Anthony Church is lit for Marica ZidaK from husband Vlado & son Johnny.

**Blessed Virgin Mary Candle** at Saint Anthony Church is lit for Frances & John Mazuran from daughter Joanne.

**The St. Joseph Candle** at Saint Anthony Church is lit for Paul Pendel from daughter Liz & Eddie.

**The St. Anthony Candle** at Saint Anthony Church is lit for George "Skip" Houk from wife Dolores.

ATTENTION 10TH - 12TH GRADERS:  
NEW THIS FALL: SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS,  
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

A cartoon illustration of a slice of pizza and a roll of bread, both with faces and arms, holding hands.

JOIN US SUNDAY, OCT. 6 AT 6:00 P.M. IN  
THE CHURCH RECTORY COURTYARD TO  
LEARN MORE AND ENJOY SOME PIZZA  
WITH US!

Facilitators: Kim and Bryon Anzenvino  
Call or email Melissa Joseph to register  
724-981-3232 x 14  
stjosephsharonfaithformation@gmail.com

## EVENTS

FAITH FORMATION

**UPCOMING**

SEPT 29	CONFIRMATION PARENT/STUDENT MEETING (9TH GR) 9:30 GUILD HALL ANNEX
OCT 6	FIRST CONFIRMATION CLASS (9TH GR) 9:30 GUILD HALL ANNEX
OCT 13	FIRST OCIA CLASS 12:00 P.M. CHOIR ROOM

# Please Pray For

Ford Bartle, Liam Rueberger, Peggy Heldorfer, Gene Pacsi, William Haroldson, Helen Donnelly, Msgr. Andrew Karg, Lois Trimble, Adele Ontko, Delbert Ontko, Beth Bottenfield, Rich Pannutti, Ed Doughty, Jean Hetrick, Barbara Burdick, Frances Rice, Marie Peterson, Ed Gursky Sr., Ed Gursky Jr., Joe Biro, Chuck H., Mary Ellen Luensman, Lorraine Penhos, Walter Zuhosky, Loretta Krutsch, Chris Samu, Lisa Dawson, Barbara LeMon, Marcie Mondoc, Dennis Staul and Teresa Kramer.

# Funeral

Our sympathy and prayers to the family of Ruth Lakatos. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

## Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary And Consecration to Her Immaculate Heart

On the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary October 7 at the 8:00 AM Mass at St. Joseph Church

At Fatima, Mary asked us to consecrate the world to her Immaculate Heart. St. Joseph Parish will be hosting the Blue Army on Monday, October 7, at the 8:00 AM Mass for a rosary, a crowning of Mary, and prayers of consecration to her Immaculate Heart. One of the traveling Fatima Statues will be visiting our church for these prayers. The statue also includes relics of the True Cross, Sts Francisco and Jacinta (the child visionaries of Fatima), and Padre Pio. All are invited to attend.



**Attention St. Anthony Parishioners:** Please remove all spring and summer decorations (this includes decorations inside the vases) from our cemeteries: Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Holy Cross, Holy Trinity, and St. Stanislaus by November 1st. Thank you.

# St. Joseph News and Announcements



## "Canned Fruit"

Please place your donation in the shopping cart located in the Gathering Space or at the Clepper's entrance.

### Upcoming Featured Items

Cereal \* Peanut Butter \* Canned Veggies

For qualified individuals, upcoming October Food Pantry distribution dates are Friday, October 4th and 18th from 9:30-11:00 am.

## FALL RAFFLE DINNER - OCTOBER 12 AFTER 5:15 P.M. MASS

Everyone is welcome to our Fall Raffle Dinner. Cost is \$15 for Adult, \$5 Youth (ages 5-12) and 4 and under are free. Dinner fee may be paid in advance at the church office or at the door. An **RSVP is REQUIRED** to help us plan and to accommodate for food preparations by signing your name and how many would be attending on **one** of the sign up sheets located at each entrance by Monday, October 7.

Dinner includes: Sausage & Peppers, Pork Tenderloin, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Toss Salad, Dessert & Beverage.

**St. Joseph Church**

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Drawing **October 12th 2024**

Only 1500 Tickets Sold!

Donation: **\$20 a ticket.**

**DRAWING OCT 12, 2024**

**7TH Annual FALL Raffle TICKETS ONLY \$20 ea.**

## Christmas Shoe Box Program 2024 - BOX of JOY

Packing Shoebox items for children overseas, ages 3 to 15, was such a wonderful Parish program last year. We are so pleased to invite all Parishioners to participate again this year.



The first opportunity is to gather school supplies and small gifts, for boys and girls ages 3 to 15, now thru October. You can drop off those items into the two collection boxes at our church entrances. Shipping costs will be \$10 per shoebox, and if you would like to make a donation, make checks payable to St. Joseph Church with Christmas Shoebox on the memo line.



Thank you to everyone who is supporting the Christmas Shoebox Program, Box of Joy.

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# St. Anthony News and Announcements

## Memorial Contributions

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION

M/M Clyde McCartney, Judy Carly, M/M Joe Harkulich, Helen Styduhar, M/M Don Hoelzel, M/M Bob Churlik, Marie, Albin Jaklic & Family, Frank & Judy Mindocino, Anne Marie & Joe, M/M Mark Myers, Inge J. Sykes & Family, M/M Robert Horvath, M/M Michael Martin, Charlene Styduhar, M/M Glen Pettey, M/M Gary Kleinfelder, Greg Pendel, Patricia Golubich, Angela Virostick, Joanne Schell, Audra Ganiear to St. Anthony Church in memory of George 'Skip' Houk.

Thank you to Charlie Kordich for his donation of a new amplifier for the church. May God Bless you for your generosity.



St. Anthony turkey bingo raffle tickets will be available Sunday, October 6, and will be located on the back table by the unused confessional. Please pick yours up today. For every 2 books of raffle tickets you sell, you get one book free! Tickets can be mailed to St. Anthony Church or put in the offertory, attention Mary Ann. Deadline to return tickets is Monday, November 4th.

**Request for Baked Goods:** If you have some spare time and feel inspired, we are asking for donations of baked goods for Turkey Bingo. What's a Bingo without plenty of sweets? Donations can be brought to the Antonium before Mass on Sunday, November 10th. Thank You!

There was no winner  
for the September 22nd Pot O' Gold

Remember to enter your weekly envelope  
to be eligible for the drawing.

**ST. ANTHONY RUMMAGE SALE**

**Wednesday, Oct. 2**  
2-5pm

**Thursday, Oct. 3**  
9am-2pm

**Friday, Oct. 4**  
9am-2pm

**Saturday, Oct. 5**  
9am-12 Noon

**DAILY SPECIALS & FOOD CAFE**

Clothes, Shoes, Toys,  
Dishes, Furniture &  
More!  
Lottery Tree

# Our Stewardship

## Offertory for the

### Weekend of September 22nd

#### St. Anthony

Sunday Offertory..... \$3,720  
 Attendance..... 123

#### St Joseph

Sunday Offertory..... \$6,498  
 Budgeted Offertory..... \$7,174  
 Deficit..... \$676  
 Number of Envelopes Returned ..... 163

### Our gratitude to

those who support our parishes.



# Ministry Schedule— Oct. 5/6

## St. Joseph • 5:15 pm (Saturday)

Lector ..... S. McLaughlin  
 Extraordinary Ministers  
 of Communion ..... M. Orchard, S. Messina, S. Delp  
 Altar Server ..... D. Eller, Volunteer  
 Greeter ..... F. Giroski

## St. Anthony • 8:30 am (Sunday)

Lector ..... L. Kubyako  
 Extraordinary Ministers  
 of Communion ..... D. Moats, R. Radkowski  
 Altar Server ..... M. Podolan  
 Offertory Counters..... Group 2

## St. Joseph • 11:00 am (Sunday)

Lector ..... J. Bonomo  
 Extraordinary Minister  
 of Communion .... P. Emery, J. Sherbine, K. Bonomo  
 Altar Server ..... A., O., and V. Haroldson  
 Greeter ..... M. & E. Rodriguez



The words in today's gospel, "Whoever gives a cup of water in the name of Christ will not lose their reward" hits us at home. As parents we gain our "reward" when we bring a bottle to a crying infant in the middle of the night, or juice boxes to parched five-year olds, or hold ice chips to the fevered lips of a spouse. It is that simple and that sacred. In our homes we give until it hurts "in the name of Christ."

# Pastoral Care

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** We are pleased to visit the sick or home-bound and administer the sacraments. Please contact the parish office, or Fr. Jamie at 724-981-3232 to make the staff aware of your need. NOTE: Due to privacy laws effecting hospitals and care facilities families are asked to make our parish office aware of an admission so we don't miss visiting the sick.

**Baptism:** A pre-baptism class is required before scheduling a baptism. Please call 724-981-3232 to schedule a class and your baptism date.

**Matrimony:** Please contact the pastor for marriage preparation at least one year in advance of the wedding.

**Prayer Line:** For intentions, please call 724-981-3232.



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