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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 13, 2024

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

On the afternoon of Saturday, October 12, I had the honor to preside at the marriage of Rob and Hannah Yaggi. Hannah grew up at St. Joseph's but now lives in the Pittsburgh area. Please keep these newlyweds in your prayers, that they may have a happy and holy life together.

Last Sunday, in commemoration of St. Francis Day, we had a blessing for animals. I was pleased to be able to bless about a dozen dogs and one cat. There were no exotic pets this year. Maybe next year.

You may recall that I have had two short absences from the parish so I could celebrate family weddings. I presided at my brother's wedding at the end of September and then my cousin's wedding a week later. Well... the family celebrations are not over, and I will

be missing one more weekend. But I'm relieved to report that it will be my last absence from the parish for several months. I will be away from the parish next week because I will be in India, as odd as that may sound. My brother's wife is originally from India, and when they were planning their wedding, they also included a celebration with her family back home. So 40 of us Americans will be heading to Jaipur, India, to meet my sister-in-law's family and to have a celebration with them.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone for your graciousness as we implemented the new Mass schedule last weekend. I was very pleased to see a lot of St. Joseph's people at St. Anthony Church and a lot of St. Anthony people at St. Joseph Church. I know that our cooperation will work to strengthen both of our parishes.

In Christ,
Fr. Power

Scripture Readings

For the Week of October 13, 2024

Sunday

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17;
Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 or Mk 10:17-27

Monday

Memorial of Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48;
Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Hedwig, Religious, and Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6;
Lk 11:47-54

Friday

Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist
2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145: 10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Saturday

Memorial of Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs
Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22;
Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or Mk 10:42-45

Catholic Community of Sharon



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Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments – Is Your Child Street

Smart? Being street smart means knowing how to keep yourself safe from strangers when you're alone or with other kids. When you're street smart you know your way around, you know how to handle yourself in tough situations and you can "read" people. Teach your child who are strangers - anyone they do not know or kind of know- and to never approach a stranger's vehicle. Teach your child to always tell you where they are. Teach your child to always go with a friend or two whether walking to school, bike riding or going to the store. Pick out safe spots where your child can go and get help - places like police stations, stores, restaurants. Teach them how to spot safe places on their route and to avoid places that aren't safe. Finally, teach your child to trust their instincts and to make a lot of noise if they are scared. For more information visit www.kidshealth.org. For additional resources visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection.

Respect Life Month "An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: <https://www.usccb.org/end-of-life-care>."

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 14

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
Melanie Giordano
(Mom & Dad)

Tuesday, October 15

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
Michael Kuzel
(Sandy & Richard Graham)

Wednesday, October 16

† 12:10 am • St. Joseph
No Mass

Thursday, October 17

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
No Mass

Friday, October 18

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
No Mass

Saturday, October 19

† 5:15 pm • St. Joseph
William Ogg
(Dorothy & Family)

Sunday, October 20

† 8:30 am • St. Anthony
Anita Ference
(husband Joe)

† 11:00 am • St. Joseph

Living Members of St. Joseph and
St. Anthony Parishes

Weekly Reminder

For the Week of October 13

Sunday, October 13

12:00 pm • St. Joseph
First OCIA Class - Choir Room



Altar Flowers

St. Joseph • October 13

Altar Flowers at Saint Joseph Church are donated in memory of **Clemens & Rosemarie Horstman** by Family

Candles

St. Anthony • Week of October 13

The Sanctuary Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for John R. Gasparec from sister Dolores & Skip Houk and brother Steve.

The Sacred Heart Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for Marica Zidak from husband Vlado and son Johnny.

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for Ann & Al Gryc from niece Dolores and Skip Houk.

The St. Joseph Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for Frank Cherry from aunt Norma Gianni & family.

The St. Anthony Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for Mary Ann Bonanni from Mary Ann.



September 19, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In 2024, World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on the

weekend of October 19- 20. Donations collected at these worldwide Masses go entirely to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. World Mission Sunday supports over 1,150 mission territories specifically in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Pacific Islands, and the Middle East. In the 1800's, it was the Catholic Church in the United States that benefitted from this collection. Now is our chance to give back.

This year's theme is: "Go and invite everyone to the banquet." (cf. Mt 22:9). This message, rooted in the parable of the wedding banquet, calls us to a renewed sense of our missionary

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, Lisa Dawson, Barbara LeMon, Marcie Mondoc, Dennis Staul and Carol Thomas.

Funeral

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

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.

responsibility. Pope Francis emphasizes the call to every Christian to bear witness to Christ, to participate in a mission of universal evangelization, and to seek strength and guidance from the Holy Spirit. As we prepare for World Mission Sunday, may we be inspired by the words of Pope Francis. Let us pray that the Lord may help us to be a more missionary Church, reaching out to every corner of the earth with His message of love and salvation.

With gratitude for your generosity, and with prayers for a fruitful celebration of World Mission Sunday, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

St. Joseph News and Announcements



"Peanut Butter"

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

Upcoming Featured Items

Canned Veggies * Paper Towels * Canned Tuna

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

Christmas Shoe Box Program 2024 - BOX of JOY

SHOE BOX PACKING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 at 3:00 p.m.

We still need small gifts for boys and girls ages 3 to 15.

Please join us for two hours on Packing Sunday.

Shipping costs will be \$10 per shoebox, and if you would like to make a donation, make checks to St. Joseph Church with Christmas Shoebox in the memo line.



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



WEST HILL MINISTRY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

October 16, 2024 we are starting our after school program for children grades K to 6 and it will be held each Wednesday and Thursday. It is an after school program from 2:30 to 5:00 PM.

Volunteers are needed to staff the program. Each day we have a craft segment, games, a religious presentation and a snack. You may contact the church office at 724-981-3232 and leave a message with your number for Mary Beth Jones. If you feel you are unable to volunteer, any financial donations would be appreciated for West Hill Ministries.

Many thanks in advance,
Mary Beth Jones

St. Joseph All Souls Service

St. Joseph Church invites you and your family to attend the All Souls Day Prayer Service on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the church. If you have a loved one who has died in the past year, and you would like to have them honored during this service, please call the office at 724-981-3232 during office hours, before October 16, to RSVP.

St. Anthony News and Announcements

St. Anthony Office Permanently Closed

As of October 1st, the St. Anthony parish office is permanently closed, this includes no walk-ins or no phone calls/messages will be accepted. To conduct business, please call St. Joseph Church Office at 724-981-3232 or stop by during open office hours at 79 Case Ave., Sharon, PA.

Memorial Contributions

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION

Ann-Marie & Carlos Boulton to St. Anthony Church in memory of George 'Skip' Houk and SNPJ Lodge No. 31 to St. Anthony Church in memory of John Novak.



St. Anthony turkey bingo raffle tickets 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. Donations can be brought to the Antonium before Mass on Sunday, November 10th. Thank You!

Volunteers are needed to help with Turkey Bingo on Sun., Nov. 10th. If you can give of your time, a sign-up sheet is in the vestibule of the church. Your help would be very much appreciated!



There was no winner for the October 6th Pot O' Gold

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



Congratulations to the following October 250 Club Raffle Winners

\$ 50 Cynthia Robinson
\$ 50 Marianne Butala

\$ 50 Audra Ganear
\$100 Bernadine Yuran

Our Stewardship

Offertory for the Weekend of October 6th

St. Anthony

Sunday Offertory..... \$2,292
Attendance..... 109

St Joseph

Sunday Offertory..... \$6,722
Budgeted Offertory..... \$7,174
Deficit..... \$452
Number of Envelopes Returned 149

*Our gratitude to
those who support our parishes.*



Ministry Schedule— Oct. 19/20

St. Joseph • 5:15 pm (Saturday)

Lector J. Bonomo
Extraordinary Ministers
of Communion K. Bonomo, P. Dach, F. Smeraglia
Altar Server D. Eller
Greeter F. Giroski

St. Anthony • 8:30 am (Sunday)

Lector M. Mesin
Extraordinary Ministers
of Communion C. Styduhar, C. Ziegler
Altar Server D. Moats
Offertory Counters..... Group 4

St. Joseph • 11:00 am (Sunday)

Lector M. Joseph
Extraordinary Minister
of Communion M. B. Jones, J. McLaughlin, V. Mulligan
Altar Server V. Donatelli, T. & C. Joseph
Greeter M. & E. Rodriguez



Placing a Bulletin Announcement

We would like to invite and welcome all church groups or organizations from both parishes to submit their blurbs for any upcoming events to be advertised in our bulletin. The following criteria are required when submitting a blurb.

1. Your bulletin blurb must be submitted via email two weeks prior to the week you wish to have it appear in the bulletin.
2. Blurb **must be sent digitally in a Word.doc or Jpeg format and emailed to: StJosephChurchOffice@gmail.com** as how you would like it to appear. (Proper grammar, spelling, artwork, layout and etc.)
3. Be mindful of size.
4. We will do our best to post your blurb as per your request. If space is limited, church information will always have precedence.
5. Submissions are posted on a first-come, first-served basis as received, as space allows and as approved by the Pastor.

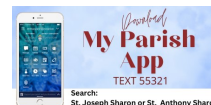
Baptism: A pre-baptism class is required before scheduling a baptism. Please call 724-981-3232 to schedule a class and your baptism date.

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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Welcome to St. Joseph and St. Anthony Partnered Parishes.

We welcome you to join either parish by completing the pre-registration form below and placing it in the offertory basket at Mass.

I would like to become a member at:

St. Joseph Parish

St. Anthony Parish

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____



If you need consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith-based sharing group is for you. Seasons of Hope is a unique 6-week Bereavement Support Group.

Members of *Notre Dame - St. Bartholomew* and *St. Joseph – St. Anthony of Padua* Parishes are invited to participate in the WINTER SEASON, to be offered at two sites beginning in November.

Seasons of Hope is a unique support group for the bereaved. This program is rooted in Catholic tradition, conveying God's consolation through scripture, prayer, reflection and sharing our faith. Whether your loss is recent or long ago, if you are searching for our Lord in the midst of your grief, Seasons of Hope can help. It is a nurturing link to the Church, the Almighty, and people of faith who truly understand what it means to be brokenhearted.

ST. JOSEPH – ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SITE

For more information: Please call Bob Clarke: 724-584-6847

To Register Contact: Fran Billen: fbillen56@gmail.com or Patty Dodd: podd1020@yahoo.com

BROCHURE will be sent to you upon request.

NOTRE DAME - ST. BARTHOLOMEW SITE

For more information: Please call Kathy Higgins: 724-342-7858

or

Joanne Schell: 724-301-2614

BROCHURE will be sent to you upon request

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP WINTER SEASON



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ST. JOSEPH SITE

Mondays
(6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)

November 11

November 18

November 17

November 25

December 19

December 16

NOTRE DAME SITE

Tuesdays
(3:00 pm – 5:00 pm)

November 12

November 19

November 26

December 3

December 10

December 17

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