Saint Joseph Church

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Rev. Thomas J. Whitman, Pastor
Director of Religious Ed: Sr. Sandy Pedone, H.M.
Parish Secretary: Lori Vasconi
Financial Secretary: Carol Koch
Maintenance: Brad Goodall
Music Director: Mary Messina

Office Hours
Monday - Friday,
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
[closed 12:30-1:30 PM]

Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil: 5:15 PM
Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 AM
Weekday: M, T, Th, Fri: 8:00 AM
Wed.: 12:10 PM
(Check weekly bulletin for changes.)

Confessions
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM or by request.

Religious Education Program
Sundays: 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM
CCD Grades K-10 at Case Avenue Elem.
School, Grade 11 in the church annex.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Every Wednesday after the 12:10 PM Mass in
the Mother’s Chapel.

Shenango Valley Catholic School System
Mr. William Lyon, Principal, Kennedy
Catholic Middle and High Schools:
724-346-5531
Mr. Joshua Testa, Principal
St. John Paul II: 724-342-2205

PARISHIONER PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
NAME____________________________
STREET_________________________
CITY & ZIP________________________
PHONE_________________
E-Mail_________________________

Place completed form in today’s collection basket or drop it off in the church office.

Baptism: Please contact the parish office to
schedule a time and date. A pre-baptism class is
required. No baptisms during Advent and Lent.

Matrimony: By appointment six months in
advance.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA):
Please call the church office at 724-981-3232.

Prayer Line: For intentions, please call
724-342-3456.

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HEARING ENHANCEMENTS AVAILABLE

SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019

SUPER BOWL CHILI FEST
Sunday, Feb. 3
Noon to 1:30 PM
St. Joseph’s Guild Hall
Look inside today’s bulletin for more details!
FUNERAL
Our sympathy and prayers to the families of Phillip Soos and Ann Jofery. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

PASTOR’S COLUMN

SCRIPTURE CLASS: Fr. Tom will be offering another Scripture class – this one will be on the Passion Narratives. We will be looking at the Gospel of Mark and his Passion over a four-week period. Classes will be February 6, 11, 20, 25. February 6 & 20 are Wednesdays and February 11 & 25 are Mondays. You will need a Bible, paper, and a writing instrument.

THANK YOU: Thanks to all those who helped to undecorated the church from Christmas. Your generous gift of your time and hard work helped to make a huge task so much more manageable.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS: As we return to what we call “Ordinary Time” in the Church, our readings speak of the new life and hope that are found in Jesus as he begins his ministry. So quickly we have moved from mangers, shepherds, wise men, and the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes to Jesus at about age 30, Cana in Galilee, a wedding that runs out of wine and a stunning miracle.

The first reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah speaks about the transformation that is happening to the people. They are no longer to be looked at as forsaken or despised, but they will be God’s delight and even God’s spouse! The people then will come to find great joy and hope, not only as a people, but also in this city of Jerusalem that will be the city of God. All that we heard about God coming to dwell among us at Christmas is now being fulfilled in the life of the people.

How fitting then that the second reading from Paul’s letter to the Corinthians would speak of the many gifts the people have and how these gifts need to be shared and used for the good of the community. God’s presence among us awakens in us our own giftedness. And once we discover what our gifts are, we are immediately aware that these gifts are not for our own use, but are to be put at the service of the needs of our community. The Holy Spirit, the presence of God, is real and active in our lives and in our world.

And the gospel today is taken from the writings of John, even though we will be listening to Luke’s gospel for the rest of the year. The story today is that of the wedding at Cana where they run out of wine and Mary intercedes on behalf of the family with Jesus. Jesus makes some protest about this not being “his hour,” but Mary tells the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

There are a number of things to reflect on in this story. Jesus speaks about his “hour” which we have traditionally understood as the “hour” or time of his passion, death and resurrection. This all seems to conclude on “the third day” when Jesus rises from the dead. It is interesting that some scholars connect this story of Cana with the “third day” of creation – the day that God gathered the waters of the sky into one place. And today it is Jesus who is gathering water into six stone water jars each holding 20 to 30 gallons. The jars seem to be empty – they were used for ceremonial washings – most likely all the guests would have cleansed themselves as they arrived. Now the water in these jars would be turned into the finest wine. The time of cleansing was over and now was the time of celebration. Some will even connect this marriage feast with the first reading and that God is marrying his people. God will love us in good times and in bad times, in sickness and in health, God will love us not just all the days of our lives, but will love us into eternal life.

The readings today remind us that with Jesus there is a new creation, a new beginning that is one beyond what we could ever have hoped for or imagined. God really has come to dwell with us, even marry us, so that we might know what the fullness of joy is really like.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF ERIE

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FEATURED FOOD PANTRY ITEM
Next week’s featured item - **Peanut Butter**. Please place your donation in the shopping cart located in the Gathering Space and thanks for checking the expiration date!

UPCOMING FEATURED ITEMS
Canned Vegetables - Canned Tuna - Canned or Boxed Soups

The Food Pantry is in need of volunteers! Distribution days are the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. If you'd like to volunteer for one or both sessions, please report to the church's lower level at 8:00am on our next distribution days, Friday, February 1 and Friday, February 15.

WELCOME
Baptized this weekend are Nolan Anderson, son of James and Jessica Anderson; Cy Winans, son of Steven and Leah Winans and William DeForest IV, son of William and Leodina DeForest.

BAPTISM CLASS
If you are planning to have your child baptized, a baptism class is required for the parents. A baptism class is scheduled for Wednesday, January 30 at 7:00PM in the choir room. To register, please call the church office at 724-981-3232.

PRO-LIFE ANNUAL BREAKFAST
The Pro-Life of Mercer County’s 17th Annual Breakfast will take place on Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 9:00am. The location is the Park Inn by Radisson, 3377 New Castle Road, West Middlesex, PA. Keynote speaker is Monica Migliorino Miller, the Director of Citizens for a Pro-Life Society and author of “Abandoned - The Untold Story of the Abortion Wars”.

Tickets are $16 adults/$10 children through age 19. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Susan Wallace at suanwallace@hotmail.com or 724-815-5221; or Bob Lackey at rlackey@glolaw.com or 724-342-6835.

WEEKEND COLLECTION - January 14, 2019
Number of Adult envelopes sent........ 859
Number of Adult envelopes used...... 227
Number of unused envelopes............. 632
Sunday Offertory.......................$ 8,904
Budgeted Offertory....................$10,650
Deficit....................................($ 1,746)


Candlelight March for Life
A Valley-Wide Candlelight March for Life
Thursday, January 24, 2019
5:45pm: Pre-March Warm-Up at St. Joseph
6:15pm: March from St. Joseph to Notre Dame Church
7:00pm: Adoration/Litany of Life Prayer Service
8:30pm: Sending Forth

If you would like more information, please contact Brian Feikles at 814-806-6918 or Notre Dame Church at 724-981-5566.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - Human Trafficking and Protecting Our Youth: Trafficking of youth is a form of modern slavery. It includes both sex trafficking and forced labor. Any child under age 18 engaged in commercial sex is a victim of sex trafficking, even if the youth's participation is not forced or coerced. Be aware of recruiting tactics. Traffickers target victims through social media sites, telephone chat lines, afterschool programs, at shopping malls, bus depots, clubs/bars or through friends and acquaintances. To help protect your child, ask questions about your child’s friends, monitor their computer use and know where he/she hangs out. For more information on protecting our youth from human trafficking visit: https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/trafficking_ts_2018.pdf

To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help maintain safe environments, visit https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/

Play for the “K”
Join us for a night of fun supporting Kennedy Catholic Schools and you could win the K ($1,000)!!

Saturday, Jan. 26
Gym or Multipurpose Room
6:00

Questions? Contact Advancement Director Janet Taylor at jtaylor@kennedycatholicschools.org

COOKIES, POPCORN & CASH BAR

WE’RE DRAWING OUR $1,000 WINNER AND PLAYING:
Sideboards Silent Auction Chinese Auction
50/50 and more!
Mass Intentions
*Indicates Mass Time

Monday, January 21—Heb 5: 1-10 / Mk 2: 18-22
+8:00   Jerry Dunn (Nancy & Earl Mueller)
*6:00   Parish Council Meeting-Choir Room

Tuesday, January 22—Lectionary for Ritual Masses, vol. IV "Mass for Peace & Justice", nos. 887-889
+8:00   Special Intention (Veronica Whitman)

Wednesday, January 23—Heb 7: 1-3, 15-17 / Mk 3: 1-6
+12:10 Bessie Abbate (Betty DiGiorgio)
*2:30   West Hill Ministries

Thursday, January 24—Heb 7: 25-8:6 / Mk 3: 7-12
+8:00   Ed Porterfield (Joe Aiello)
*2:30   West Hill Ministries
*6:00   RCIA-choir room

Friday, January 25—Acts 22: 3-16 or 9: 1-22 / Mk 16: 15-18
+8:00   Msgr. Max Karg (David & Ann U’Halie)

Saturday, January 26—Neh 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12: 12-30/Lk 1: 1-4; 4:14-21
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
+5:15   Margaret Davies Steines (Ellie & Dick Steines)

Sunday, January 27—Neh 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Cor 12: 12-30/Lk 1: 1-4; 4:14-21
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
+8:30   Deceased Members of the Parish
*9:30   First Penance Parent Meeting-Annex
+11:00  Mary Schimp (Family)

Ministry Schedule for January 26/27

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WEEKDAY-HOSPITAL
Jan. 22 - P. Heldorfer
Jan. 23 - P. Emery
Jan. 24 - F. Giroski

January 27
SRMC - D. Ranelli
Nugent - G. Pacsi
Clepper - P. Emery
Welcome

The St. Joseph Confirmation Class will be serving some delicious TAILGATE Chili directly following the 11am Mass on Super Bowl Sunday, February 3 as a service project to help support our Sister Parish, St. Francis Xavier in the Yucatan. Cost for a bottomless mug of Chili is $5 per person (kids under 6 free). Quarts will also be available for sale for $4 each. If you would like to pre-order chili quarts to pick up that day, please call or text 724-977-6993 by JAN. 31.

Come warm your tummy and support a great cause!!

A NIGHT OF IRISH MUSIC

Saturday January 26, 2019 from 7-10 PM
The Guild Hall of St. Joseph Catholic Church
79 Case Avenue, Sharon, PA 16146

Featuring the best local and regional Irish musicians,
Bagpiper Ross Williams and the Burke School of Irish Dance

Admission is Free

Irish foods and beverages will be available at a reasonable cost.

For information, call 724 866 2203

The Hibernian Hunger Project will accept nonperishable food
and monetary donations on behalf of the food pantry. Please be generous!

Welcome

If you are considering or would like to join our parish community, we invite you to please take a Welcome Packet located at each exit or fill out the Pre-Registration Form on the front cover of the bulletin and drop in today’s collection basket and a census form will be mailed to you.