

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
St. Joseph the Worker Parish
"Please, Pray for Our Troops"

Pastor's Corner

The work of the Holy Spirit in the Church has been present from the very beginning. The Council of Jerusalem, from the first reading, is the first council held in order to discern the direction in which the Church needed to move. What is your relationship with the Holy Spirit? Do you reach out to the Holy Spirit for your decisions? How have you discerned the direction of your life? When you are making a difficult decision, do you rely on your Baptism and Confirmation in order to help with the decision? When we received Confirmation we received the Holy Spirit's gifts and fruits. These seven gifts and twelve fruits help our spiritual journey and direct our discernment through life. They cannot be accessed through a cell-phone or computer; only through prayer. In the larger concerns of life, the Holy Spirit is also discerned through the Church and her work in the world. You've got a friend in Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, who will never lead you astray. God's Peace!

Fr. Brian

Year of Faith

We examined how you can experience God in Creation. Though this is a wonderful way of reflecting on the gifts which God has given us, there is a limitation because of the fall of Adam. We then looked at the revelation of God's love for us through Scripture, the Word of God. However, being the inspired word of God, Scripture cannot be interpreted by an individual. The Word of God, is not just Scripture, "the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us., and he saw His glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14) Through the Son we come to know the Father. Jesus, while He walked among us, told us many times that it is the position of the Son to reveal the Father. The greatest revelation was through the humility of the Cross, "though He was in the form of God, (He) did not deem equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, He emptied Himself." (Phil 2: 6-7) Jesus humbled Himself and carried His Cross in love for the Father and us. This manner of love is shown through no other faith tradition; only the Christian understanding of God. This is OUR Faith!



TIME - TALENT - TREASURE

FINANCES AT ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

Last Week's Collection:	\$12,091-50
Yard Sale:	\$ 2,342.40

VOLUNTEER WORK WEEK!

This past weekend and week we had many people who gave of their time and talent so here are a few word of thanks:



Yard Sale Volunteers - thank you for all the sorting and recycling of people's treasures!

Parish Clean-Up Crew - thank you for the beautiful landscaping and moving Mother Mary to a safer place!

Boy Scout Troop 7 - though it was not white water rafting all your hard work was worth the trip!

Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth - the Parish Mission poured forth God's love to so many people!

Liturgical Ministry - the St. Joseph the Worker Mass was a great deal of work with all the grace!

Parish Council Discernment Team - may your effort yield a harvest of leaders for our Parish Family!

May God Bless you for your service to our Parish!

Parish Council Leadership

The Parish of St. Joseph the Worker is looking for new Parish Council Leaders for the coming year. The following are criteria in being a part of parish council:

- Must be a practicing Catholic member of St. Joseph the Worker parish, having received Confirmation and over the age of 18.
- Must be available for monthly meetings, normally the second Tuesday of the month for an hour and half.
- Must be able to bring the concerns of the Parish to the Council in order to discern God's call and the movement of the Holy Spirit within our Parish Family.
- Must be willing to serve on a standing committee to encourage leadership within the Parish.
- Must be willing to work with the Discernment Committee once a year.

We are only asking for a one year commitment with the possibility of discerning for additional years. We are having an informational meeting on **May 4th at 6:00pm and May 5th at 1:30pm**. All are invited to attend! Please enter into prayer, looking at your strengths, gifts and talents and bringing them before God in service to His people.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Jim Foran - 323-3799 or 916-6277
margyjimforan601@cs.com

LAST CLASS for all levels TODAY Sunday, May 5, along with Coffee House and Children's Liturgy of the Word.

FIRST COMMUNION NEWS:

- **First Communion Practice TODAY** Sunday, **May 5** at 9:10am and Friday, **May 17** from 4:30pm-5:30pm.
- **First Communion** will be held Sunday, **May 19** at the 10:30AM Mass.
- If anyone is in need of a First Communion dress please come to the parish office, we have a couple available.



WE CONCLUDE our Religious Education for this year TODAY. Please check the weekly parish bulletin for parish activities and events that you or your family may be interested in.

THANK YOU to all our CATECHISTS and VOLUNTEERS who have assisted in our Religious Education Program in any way during this past year. Without your ongoing support and faithfulness this program would not be possible.

A Special THANK YOU to all the parents, grandparents and guardians who have brought your children to Mass and Class each Sunday.

A Special THANK YOU also to Denise Butler who has coordinated the Coffee Hour Sunday mornings as well as our **Office Volunteers Marsha Person and Vicki Synoracki.**

Please contact **Jim Foran** at any point over the summer months in regards to any aspect of your child's religious formation. We anticipate another great year (2013—2014) and will begin in September. Again check the parish bulletin each week.

We note next year is a **"CONFIRMATION YEAR"** here at St. Joseph the Worker for students who will be 7th & 8th grade in the Fall.

End of Year CATECHISTS MEETING will be THIS Tuesday **MAY 7th** at 7pm in the SJS building.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar—Today Jesus gives this advice: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Worry and anxiety can consume our lives preventing us from seeing the love which surrounds us and binds us to one another. Don't miss the forest for the trees. We are living today what we worried about yesterday.

A NOTE FROM A CATHOLIC MOM

As the religious education year comes to a close, I am hopeful that all parents will continue to educate their children about their Catholic Christian Faith throughout the summer break. Encouraging their growth by praying, attending Mass, and participating in church activities. Consider that, of all of the activities you will be doing with your children this summer, nothing will nurture them more than Mass, prayer, and community. Until next Fall ... God Bless You!



Mass Intentions

- MONDAY, May 6**
 8:00 am **Josephine & Michael Paucke** (Marie Vannucci & Family)
 12:10 pm **Clementino & Marion Ciccarelli** (Family)
- TUESDAY, May 7**
 8:00 am **Louise & John Casale** (Children, Angela & Nick)
 12:10 pm **John & Barbara Colaianni** (Anne Donnelly)
- WEDNESDAY, May 8**
 8:00 am **Anthony & Virginia Guravage** (Family)
 12:10 pm **Remembrance of Living & Deceased Mothers**
 5:15 pm **Thaddeus "Ted" Synoracki** (Kay & John Sharar & Harold Maurer, Jr.)
- THURSDAY, May 9, The ASCENSION of the LORD**
 8:00 am **Barb Hunsberger** (Family)
 12:10 pm **Raymond Swanson** (Wife, Judi)
 7:00 pm **Living & Deceased Parish Members**
- FRIDAY, May 10, St. Damien de Veuster**
 8:00 am **Alice & Paul Bower** (Larry Stetts)
 12:10 pm **Leonard Foran** (Family)
- SATURDAY, May 11**
 8:30 am **Intentions of Priests**
 5:00 pm **Flora Nardi** (Family)
- SUNDAY, May 12, Seventh Sunday of Easter**
 8:00 am **Wilbert Wilson** (Gary & Sharon Wolesslagle)
 10:30 am **George McQuillen** (Eva & Barbara McQuillen)
 5:00 pm **Living & Deceased Parish Members**

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP

UPCOMING FUNDRAISER

PEANUT BUTTER PIE SALE

Taking orders now!
Pies are \$8.00 each.



Pies can be ordered through any student or adult attending CHWC, the parish office OR fill out form below and return to parish office.

Pies will be available for pick up after each Mass the weekend of May 18th & 19th. Pies are freezable!

Thank you for your continued support of our youth as they journey to Catholic HEART WorkCamp in June!

PEANUT BUTTER PIE ORDER FORM

Name _____

Phone # _____

Number of Pies _____

Money Enclosed _____

Drop in collection basket or bring to office by MAY 9.

BINGO BINGO BINGO

Monday, **MAY 6th** in the Fleming Center. Doors open at 5pm. BINGO begins at 6:30pm. **Volunteers are always NEEDED and WELCOMED.** Why not give it a try!

Four Leaf Clover Winners:

04/26 #112 David Hane \$ 100.00
05/27 #329 Doris DiPaolo \$ 50.00



THANK YOU SO MUCH to all those who volunteered during our host week for Family Promise. 35 volunteers fed 2 families for the week through donations received from local grocery stores. Our next turn to host will be in July. Please consider giving a few hours of your time to support Family Promise. The next volunteer training for Family Promise is on MAY 8th at 6pm at the Day Center. RSVP at 567-7103.

**St. Joseph the Worker Parish
CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S TEA TODAY
Sunday, May 5 @ Noon Cloud 9 Restaurant (Airport)**

Prayers for Healing

Please pray for and support those parish family members who are sick or with special medical intentions:

Chase Aderhold, Patricia Agnoni, Bob Ardell, Rosemarie Beamer, Richard Blee, Ted Bloomer, James Bower, Kathie Tupper Brelsford, Donna Brennan, Terry Brown, Lynn Marie Busch, Ron Butters, Rose Campana, Yvonne Carlin, Olivia Hutchinson Casas, Antonio Cerquozzi, Nancy Charles, Ron Churba, Kevin Choate, Chris Dannemann, Joann Conklin, Razel Corin, William Cummings, Jr, Chris Cupp, Al Dingler, Charlotte DiPalo, Doris DiPalo, John Dudek, Robert Engel, Dorothy Engler, Wanda Esposito, Joan Fetzer, John Fitzsimmons, Hannah Freezer, Ann Gaines, Sharon Galligher, Michael Gardner, Donna Gephart, Irene Gohrig, Brice Goodell, Mary Grandy, Edward Green, Billy Greenawalt, Vince Grazulis, Ron Groover, Shirley Grove, Bob Gunns, Anna Lee Hafer, Richard Hafer, Michael P. Hahn, Bonnie Hampsher, Louis Hart, Bev Hinkelman, Tyler Holtz, Mary Hon, Jean Hostrander, Warren C. Houseknecht, Byron P. Howlett, Mary Claire Hunter, Kay Hunter, Charles Jean, Cobe Johnson, Joan Johnson, Merrill "Moe" Johnston, Mary Grace Knepley, Tom Kopysciensky, Bernice Kuna, Greg Leta, Janet Lorson, Maxine Lorson, James Lusk, Donna Magill, Eileen Markel, Dr. Kelly McBride, Patty McCloskey, George McGinty, Jessica McKenzie, Joyce McMullen, Lorenzo Minnella, Bradley Mitsdarfer, Lucile Morrison, Tom Morrison, Joann Nau, Amy Nogle, Frances Noviello, Jennifer Ogden, Mike Palermo, Dorothy Pasukinis, Jerome Pasukinis, Mary Paulus, Fred Plocinski, Kevin Plocinski, C. Rall, Seymour Rall, Chris Regland, Mason Rogers, Sophie Ross, Josephine Ruch, Arlene Salvatori, Pat Schnars, Auburn Segraves, Grace Sheehan, Deb Sheleman, Patricia Shuey, Tony Shumbat, Thomas Snauffer, Theresa Sniffen, Mary Margaret Steinbacher, William Taylor, Matt Tedesco, Wendy Trenholm, Joe Ulsamer, Ryan Weber, Sr., Gail Waltman, Margaret White, Franklin Williams, Jerry Zappola, John Zay.

Please call the parish office to add or remove names from the alphabetical list.



The ANNUAL "MOTHER'S DAY CARNATION SALE" will be held on **Mother's Day weekend (MAY 11 & 12)** after each Mass. Show your Mother love and respect for the gift of life by purchasing carnations at the church entrances.

Vases will be placed at the Blessed Mother's altar for carnations purchased in remembrance of your deceased Mother. Proceeds benefit the Susquehanna Valley Chapter, Pennsylvanians for Human Life.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

Inspirational Catholic CD's & Brochures
New CD's to deepen your understanding and love for the Catholic faith.



- **The Lamb's Supper** reveals the early Christians' key to understanding the Book of Revelation.
- **Why Go To Mass: The Blood of the New Covenant**, provides theological and practical reasons why we need to come to a deeper understanding of the nature of the Mass.
- **Church Beliefs** presents core Catholic beliefs and explains how the power & truth of the Catholic Faith within God's Word rooted in Sacred Scripture and the Church's creeds and Magisterial Teachings.

\$3.00 for CD's and \$0.50 for Brochures—in back of the Church or in the Portico (different CD's at each location).

FOOD PANTRY—Thank you to all who continuously donate food, grocery cards and money to support our Food Pantry. We serve an average of 25 families per week with 2 bags of groceries; although last week we had a record 50 families. There is a box in the back of the church to put donations of food. **For the month of May, we are asking especially for donations of peanut butter.** Thank you for your ongoing support of this ministry.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 6** Bingo
- May 7** Development Committee, 5:30pm, Admin
Cantor practice, 7pm, church
Religious Ed Catechist meeting, 7pm, Admin
- May 8** Church Cleaning, 9am
Centering Prayer @ 1pm, Admin Bldg
Holy Day Vigil Mass @ 5:15pm, church
Liturgy Committee, 6:30pm, SJS bldg
- May 9** **ASCESION THURSDAY**
Masses 8am, 12:10pm & 7pm, church
Bible Study, 7pm
CHWC Peanut Butter Pie Orders are DUE
- May 10** Youth Paint Ball & Rickets Glen, 3pm
- May 11** MOTHER'S DAY
May Crowning, 10:30am Mass

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YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH GROUP MEETING—TONIGHT

MAY 5 from 6—7:30pm in the Fleming Center.
ALL 8th—12th grade students are invited to attend and hear about our many upcoming youth events that will be happening in the weeks ahead.

PARK, PRAYER & PAINTBALL

Ricketts Glenn State Park
and Gotcha Paintball Facility
\$40 covers everything.

Friday MAY 10th
2pm to 10pm for Grades 8 to 12



Please call or drop into the parish office to register and to complete your permission slip.

Visit the "INFORMATION TABLE" in the parish center during Religious Education today for handouts of important youth events.

Trip to Washington DC anyone?



MEET OUR YOUTH CHOIR:

1st Row: Natalie Bubb, Katelyn Hazel, Janelle Earley, Chrstinia McMahon, Maura Aukema

2nd Row: Sydney Dieffenbach, Elizabeth Bubb, Alex Kriner, Veronica Bubb, Beth Regan, Music Director

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
J & S EMBROIDERY

We are now on FACEBOOK!
Look at our page to get updates on parish events, post and view pictures of parish life, or just say hello!

