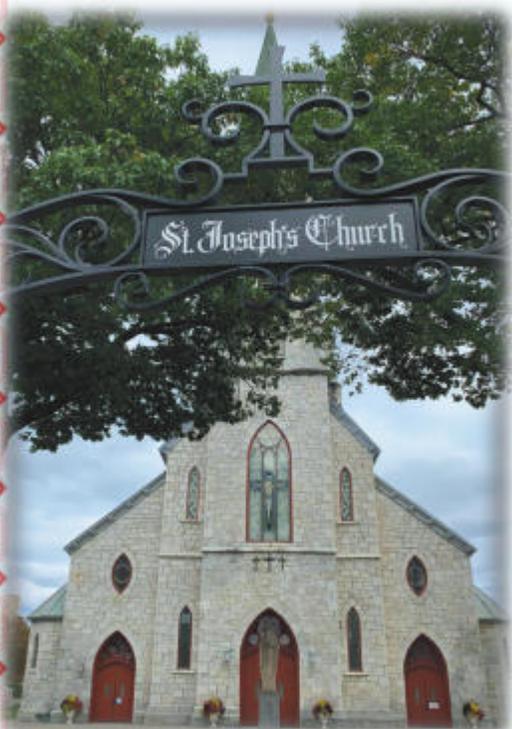


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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday-4:00 PM

Sunday~9:00 & 11:30 AM

9 AM Mass streamed live at
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Daily Mass~12:10 PM

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Holy Hour ~Mon.-Fri. 11 AM

Rosary ~Mon - Fri. 11:30 AM

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15th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and
began to send them out two by
two and gave them authority
over unclean spirits. - Mk 6:7

July 11, 2021

Church Picnic



DRIVE UP POLISH PICNIC

St Joseph's Church will be holding a drive by Polish picnic on Sunday, July 18th from 3 to 6. Featured will be Polish plates \$15.00, frozen pierogi \$12.00 per dozen, quarts of kapusta \$6.00, and 1/2 dozen of golumpki \$16.00. Pre-orders only. To place your order please call the rectory @ 413-445-5789 by July 12th.



ST. ANNE SOCIETY

Members are reminded that their presence is requested at the 11:00 am Holy Hour and Rosary on Tuesday, July 13th. Please make every effort to attend and pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and lay ministry.

On Sunday, July 25, we will be celebrating the St. Anne Feast Day at the 9:00 am Mass. Weather permitting Mass will be held outdoors in front of the church so bring a chair. Everyone is invited to join us for a coffee and doughnut gathering at the Parish Center following Mass.



As of July 1st the 11:00 Holy Hour and 12:10 Mass will take place in the South Chapel.



20/20 WINNERS

Martha Fezzie
Nancy Woitkoski

VOLUNTEER

all that's missing is U!

We will be working on Thursday, July 15th and 16th starting @ 9:00 to steam cabbage, make

kapusta, and golumpki. Hope you can make it!



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Preparing for the Holy Sacraments

If you have questions or if you would like to speak with someone about receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation please call our parish office at 413-445-5789.

NO PUSHING



A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran, she prayed,

"Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!" As she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again. As she ran, she once again began to pray, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late ... But please don't shove me either!"

Anyone who has been fully vaccinated will no longer be required to wear a mask during Mass.



FOOD PANTRY is in need of more volunteers. Anyone who is interested and has some available time please call the Rectory.



Saturday 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m. Masses will be held outdoors, weather permitting. Please remember to bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

Mass at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday will be continue to be held inside the church.

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I am not
my own;
I have given
myself to Jesus.
He must be my
only love.

—St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Faith in Marriage

Question:

What kind of religious practices should we begin, once we marry, to help us practice our faith each day?

Answer:

Your spiritual life as a couple is important. The sacrament of Marriage is a gift and a grace, but living it well isn't always easy! It requires intentionality and perseverance. Growing your spiritual life as a couple also requires a plan. Life can be incredibly busy. There's never "enough time" for everything we want to do. But we can live by our priorities. If we don't prioritize prayer, we'll find it slowly disappear from our lives. If you're not already praying individually, that's a good place to start. If your schedules are similar, take some quiet time at the same time to help hold each other accountable. Praying together is also important! You could start by looking at the religious practices of your family and of families around you that you respect. Talk with your spouse about the ones who make the deepest impression on you or were most meaningful when you were young. Think about what you want your future children to experience. Making faith a commitment now will mean it is engrained habit when you grow your family. Ultimately, these faith practices should help us grow in our love for God and for one another.



JULY 11, 2021
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel.

That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong. The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are. The risky way involves example and conversation.

We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence. If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take.

Saturday, July 10th Walter & Amelia Marketonis Requested by Daughter, June	4:00 PM
Sunday, July 11th Joseph Sinico Requested by Mary Ellen Golden	9:00 AM
Suchart "Bic" Surakan Requested by Bruce McKinney	11:30 AM
Monday, July 12th James Fabiano Requested by Family	12:10 PM
Tuesday, July 13th Rita & Joseph With love, from your family	12:10 PM
Wednesday, July 14th Barbara Kursk— Birthday Remembrance Requested by Family	12:10 PM
Thursday, July 15th Mary Jo Pelletier— 6th Anniversary Requested by Family	12:10 PM
Friday, July 16th John Nykorchuk— 7th Anniversary Requested by Family	12:10 PM
Saturday, July 17th Stella Kozlowski— Birthday Remembrance Requested by Family	4:00 PM

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 11TH	
Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13	
Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34-11:1	
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24	
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27	
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30	
Friday: Ex 11:10-12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8	
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-2	

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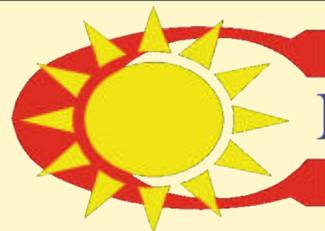
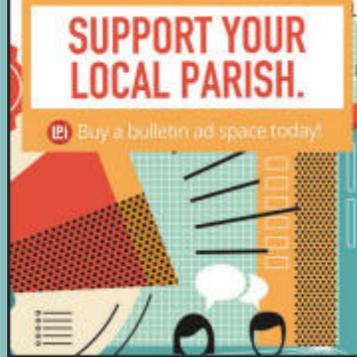




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