

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

Saint Joseph Parish
Rev. Matthew R. Larlick , Pastor
The Rectory
721 Monroe Street
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March 21, 2021
Fifth Sunday in Lent

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Monday—Thursday 9:00 am 4:00 pm

2021 THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker March 19, 2021



5th SUNDAY OF LENT

“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” - Jn 12:24

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Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts.

Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known.

Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same!

Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes. ©LPi

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Holy Week and Easter Schedule Saint Joseph Church Berwick PA

Father Matthew Larlick

April 1, 2021

Holy Thursday of the
Lord's Supper

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00PM
Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament till 11:30PM

April 2, 2021

Friday of the Passion of the Lord
(Good Friday)
Celebration of the Lord's Passion
3:00PM

April 3, 2021

Holy Saturday
Blessings of Easter Foods
11:00AM
No afternoon Confessions
Mass of Vigil 8:00PM

April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection
of the Lord
Masses at 8:00AM and 11:00AM



Mass Schedule:
Daily Mass is on Thursday
Masks required at all Masses

Mon. March 22 Lenten Weekday

Tues. March 23 Lenten Weekday
+ Connie Nespoli / Ruth Ann Traugh

Wed. March 24 Lenten Weekday
9:00 AM - Mass at Immaculate Conception Church

Thurs. March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord
8:30 AM + Mattio & Emma Cerasoli / Antonio & Anna

Friday March 26 Lenten Weekday
+ Bernice Ciampi / Lettie Hyde
Stations of the Cross after Mass

Sat. March 27 Lenten Weekday
3:00 to 3:45 PM Confessions (mask required)

Sunday Vigil
4:00 PM + Angelo Melchiorre / Rich & Pennie Matash

Sunday March 28
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:00 AM + George Curry / Curry Family
11:00 AM People of the Parish

Rosary is prayed half hour before each mass

Parish Prayer List

Stewart Anderson
 Bonnie Anderson
 Wendy Bokrosh
 Florian Bacon
 Phquita Balderson
 Vincenzo Cerasoli
 Margaret DiBattista
 Elaine DeFinis
 Helen Dalberto
 Dorothy Dalessandro
 Jane DeFebo
 Nancy DeMarco
 Angelo DeMarco
 Gloria Dendler
 Millie Descul
 Patricia Eckrote
 Sophia Esposito
 Steve Felix
 Peter Ferro
 Connie Fetterman
 Mallory Frye
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 Robert Gombos
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 Jolene Hueholt
 Beverly Hufford
 Richard Kessler
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 Dorothy Kosciel
 Diane Kowalski
 Ryan Kowalski
 Tyler Labus

Michael Labus
 Beth Larlick
 Ed Larlick
 Stephen M. Lazar
 Kelby Linsey
 Tim Legg
 Edith Marsicano
 Nicole McCloskey
 Debbie Modlesky
 Marie Montecalvo
 Lori Moran
 Ryan Musser (child)
 Betty Penles
 Carol Phillips
 John Petruzella
 Jerry Prushinski
 Gregory Rheude, Jr.
 Beth Snyder
 C.J. Stalega
 Christine Strohl
 Jeannete Tomassacci
 Alice Thomas
 Julie Troiani
 Christopher Turner
 Christopher Urban
 Nester Urban
 Lucy Volpicelli
 Mariann Waselus
 Elijah Wolf (Child)
 Kathe Wunder
 Matteo Young (child)
 Frances Zinich

Week of March 21, 2021

Sanctuary Light: + Lillian DiPippa/ Deb,Jack & Adam
Vigil Intentions

Saint Anthony+ Donato Dalo/ Jose & Ed Cuba

Sacred Heart of Jesus: Theresa DiPippa/
Rich & Pennie Matash

Infant of Prague: + Helen Biacchi / Lettie Hyde

Our Lady of Fatima: + Mabel Masich / Kathie DiPippa

Saint Therese : + Lena Hnylanski / Ross & Janet Trapano

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

THURSDAY MARCH 25, 2021



Please pray for the safety of our men and women in the armed forces whether at home or abroad.

Steven Huntz, U.S. Air Force,
Ryan Kowalski, Jamie Ferraro U.S. Navy,
Victor (JR) Rosati, Ben Brown,
U.S. Army National Guard
Vincent Rosati, U.S. Marines.
Dylan Everett, U.S. Army.



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